JAMAICA'S
OPEN DATA INITIATIVES

Canada-Caribbean Twinning Initiative Conference on Open Government and Open Data

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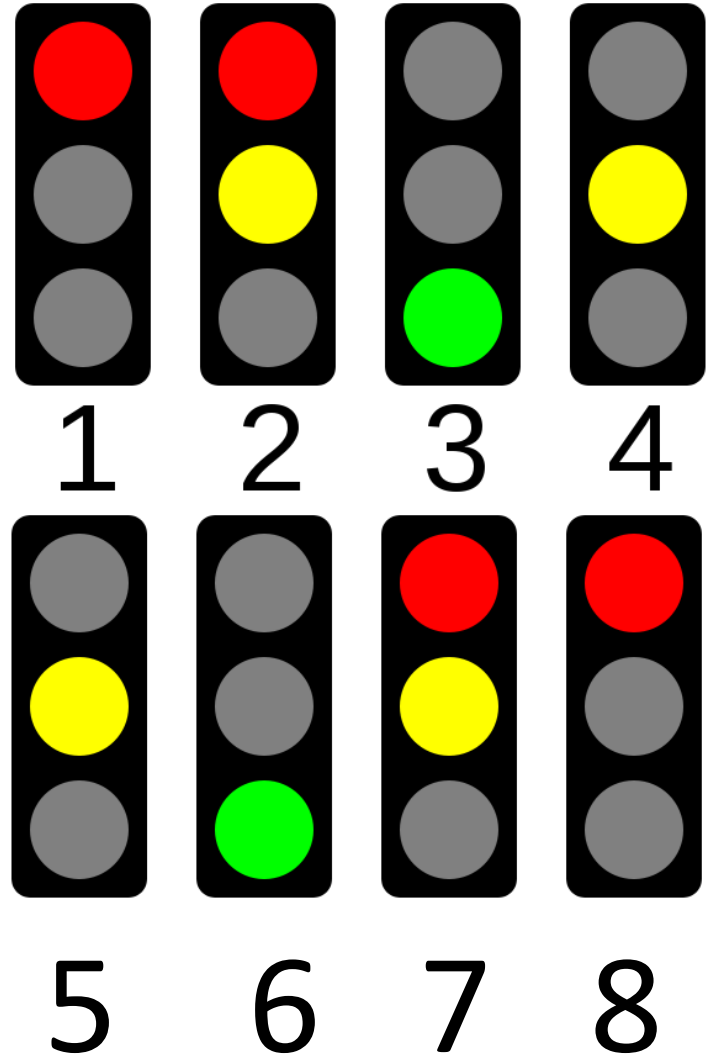**Website: www.mstem.gov.jm**

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Jamaica's Open Data Readiness Assessment

- December 8-12, 2014
- Team of six split into two tracks:
(1) Whole of Government,
(2) Ministry of Finance and Planning
- Meeting with dozens of agencies and ministries
- Demand side meetings (e.g. Capri, Civil Society Association, Media, Startup Jamaica)
- Information workshop
- Expect to deliver report in April
- It will be the GoJ's decision whether to publish

- Cabinet Office
- Office of PM
- MSTEM
- Justice
- Tax, Customs
- Constabulary
- Transport, Works and Housing
- Tourism
- Water, Land, Environment
- Agriculture
- Rural / Community Dev
- Education
- and more

ODRA Methodology

Eight Pillars
(1) Leadership
(2) Policy / Legal Framework
(3) Institutional Structure
(4) Data within Government
(5) Demand / Citizen Engagement
(6) Open Data Ecosystem
(7) Financing
(8) Technology and Skills Infrastructure

Key Findings of World Bank Assessment

- Study confirmed that Jamaica could benefit in economic and social terms
- Good support at political levels
- Good datasets that could be released quickly
  - Many are already 'public' but not 'reusable'
  - In most cases any charges are not a significant contribution to Agency budgets
  - Most do not raise difficult issues such as anonymization
- Jamaica has the most vibrant community of data users in region
- "Official Secrets" cultural barriers
- Work to do on Data Protection & other policies
- Human & financial resources severely limited

Quick Win Datasets

Consumer Prices
Statistical Tables
Census Tables
Company Register
Budget Estimates
Revenue Receipts
Public Debt
Qtrly Contract Awards
Contracts Commission
Economic Indicators
Tourist Facilities
Tourist Industry

Approved devices
Property Price Paid
iMap viewable data
Disaster Risk Data
School Census
School Location
Agriculture/JAMIS
Health facilities
Health statistics
Road Accidents
NLJ Catalogue
NLJ Photographs

Energy
Weather
Maps
Bus Routes
JamStats
Crime Stats
Mining

Priority Datasets

Individual serious crimes

Further census data

In-year spending reports

Vehicle safety inspections

Community profiles

Mobile spectrum auctions

Public Service Performance

Need to make steady progress on these too

What needs to be done next?

- Comments on ODRA requested by May 15th
- Seeking Cabinet endorsement to formulate an Open Data Policy for consideration
- Develop an Open Data Policy* for Cabinet
- Legal due diligence*
- Assess human resource gap implications and solutions
- Build an Open Data portal*
- Prepare Quick Win datasets for release*
- Build Capacity*
- Consider standard international open data license across government
- Reconcile cost-recovery policies of executive agencies

* World Bank technical assistance available until March 2016

Jamaica Open Data – Resource Requirements (2 years)

	US$, two years
Central Team in MSTEM	$225,000
Open Data Portal	$40,000
OGP Membership – project costs	$100,000
Policy Development Expert Assistance	$50,000
Capacity Building & Cultural Change	$110,000
Technical Assistance with Data Publication	$60,000
Data Use Promotion and Visualisation	$115,000
Development of Data Journalism	$35,000
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