

*Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)  
Growth Inducement Programme's  
Inclusive Growth Index Framework Launch*

***Closing Remarks***

***by***

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Good morning, distinguished guests joining us here at the PIOJ.

The Inclusive Growth Index Framework (IGIF) is groundbreaking. It was conceived and developed locally, and marks a significant milestone in our developmental journey. It promises to enrich the PIOJ's toolkit, which is aimed at fostering inclusive growth and sustainable development in Jamaica.

As we embark on a period of rigorous testing to ensure the robustness of the IGIF, we anticipate further refinements to fine-tune its operation. Once operationalized, the PIOJ is committed to integrating the IGIF's insights into various facets of our work:

1. The intention is that it will feature in our flagship publication the *Economic Social Survey Jamaica* (ESSJ).
2. Annual updates on IGIF's findings will be shared at our Quarterly Press Briefings, ensuring transparency and accessibility.

3. The IGIF, similar to other tools we utilize, will assist in the development of policy advice and recommendations provided to policymakers at the highest levels.
4. We will incorporate insights from the IGIF into our discussions with International Development Partners, enhancing collaboration and alignment with the sustainable development goals.
5. Through various public information channels, we will disseminate the IGIF findings, ensuring widespread awareness and understanding.

The PIOJ commends the vision and execution of the critical initial phases of the IGIF. We eagerly anticipate its evolution and urge our esteemed stakeholders to embrace this tool in their research and decision-making processes. Your continued support in data collection and advocacy is invaluable to us.

Thank you for your commitment to this groundbreaking initiative. We eagerly await the transformative impact the IGIF will have on Jamaica's future, fostering a more inclusive and prosperous society for all.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for your attendance and participation, and making this launch the success that it is. I am sure we will all agree that our time here this morning has been well spent. We will endeavour to keep you all informed on Jamaica's progress at achieving more inclusive growth as we all strive to make Jamaica, the place of choice to live, work, raise families and do business.

Thank you all