



10th Annual
**Best Practice
Symposium for
Social and Community
Development**

REINTEGRATION for
Sustainable Community
Development: Bridging Gaps,
Building Futures

▶ **January 27 & 28, 2026**



DAY 1

Reintegration of Involuntary Returned Migrants (IRMs)

Registration

8:00 AM

Opening Ceremony

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

National Anthem

The Jamaica Constabulary Force Band

Opening Prayer

Rev Astor Carlyle, CD

Senior Minister, Webster Memorial United Church

Opening Remarks

Moderator

Mrs Rochelle Whyte

*Senior Technical Advisor to the Director General
Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)*

Welcome & Context Setting

Dr Wayne Henry, CD, JP

Director General, PIOJ

Greetings

Partners

Remarks

Hon Juliet Cuthbert Flynn, OD, MP

Minister of State, Ministry of National Security and Peace (MNSP)

Musical Selection

The Jamaica Constabulary Force Band

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Dr Dacia Leslie

Senior Research Fellow

*Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies,
The University of the West Indies, Mona (UWI)*

PRESENTATION OF: "LIVING IN JAMAICA" HANDBOOK

Dr Wayne Henry, CD, JP

DECLARATION OF THE OPENING OF THE 2026 LEI EXPOSITION

Mrs Sancia Bennett Templer, CD

Permanent Secretary

Ministry of Industry, Investment, and Commerce

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM | COFFEE BREAK

SEGMENT I – BEST PRACTICES

Moderator, Mrs Rochelle Whyte

BEST PRACTICE – INTERNATIONAL

A Comparative Look on Successful Reintegration Models

Mr Tim Howe

Senior Regional Migrant Protection Specialist

IOM Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

BEST PRACTICE – LOCAL

*Local Best Practices and Emerging Gaps in
Reintegration of Involuntary Returned Migrants*

Mrs Natasha Gabbidon-Blake

General Manager, Open Arms Development Centre

1:00 PM – 1:40 PM | LUNCH

SEGMENT II – VOICES

The experience of reintegrating in the community

Mr Ricardo Braithwaite

Mr Oneil Anderson

Interviewed by Moderator, Ms Antonette Richards

Programme Director, Civil Registration and Migration, PIOJ

SEGMENT III - THE CURRENT SITUATION PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator, Ms Antonette Richards

Dr K'adamawe Knife
Lecturer/Researcher
Mona School of Business and Management
The University of the West Indies, Mona

Mrs Daveen Sinclair-Blackwin
Policy Director (Acting) Crime Prevention and
Community Safety Branch, MNSP

Mrs Kimone Townsend
Senior Case Manager
International Returns and Reintegration Assistance

Dr Kraig Radlein
Consultant Parish Psychiatrist
KSA Health Department
SERHA, Ministry of Health and Wellness

Mr Alvin McLean
Programme Director
Family Unification & Resettlement Initiative

SEGMENT IV THE WAY FORWARD - A CALL TO ACTION

Ambassador Sheila Sealy Monteith, CD, JP
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

Evaluation

Closing Remarks

Mrs Rochelle Whyte, PIOJ

DAY 2

REINTEGRATION OF PERSONS FORMERLY IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

Opening Prayer

Bishop Dwight Fletcher
Founding Pastor of the Transformed Life Church

Opening Remarks

Moderator
Ms Antonette Richards
Programme Director, Civil Registration and Migration, PIOJ

Welcome

Dr Marc Thomas
*Deputy Commissioner
Rehabilitation and Probation Aftercare, DCS*

SEGMENT I – SETTING THE CONTEXT

The Reintegration Policy

Ms Shauna Trowers
Chief Technical Director, MNSP

From Policy to Practice

Brigadier (Ret'd) Radgh Mason, OD, JP
Commissioner of Corrections, DCS

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM | COFFEE BREAK

SEGMENT II – BEST PRACTICES

Reintegration: How Correctional Services Can Give Us More Public Safety

Dr Frank Porporino
*Chair of the Research & Development Network of the
International Corrections and Prisons Association*

***Reintegration Begins at Intake - Dad HERO
(Helping Everyone Realize Opportunities)***

Ms Louise Leonardi
Executive Director,
Canadian Families and Corrections Network (CFCN)

Changing Culture and Mindset to Achieve Corrections

Mr Nicklon Elliot
Director of Prisons, Guyana

1:00 PM – 1:40 PM | LUNCH

Interlude of Music

Mr Jovani Williams (Violinist)

Caring for Forensic Psychiatric Patients

Dr Myo Kyaw Oo, BH(M)
Consultant Psychiatrist, DCS

SEGMENT III – VOICES

Mrs Taneka Stewart-Blake
Interviewed by Mrs Rochelle Whyte

**SEGMENT IV
THE WAY FORWARD
PANEL DISCUSSION**

Moderator, Dr Joanna Simpson
Lecturer
Department of Sociology, Psychology & Social Work
The University of the West Indies, Mona

Panellists

Brigadier (Ret'd) Commissioner Radgh Mason, OD, JP
Commissioner of Corrections, DCS

Pastor Bruce Fletcher
Chairman, Operation Save Jamaica

Mr Charles Clayton
Programme Director, CRP, PIOJ

Rev Jayson Downer
Founder, Men of God Against Violence and Abuse

Mr Peter Myers
Senior Policy Director, MNSP

SEGMENT V – CLOSING EXERCISE

Evaluation

Moderator, Ms Antonette Richards

Vote of Thanks

Ms Janice Shaw
Adult Rehabilitation and Reintegration Policy Specialist, MNSP

Closing Remarks

Moderator
Mrs Rochelle Whyte, PIOJ

We congratulate the
**Department of
Correctional Services**
on their 50th Anniversary

