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<br>PRECONFERENCE ACTIVITES | |
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| Pre- Conference Registration | Jamaica Pegasus |
| **Official Opening Ceremony** | Jamaica Pegasus |
| **Official Welcome Home Reception** | Jamaica Pegasus |
| **Conference Day 1<br>Monday \| June 17** | |
| Conference Opening Session | Jamaica Conference Centre |
| **Governor General Achievement Awards** | Jamaica Conference Centre |
| Official Opening of *MarketPlac*e 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<br>Tuesday \| June 18** | |
| Plenary Session | Jamaica Conference Centre |
| *MarketPlace* Exposition | Jamaica Conference Centre |
| Outcomes Oriented Workshops and Round Tables | Jamaica Conference Centre |
| *MarketPlace* 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<br>Wednesday \| June 19** | |
| Plenary Session | Jamaica Conference Centre |
| Outcomes Oriented Workshops and Round Tables | Jamaica Conference Centre |
| *MarketPlace* Exposition | Jamaica Conference Centre |
| Conference Closing Plenary Session | Jamaica Conference Centre |
| Legacy Partner Special Hospitality and Cultural Event | Venue TBC |
| **Thursday, June 20** | |
| ***Farm Up Jamaica*** 3K Run/Walk for Health & Food Security<br>**Diaspora Day of Service** | Emancipation Park<br>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.mfaft.gov.jm/conference**
or e-mail us at **diasporaconference@mfaft.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 | | | | |
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| **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.**

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**PAYMENT AT OVERSEAS MISSIONS**

Download the Registration Form from the conference website www.mfaft.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<br>Suite 910, 9th Floor<br>Ottawa ON K1R 7S8 |
| | Jamaican Consulate-General | 303 Eglinton Ave East,<br>Toronto ON M4P 1L3 |
| **UNITED KINGDOM** | Jamaican High Commission | 1-2 Prince Consort Road<br>London SW7 2BZ |
| **UNITED STATES** | Jamaican Embassy Washington D.C. | 1520 New Hampshire Avenue N.W.<br>Washington DC 20036 |
| | Jamaican Consulate-General New York | 767 3rd Ave, New York<br>NY 10017 |
| | Jamaican Consulate-General Miami | 25 SE 2nd Ave , Suite 609,<br>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.

**BOOK EARLY!!**

## 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

THE JAMAICA PEGASUS
Kingston's Preferred Hotel

**BOOKING CODE: 190615BJDC**
**DEADLINE: 15th 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 l 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 |
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| 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 l 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:

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| Address:17 Waterloo Road, Kingston 10<br>Email: info@terranovajamaica.com l 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

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

## THE R HOTEL

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|---|---|---|---|
| Address: 2 Renfrew Road, Kingston 10<br>email: info@rhotelja.com l Telephone: 876 968 6222 l 1 876 374 7728 | | | |
| | | Single | • Continental Breakfast served daily<br>• 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

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| | | | | **Address:** 85 Knutsford Boulevard Kingston 6<br>email: sales@knutsfordcourt.com l Telephone: 876- 929- 9000 l 876- 937- 3770 |
| | **BOOKING CODE: 375462**<br>**DEADLINE: 13th May 2019** | | | |
| THE KNUTSFORD COURT HOTEL<br>NEW KINGSTON, JAMAICA | | **Single** | **Double** | • 10 % service charge, government tax of 16.5% and US $4.99 room tax are required.<br>• 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:

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| | | | | Address: 1-5 Altamont Terrace, Kingston 5<br>email: reservations@altamontcourt.com l Tel: 876-929-4497/8 |
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| Altamont Court Hotel Kingston home in the hub | **Room** | **Occupancy** | | • Payment for first night is required to confirm reservation.<br>• A complimentary Jamaican breakfast is served daily.<br>• 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

Caribbean Airlines

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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Antigua | Bahamas | Barbados | Cuba | Fort Lauderdale | Grenada | Guyana | Kingston | Miami | Montego Bay
New York | Orlando | St. Lucia | St. Maarten | St. Vincent | Suriname | Tobago | Toronto | Trinidad | Venezuela

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# CONFERENCE PARTNERS

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

## LEGACY PARTNERS

GraceKennedy | JAMAICA NATIONAL GROUP | J.WRAY&NEPHEW LIMITED A GRUPPO CAMPARI COMPANY | VICTORIA MUTUAL Building Your Financial Independence

## OFFICIAL PARTNERS

Caribbean Airlines | JAMPRO TRADE & INVESTMENT JAMAICA | JAMAICA TOURIST BOARD

## OFFICIAL CONFERENCE HOTELS

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THE Courtleigh HOTEL & SUITES New Kingston, Jamaica | TERRA NOVA ALL-SUITE HOTEL | Altamont Court Hotel Kingston home in the hills | HOTEL FOUR SEASONS

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**

**THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT**

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade | 21 Dominica Drive, Kingston 5**

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

**CONFERENCE WEBSITE www.mfaft.gov.jm/conference**

**CONFERENCE EMAIL diasporaconference@mfaft.gov.jm**

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