



# MINISTRY OF FINANCE & PLANNING

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## **FINANCE MINISTER LEADS DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH US OFFICIALS AND IMF**

Finance and Planning Minister, Dr. the Hon. Peter Phillips leaves the island tomorrow morning; Monday, 1 September 2014 for Washington D. C., to engage in a series of discussions with officials from the U.S. Treasury, U.S. State Department, the International Monetary Fund, (IMF), the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), and the World Bank (IBRD).

The meetings and technical discussions will focus on the macro-economic and fiscal path that Jamaica is pursuing in order to realise economic growth and development, the recent performance of the Jamaican economy and achievements under the IMF four-year Extended Fund Facility. The delegation will also engage in discussion with these organizations on how each of them can tangibly continue to support Jamaica's development; particularly in terms of financing of the growth objectives and debt reduction initiatives.

Minister Phillips is accompanied by the Governor of the Bank of Jamaica, Mr. Brian Wynter; the Director General of Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), Mr. Colin Bullock; and the Financial Secretary, Mr. Devon Rowe.

He will return to Jamaica on Thursday, 4 September 2014.

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