



MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
& FOREIGN TRADE

8TH BIENNIAL JAMAICA DIASPORA CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE FACT SHEET

UPDATED TUESDAY 17TH APRIL | 2019

ABOUT CONFERENCE 2019

Kingston will host the 2019 staging of the **8th Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference**, under the theme: ***Jamaica and the Diaspora: Building Pathways for Sustainable Development***, at the Jamaica Conference Centre from **June 16–20**.

The Conference, convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, has been positioned as the global forum that connects Jamaicans from all over the world for discussions and concrete actions in vital areas of national importance. This biennial staging will target expanding and building pathways for the Diaspora and Jamaica working together to prepare effectively for the Future within the context of achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030 which incorporate the core goals of the Vision 2030 National Development Plan.

The focal areas for dialogue, as well as the expected outcomes of the Conference, take into consideration important global trends and their impact on the future marketplace and the workplace, as well as critical Jamaica-Diaspora partnerships.

A Youth Forum within the Conference will engage young people of Jamaican descent in an effort to further build affinity and nurture their involvement in the life of our nation.

Signature features of the Conference will include the *MarketPlace* exposition of Jamaican goods and services; Government At your Service— a fast tracked one stop shop exclusively at the Conference and a range of hospitality and cultural activities to provide a meaningful and memorable experience for those attending. The Diaspora Day of Service scheduled to culminate activities, encourages Jamaican organizations and individuals to organize themselves to volunteer their time, skills and resources to community projects of their choosing, anywhere in Jamaica.

Be a part of the change...Lets Build Jamaica Together!



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

A snapshot of the 2019 Conference Programme

SUNDAY JUNE 16 2019 PRECONFERENCE ACTIVITIES	
Pre- Conference Registration	Jamaica Pegasus
Official Opening Ceremony	Jamaica Pegasus
Official Welcome Home Reception	Jamaica Pegasus
Conference Day 1 Monday June 17	
Conference Opening Session	Jamaica Conference Centre
Governor General Achievement Awards	Jamaica Conference Centre
Official Opening of <i>MarketPlace</i> and Government at Your Service	Jamaica Conference Centre
Plenary Sessions	Jamaica Conference Centre
Legacy Partner Special Hospitality and Cultural Event	Venue TBC
Conference Day 2 Tuesday June 18	
Plenary Session	Jamaica Conference Centre
<i>MarketPlace</i> Exposition	Jamaica Conference Centre
Outcomes Oriented Workshops and Round Tables	Jamaica Conference Centre
<i>MarketPlace</i> and Government at Your Service- One-Stop Fast Tracked Services	Jamaica Conference Centre
Plenary Session	Jamaica Conference Centre
Legacy Partners Special Hospitality and Cultural Event	Venue TBC
Conference Day 3 Wednesday June 19	
Plenary Session	Jamaica Conference Centre
Outcomes Oriented Workshops and Round Tables	Jamaica Conference Centre
<i>MarketPlace</i> Exposition	Jamaica Conference Centre
Conference Closing Plenary Session	Jamaica Conference Centre
Legacy Partner Special Hospitality and Cultural Event	Venue TBC
Thursday, June 20	
<i>Farm Up Jamaica</i> 3K Run/Walk for Health & Food Security	Emancipation Park
Diaspora Day of Service	Projects Islandwide

DIASPORA DAY OF SERVICE

This year's Conference will culminate with the **Diaspora Day of Service** where Jamaicans and Jamaican organizations and groups around the globe are again invited, following the conference discussions, to share your skills, time and resources in community projects. Persons and groups can organize your own projects or participate in one of the 2019 projects being proposed. Join us and play a role in the positive change you want to see in the circumstances of your fellow Jamaicans.

For more info on how to participate and to register your projects:

Visit the website at www.mfajt.gov.jm/conference

or e-mail us at diasporaconference@mfajt.gov.jm

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



Registering and paying online is facilitated through **eventbrite** one of the largest and most successful online ticketing and event management websites. You have our assurance that the website is reputable, safe and secure! **You must use Visa, American Express, MasterCard or Discover Credit Cards to pay online in US Dollars.**

- If you reside in Jamaica you will also have the option of paying in **PERSON** in **CASH ONLY** at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade.
- If you reside in Canada, the UK or the USA, you have the option of paying in **PERSON** in **CASH ONLY** at the Jamaican High Commissions, Embassy and Consulates General.

**TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EARLY BIRD RATE
WHICH BEGINS ON 02nd APRIL AND ENDS ON 15TH MAY**

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. ONLINE REGISTRATION & PAYMENT USING EVENTBRITE

REGISTRATION FEES FOR PAYMENT WITH VISA OR MASTERCARD CREDIT CARD USING EVENTBRITE	
EARLY BIRD RATE 2nd APRIL 2019 – 15th MAY 2019	UNITED STATES DOLLARS
DAILY CONFERENCE RATE	85
FULL 3 DAY CONFERENCE RATE	160
STANDARD RATE	UNITED STATES DOLLARS
DAILY CONFERENCE RATE	100
FULL 3 DAY CONFERENCE RATE	200



**REGISTERING AND PAYING ONLINE IS SAFE, QUICK AND SIMPLE!
JUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:**

Visit the **eventbrite** website at <https://www.eventbrite.com/> and search for the **8th Biennial Jamaica Diaspora Conference**.

OR Visit our Event Page on **eventbrite** by using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/8th-biennial-jamaica-diaspora-conference-tickets-58100298557>

1. Select the **TICKETS** icon and thereafter select the desired registration package. You will only be allowed to select one option; the daily rate or full conference rate.
2. For each attendee, separate registration and payments must be made.
3. Enter your card details then answer a series of required questions to complete the Conference Payment and Registration process.
4. Select **PAY NOW**
5. An email will be generated by **eventbrite** and sent to the email address you have provided to confirm your registration and payment.

❖ Please take advantage of the Google feature that will sync the Conference dates with your Google calendar

2. MANUAL REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION FEES FOR PAYMENTS in PERSON in CASH OVERSEAS or MFAFT, KINGSTON				
EARLY BIRD				
	US\$	£ Sterling	CAD\$	Resident Rate JM\$
DAILY CONFERENCE RATE	85	63	110	11,500
FULL 3 DAY CONFERENCE RATE	160	119	206	21,500
STANDARD RATE				
	US\$	£ Sterling	CAD\$	Resident Rate JM\$
DAILY CONFERENCE RATE	100	74	129	13,500
FULL 3 DAY CONFERENCE RATE	200	148	258	27,000

PAYMENT AT MFAFT

Download and complete the Printable Version of the **Registration Form** from the Ministry's Conference Website at www.mfaft.gov.jm/conference and pay your **Registration Fee** at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. **Payment will be accepted in CASH ONLY. All payments in cash must be accompanied by a completed registration form.**



PAYMENT AT OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Download the Registration Form from the conference website www.mfajt.gov.jm/conference then pay your registration fee in person at any of the following six (6) Jamaican Missions overseas. **Payment will be accepted in cash only. All payments in cash must be accompanied by a completed registration form.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION IS ONLY COMPLETED
WHEN PAYMENT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A REGISTRATION FORM**

OVERSEAS MISSIONS		
Country	Mission	Address
CANADA	Jamaica High Commission	350 Sparks Street Suite 910, 9th Floor Ottawa ON K1R 7S8
	Jamaican Consulate-General	303 Eglinton Ave East, Toronto ON M4P 1L3
UNITED KINGDOM	Jamaican High Commission	1-2 Prince Consort Road London SW7 2BZ
UNITED STATES	Jamaican Embassy Washington D.C.	1520 New Hampshire Avenue N.W. Washington DC 20036
	Jamaican Consulate-General New York	767 3rd Ave, New York NY 10017
	Jamaican Consulate-General Miami	25 SE 2nd Ave , Suite 609, Miami , FL 33131

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES OFFER THE FOLLOWING IN ADDITION TO CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Daily Shuttle between the Official Hotels and the Jamaica Conference Centre.
 - Please note Airport transfers are not included.
- Daily Lunch and Coffee Breaks.
- Conference Tote for full three day registrations
- Conference Folder for persons registered for less than the three day period.

Note: Conference Fees are non-refundable.



OFFICIAL CONFERENCE HOTELS

The Conference has partnered with eight premier hotels in Kingston.



MAKING YOUR BOOKINGS AND CONFERENCE CODE

- The special rates are applicable for Conference participants only.
- All Bookings must be made with the Hotels' Sales/Reservations Department
- Please note that the special Conference rate can only be accessed by contacting each hotel directly via email or phone only. The rate is not available via online bookings.
- Please refer to the Conference Group Booking Code, where applicable, when making your reservation.
- Where no Booking Code is provided, please refer to discounted rate when making your reservation.
- Kindly note - you must be a **registered** Conference participant by the time you arrive in Jamaica, to ensure that this special rate is received at check-in.
- We encourage you to book early as rooms are in high demand.

THE JAMAICA PEGASUS:

Address: 81 Knutsford Boulevard, Kingston 5 email: reservations@jamaicapegasus.com Telephone: 876 926 3690			
	BOOKING CODE: 190615BJDC DEADLINE: 15 th May 2019		
		Single	Double
	Deluxe King	US\$189.10	US\$214.40
	Deluxe 2 DBLs	US \$189.10	US\$214.40
	Royal Deluxe	US\$233.38	US\$258.68
	One Bedroom Royal Suite	US\$315.60	US\$340.90
• A 10% service charge, government tax 16.5%, energy surcharge US\$8, & special room tax US\$ 4 are payable • Complimentary breakfast buffet is served daily in Blue Window Restaurant.			



THE COURTLEIGH HOTEL & SUITES

	Address: 85 Knutsford Boulevard Kingston 6 email: sales@courtleigh.com Telephone: 876 929 9000/ 876 937- 3770		
	BOOKING CODE: 365255 DEADLINE: 13th May 2019		
		Single	Double
	Deluxe Room	US\$153.00	US\$163.00
	One bedroom suite	US \$195.00	US \$205.00
	Executive Office Suite	US\$205.00	US\$215.00
	Deluxe Penthouse	US\$186.00	US \$196.00
	One Bedroom Suite	US\$234.00	US \$244.00
	Penthouse two bedroom	US\$326.00	US \$336.00
	Presidential suite	US\$423.00	US \$433.00
- A 10% service charge, government tax of 16.5% and US \$4.99 is required - Complimentary Alexander's Sunrise Breakfast is served daily			

THE SPANISH COURT HOTEL

Address: 1 St Lucia Avenue, Kingston 5 email: info@spanishcourthotel.com Telephone : 876 926-0000			
	BOOKING CODE: DIASPORA2019		
		Single	Double
	Standard Room	US\$ 271.84	US\$ 271.84
	Deluxe Room	US\$ 284.65	US\$ 284.65
	Standard Room (Weekend Rate)	US\$ 220.58	US\$ 220.58
	Deluxe Room (Weekend Rate)	US\$ 233.39	US\$ 233.39
	Junior Suite King	US\$ 330.79	US\$ 330.79
	Junior Suite King (Weekend)	US\$ 266.71	US\$ 266.71
	One Bedroom Suite	US\$ 425.62	US\$ 425.62
	The Royal Suite	US\$ 1,284.22	US\$ 1,284.22
- Participants are required to call or email and quote the booking code in order to make reservation - Bookings will incur a 10 % service charge and government tax of 16.5% - Complimentary buffet breakfast is served daily			



THE TERRA NOVA ALL-SUITE HOTEL:

Address: 17 Waterloo Road, Kingston 10 Email: info@terranovajamaica.com Telephone : 876 926-2211 876 754-2062 876 579-9365			
		Rates	10 % service charge and government tax of 16.5% are required
	Premium Junior Suites	US \$185	
	Signature Executive Suites	US \$320	
	Signature Luxury Suites	US \$420	

HOTEL FOUR SEASONS

Address: 18 Ruthven Road Kingston 10, Jamaica W.I. email: reservations@hfsjm.com Telephone: 876-929-7655 926-8805 926-0682			
BOOKING CODE: JAD2019			
		Single	Double
	Standard	US\$ \$144.00	US\$164.00

THE R HOTEL

Address: 2 Renfrew Road, Kingston 10 email: info@rhotelja.com Telephone: 876 968 6222 1 876 374 7728			
		Single	- Continental Breakfast served daily - Rates inclusive of tax and service charge
	Standard Deluxe	US\$ 187.00	
	Standard Deluxe Room with Kitchenette	US\$ 202.60	
	Penthouse Queen Room with Balcony	US\$265.00	
	Two Bedroom Penthouse Loft Suite with Balcony and Kitchen	US\$433.00	

THE KNUTSFORD COURT HOTEL



Address: 85 Knutsford Boulevard Kingston 6 email: sales@knutsfordcourt.com Telephone: 876- 929- 9000 876- 937- 3770				
BOOKING CODE: 375462 DEADLINE: 13th May 2019				
		Single	Double	10 % service charge, government tax of 16.5% and US \$4.99 room tax are required. - Complimentary Sunrise breakfast buffet is served daily.
	Standard	US\$104.00	US\$114.00	
	Superior	US\$140.00	US\$146.00	
	Junior	US\$156.00	US \$166.00	
	One bedroom suite	US\$172.00	US \$182.00	

THE ALTAMONT COURT HOTEL:

Address: 1-5 Altamont Terrace, Kingston 5 email: reservations@altamontcourt.com Tel: 876-929-4497/8				
				
	Room	Occupancy		- Payment for first night is required to confirm reservation. - A complimentary Jamaican breakfast is served daily. - For triple or quad occupancy add US\$20 per person/night to double room rate.
		Single	Double	
	Standard/Exec	US\$161.40	US\$174.11	
	Superior Suites	US \$198.21	-	
	Junior Suites	US\$187.62	-	

ROOM RATES AND TAXES

- Government tax of 16.5%, a 10% service charge, US\$8.00 energy surcharge and US\$4 room occupancy tax are payable, as listed above. Occupancy tax varies with size of hotel.
- All rates and taxes are subject to change without prior notice.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Rates quoted are per room per night
- Rates are subject to availability
- Rates are non-commissionable
- Rooms will be booked based on availability
- Rates applicable 6 days before and 6 days after main conference dates. Please confirm applicable period when making your reservation
- Check-in Time: 3:00 p.m. | Check-out time: 12:00 noon, unless otherwise stated.

Airline Partner



We are pleased to announce the details of our partnership with Caribbean Airlines. Caribbean Airlines is offering a 10% discount to all participants travelling from **Caribbean Airlines** North American and Caribbean destinations to Jamaica. These destinations include **Toronto, New York, Fort Lauderdale, Trinidad, Barbados, St. Lucia** and **The Bahamas**.

DISCOUNTED FLIGHTS

Discount will be applied to the following fares:

- G type fares and higher in economy
- C type fares and higher in business class.

DISCOUNTED PERIOD

- Discount will be applicable **three days** before and **two days** after Conference
- Applicable **13th June** to **22nd June 2019**.

MAKING YOUR BOOKING

To benefit from discounted rates **Conference Group Airline Code PRO 913** must be used when making your booking.

All bookings must be made and ticketed with Caribbean Airlines via their Ticket Offices or Reservation Sales and Customer Service Centre. **The discount is not applicable to internet bookings.**

Contact **Caribbean Airlines** at:

- USA + Canada, St Maarten 1-800-920 4225
- Trinidad & Tobago 1868 625 7200
- Other Caribbean 1-800-744-2225

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CONFERENCE PARTNERS

Major partners to date include the following private and public sector organizations:

LEGACY PARTNERS



OFFICIAL PARTNERS



OFFICIAL CONFERENCE HOTELS



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

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Tel: (876) 926-4220 to 9 Ext: 3350, 3351, 3352 or 3353

CONFERENCE WEBSITE www.mfajt.gov.jm/conference

CONFERENCE EMAIL diasporaconference@mfajt.gov.jm

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