



THE FLAME
Keeping the Diaspora FIRED UP

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Welcome to the Inaugural Diaspora Newsletter!

The newsletter will capture and share news and related events from Jamaica, the PNP, and the Diaspora. It intends to serve as a conduit for information from the PNP to the Diaspora. Please send your suggestions via email to pnpdiaspora@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

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R. Franklyn

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION DIASPORA TOUR

Leader of the Opposition Mark J. Golding and a delegation toured the United States and the United Kingdom in celebration of Jamaica's 60th Diamond Jubilee in 2022. The U.S. leg of the tour took place in July 2022, during which they visited Jamaicans in Florida, Georgia, Washington D.C./Maryland, and New York. Leader Golding conducted meetings with various Diaspora stakeholders, led presentations and lectures, and celebrated Jamaica at 60. The tour continued to the U.K. with stops in London and Birmingham in October 2022, where the Leader and his delegation met Jamaicans from all walks of life, engaged in small and large group discussions, and celebrated Jamaica's milestone independence.



PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY

The Party's leadership has emphasized the principles and objectives of the Party to ensure that the membership understands the ideals guiding the Party in its mission to transform the lives of all Jamaicans. With one Party and one mission, the PNP stands for:

- The social and economic transformation of Jamaica into a society characterized by full equality, social justice, and human rights for all. This includes complete gender equality, equality for persons with disabilities, and racial equality.
- A Jamaica where everyone has access to basic necessities such as water, electricity, healthcare, education, digital access, housing, public transportation, and acceptable working conditions.
- Participatory democracy. We also advocate for the transformation of the tribalistic Jamaican political culture.
- An activist state that collaborates with the private sector in the economic development of Jamaica.
- The transformation of the Jamaican economy through land reform, technological inclusion, innovation, and support for small and medium-sized enterprises to broaden the ownership base of Jamaican society.





PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (CONT'D)

- Policies aimed at reducing the adverse impacts of climate change, both locally and internationally. We will work closely with civil society and other partners to protect the local environment.
- Building a democratic national progressive alliance. The Party welcomes individuals and organizations to join or work with the Party in transforming Jamaica.
- Education and the mobilization of Jamaican culture as the centrepiece of economic, social, and political transformation.
- Sovereignty as well as Caribbean and Global South cooperation; complete decolonization now, with Jamaica becoming a republic and the Caribbean Court of Justice as our final court of appeal.
- Reparatory Justice. Given our long history as a colony and plantation slave society, this is a necessity.

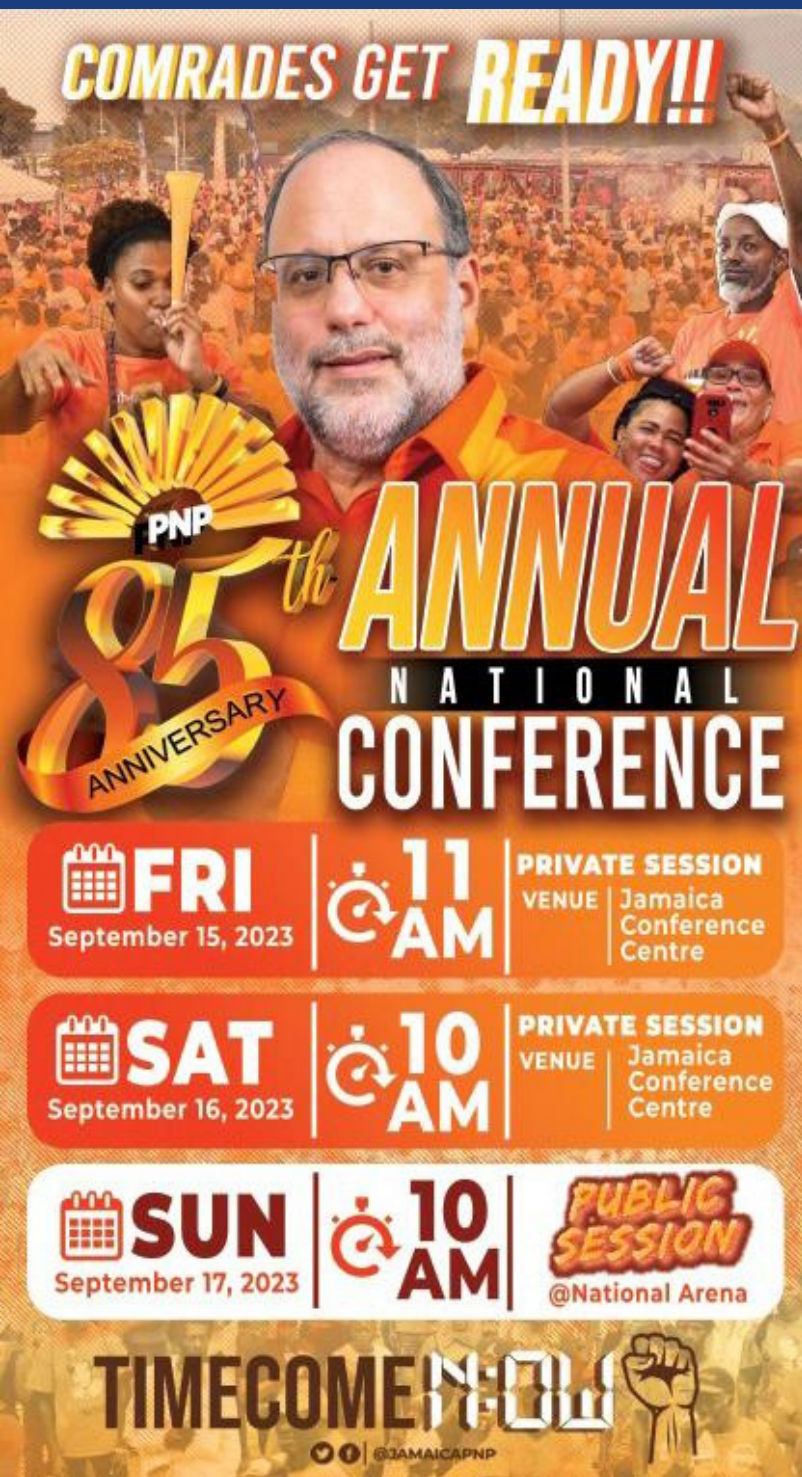
WHO IS MARK GOLDING?

This multi-part series introduces some and reminds others that Mark J. Golding, the President of the People's National Party, comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, experience, and an authentic desire to serve our nation. In this first article, learn about his beginnings.

- Born in 1965 in Kingston, Jamaica, to Professor Sir John Golding (Jamaica's first orthopedic surgeon) and Lady Patricia Golding (public servant).
- He attended Mona Prep, Campion College, Oxford University, and the University of London's Norman Manley Law School.
- As a scholar, he achieved first-class honors, won the most outstanding student award numerous times, and earned a scholarship to the University of London.
- He is married to Mrs. Sandra Golding, and they have three children.



COMRADES GET READY!!!





85th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

FRI | **11 AM** | **PRIVATE SESSION**
September 15, 2023 | **VENUE** | Jamaica Conference Centre

SAT | **10 AM** | **PRIVATE SESSION**
September 16, 2023 | **VENUE** | Jamaica Conference Centre

SUN | **10 AM** | **PUBLIC SESSION**
September 17, 2023 | **@National Arena**

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Walk Good, Delano R. Franklyn

The passing on February 10, 2023, of former PNP Senator Delano R. Franklyn saddened Jamaicans at home and abroad. Comrade Franklyn hailed from St. Mary. A past Kingston College, Mico University, and the University of the West Indies student, he was a prolific speaker, author, and celebrated attorney. Delano served as the first Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with responsibility for the Jamaican Diaspora - a job he took to heart and continued to serve the Diaspora even after his tenure at the Ministry. He created the Jamaica Diaspora Conference and the Diaspora Foundation. Former Senator Franklyn was a patriot who served his country in many roles and was a dedicated member of the PNP. Condolences to his wife, family, and countless friends.

Rest In Power, Delano!



PNP MEMBERSHIP

The People's National Party approved party membership for persons living overseas at its National Conference in September 2022. The full details of membership are being decided by the National Executive Council and the National Conference and will be shared.