



DATA PRODUCTION & STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING- PERSPECTIVE FROM A NATIONAL STATISTICS OFFICE

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Introduction

Demand for data has expanded significantly especially with adoption of SDGs and the recent COVID-19 pandemic

Data need to be timely and disaggregated

With the rapid improvement in technology, users are now accustomed to getting information in the shortest possible time

Challenges Facing National Statistics Offices (NSOs)

NSOs in developing countries, especially in Small Island Developing States (SIDs) have resource constraints and underdeveloped National Statistics Systems

The small size of the countries in the region limits the level of development

Face the dilemma of prioritizing production, find ways to satisfy current users and the growing new demands

During COVID 19 Pandemic, reduction in budgetary support - resources transferred to COVID mitigation measures

The new interest in and demand for data has however provided the opportunity for NSOs to highlight the relevance of data

Development Needs to Improve Statistical Capacity

Strengthen the legal and institutional frameworks

Increased focus on communication and advocacy

Continuous improvement and expansion in statistical programmes and services

Training & capacity building

Ensure funding and sustainability of NSOs building-Political buy-in

Development Needs

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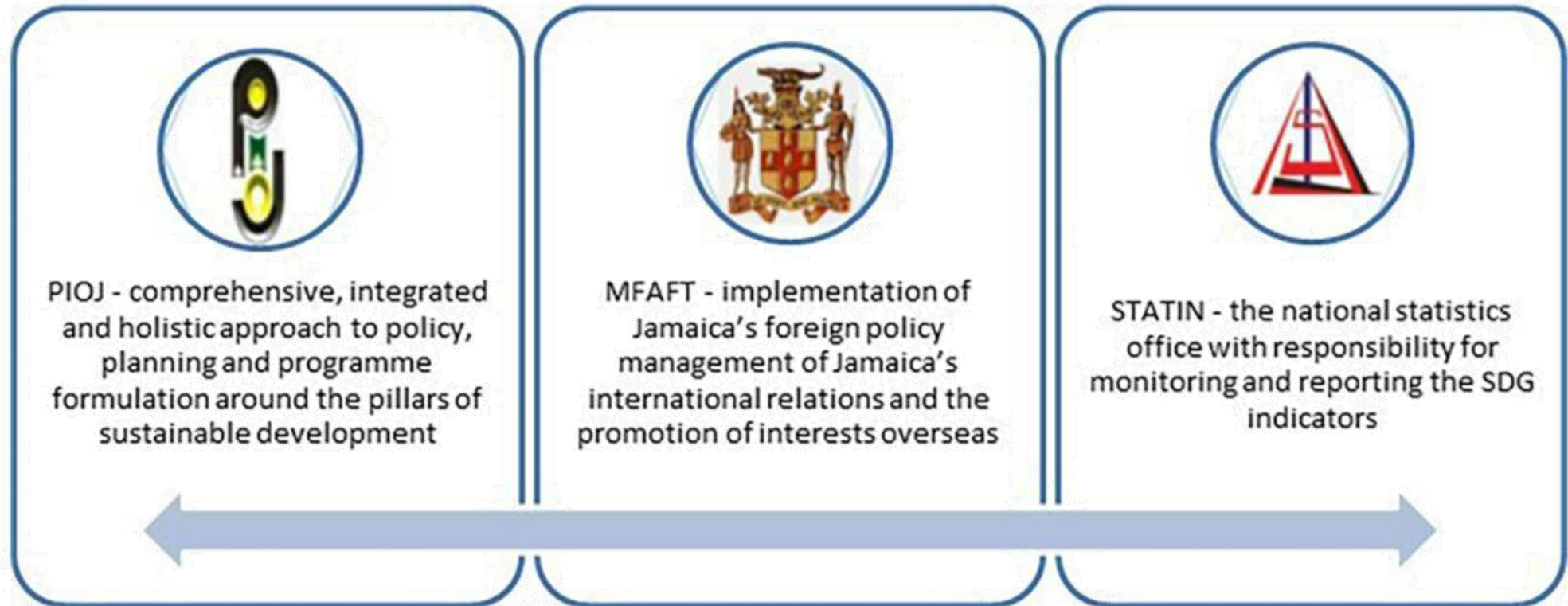
Modernise the Statistics Act to reflect the environment in which we operate

Improve the coordination of the National Statistics System

Foster local and international partnerships

Successful Approaches- National Coordination

- Institutional mechanism in place to govern implementation of SDGs



Development Needs

Increased focus on communication and advocacy

Communication is important in establishing trust with the users and data providers

Need to effectively communicate the value of official statistics as a means to mobilize resources and investments for modernizing statistical systems

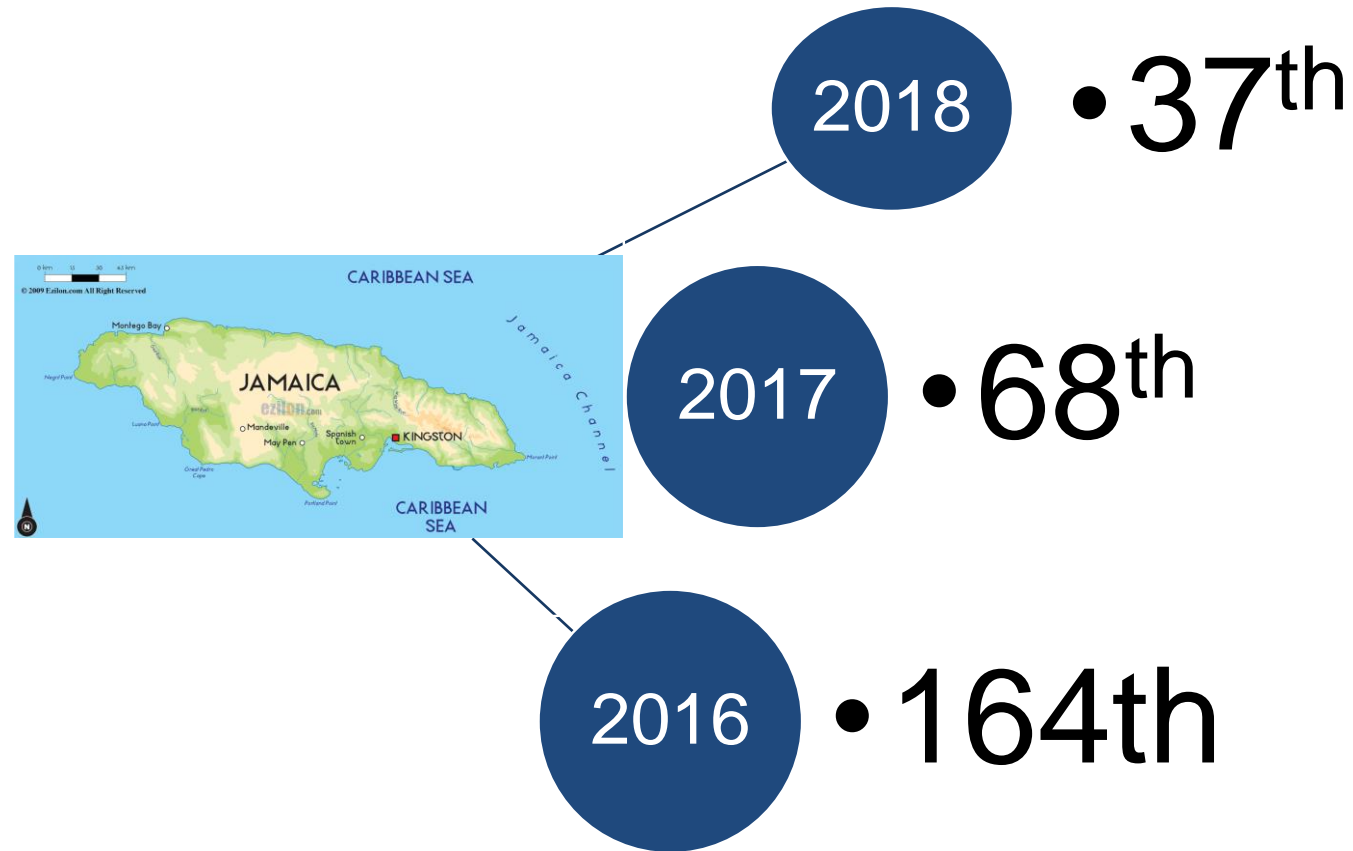
Encourage dialogue with public and private sector, policy makers, media and general public

Increased use of the media through press briefs, discussions

Improve dissemination by embracing modern visualisation tools, provide access to meta information and quality profiles

Develop and implement educational programmes to increase data literacy

Jamaica's Ranking by Open Data Watch



Development Needs

Improvement and expansion in statistical programmes and services

Streamlining of statistical production processes aimed at improving efficiency and effectiveness

Leverage technology to improve operational efficiencies

Increase use of administrative data

Incorporation of geospatial data

Institutionalize quality assurance across all processes and programmes



Response by STATIN to Satisfy COVID 19 Data Needs

The creation of the National Research Agenda for COVID-19. Engagement with critical stakeholders including the NSO, other public sector agencies, academia and private sector to optimize research efforts

The first nationally representative telephone survey undertaken by STATIN. Survey captured data on knowledge, attitudes and perception of the population on the coronavirus

Collaboration with private sector (mobile telephone providers) to produce a representative sample for the survey

Increase use of administrative data to produce official statistics

Addition of COVID-19 modules to regular surveys to provide data on impact of COVID-19 on the population

Development Needs

Training & capacity building

National and external resources required to strategically address the capacity needs

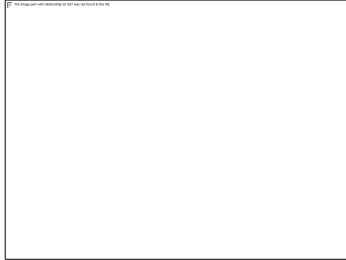
Improving leadership and management within NSO

Develop closer collaboration with regional universities to enable short-term training in statistics

South-South cooperation is an option especially in specialised areas

Ensure funding and sustainability of NSOs

- ❑ Increased investment is required from national governments to build statistical capacity
- ❑ Governments should therefore implement the “Action Plan for Statistics in the Caribbean ” which was endorsed at the 37th meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government in July 2016



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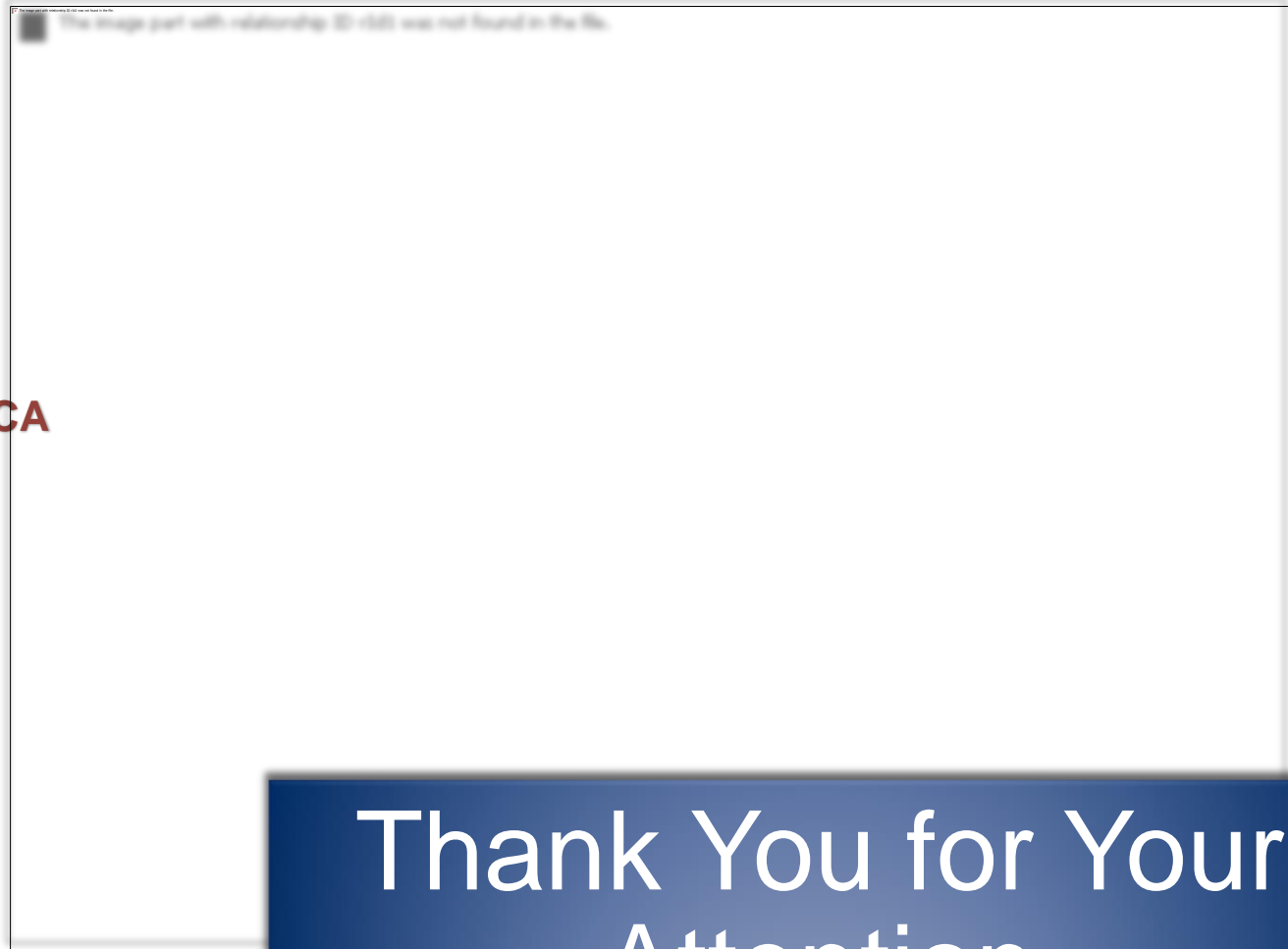
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