

STRATEGIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFERENCE OUTCOMES



Introduction

The inaugural Jamaica Christian Diaspora Conference was held at the Iberostar Hotel in Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica, under the theme: *Engaging our Youth, Securing our Future*.

The main focus of the Conference was to:

- i.* facilitate meaningful engagement and dialogue among church, public and private based entities in Jamaica and the Diaspora
- ii.* explore sustainable, collaborative ways to contribute to the nation building process, particularly through youth empowerment.

There were approximately 200 persons in attendance each day drawn from the main Diaspora countries of the USA, UK and Canada; as well as Jamaica. These included representatives from the public, private, and civil sector, church based organisations and other NGOs.

From the full comprehensive report of the conference the main recommendations have been compiled into an eight point strategy for the next two years. A proposal for the implementation of these strategies over the next 12 months is outlined below.

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A. Strong Diaspora Networks

Establish Regional Christian Diaspora Alliances - USA, Canada, UK, Caribbean and Jamaica

- a. **Composition** - church leaders, professionals, business persons, NGO leaders.
- b. **Leadership teams** - will drive the areas of foci coming out of the conference and mobilize support from their territories to achieve the goals of each area of focus.
- c. **Meetings** - to facilitate the development of the Alliances
 - 1.1 Monthly meeting of the Alliance leadership
 - 1.2 Forum meetings in 2017 in the territories to build the alliances networks and to increase support for the works in Jamaica and in the various territories.
 - 1.3 Next conference in 2018 in Jamaica. Looking at the achievements and expanding the Christian Diaspora Conference in to the Caribbean region.
 - 1.4 2020 global Christian Diaspora conference in the UK
- d. **Action** -
- e. **Central Network Data Base**

N.B. Canada has already established an alliance

Dec 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK – establish UK Christian Diaspora Alliance Ja. – establish Christian Diaspora Alliance UK , Canada and Jamaica set meetings for the Diaspora Alliances
Jan 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UK, Canada, Jamaica and Caribbean to set dates for 2017 Forum
March 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting in New York and Florida to establish the USA Christian Diaspora Alliance
July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete signing of MOUs in the territories Complete leadership team

Proposed Initial Drivers of this process: **TO BE CONFIRMED**



B. Identify the Areas of Focus and Establish Task Teams

1. **Outline the areas of focus** for immediate, medium and long- term execution coming out of the conference in order of priority
2. **Identify the Task Teams** to implement the top ranked tasks/projects.
3. **Project Document/Task Outline with Full Budget** and Implementation Timeline to be produced by each Task Team

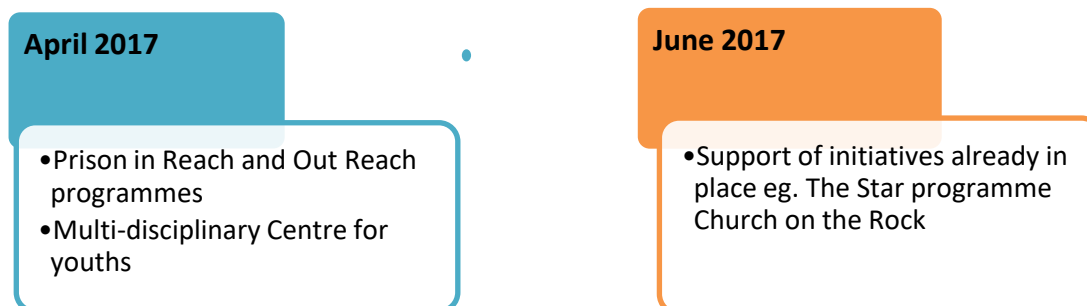
TASKS & TASK TEAMS

1. Launch of Development Fund Concept



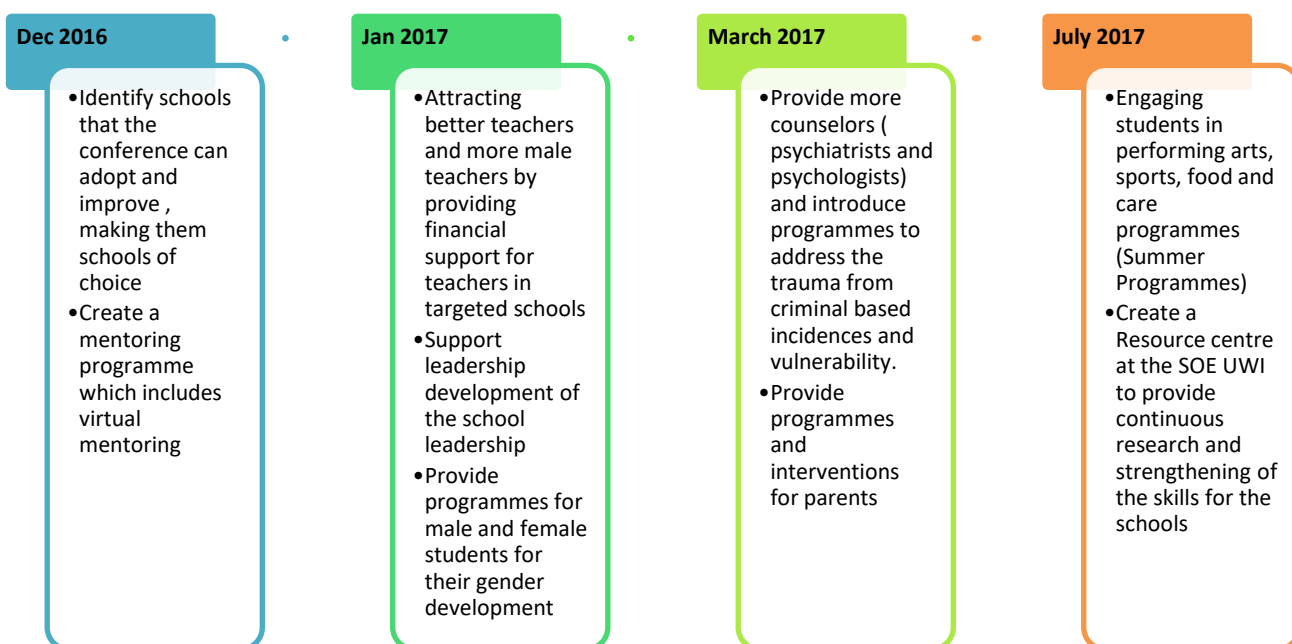
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2. Diverting our Youth from Prison to Productivity



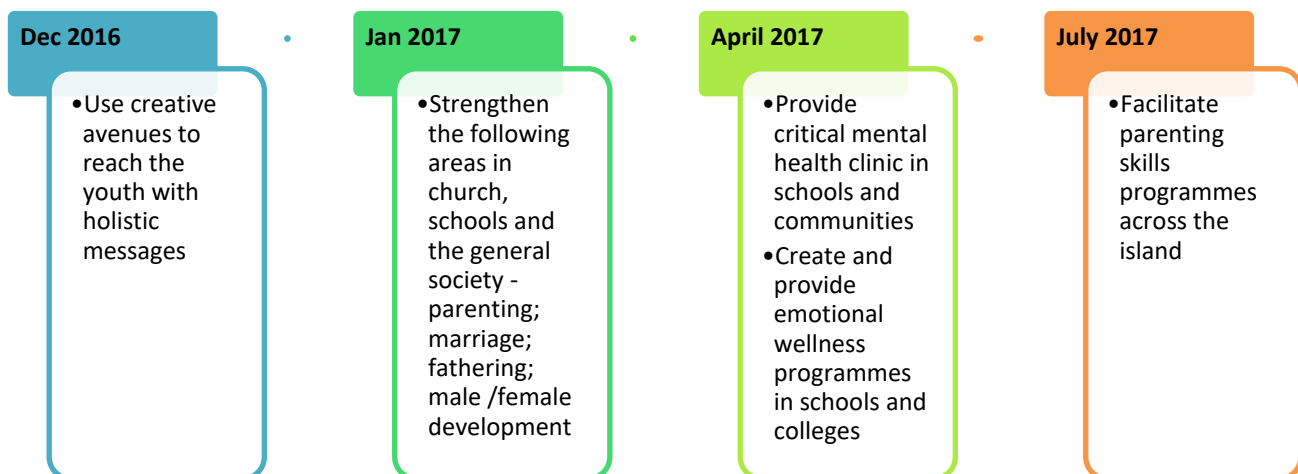
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3. Rethinking Education Interventions



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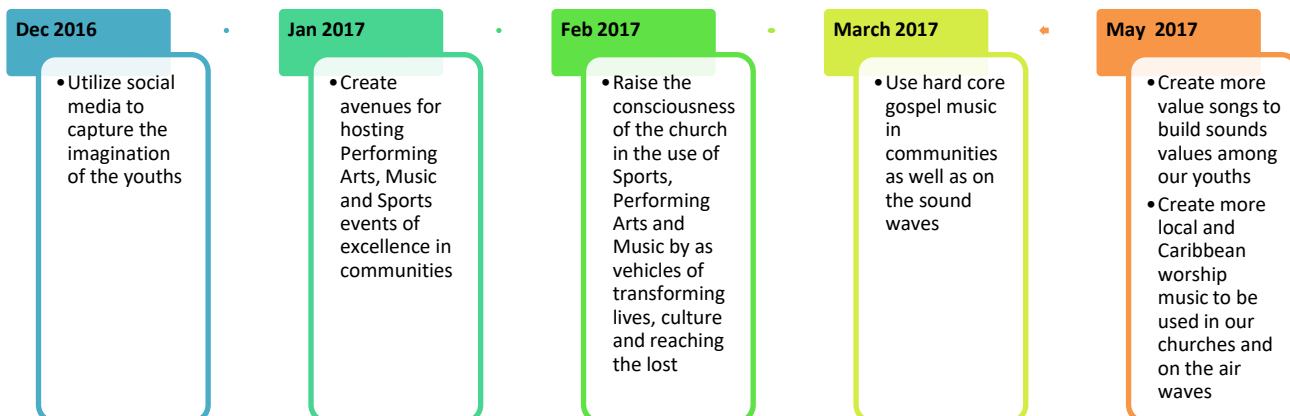
4. Securing the Wellness of Our Youth: Towards a “Healthy and Stable Society”



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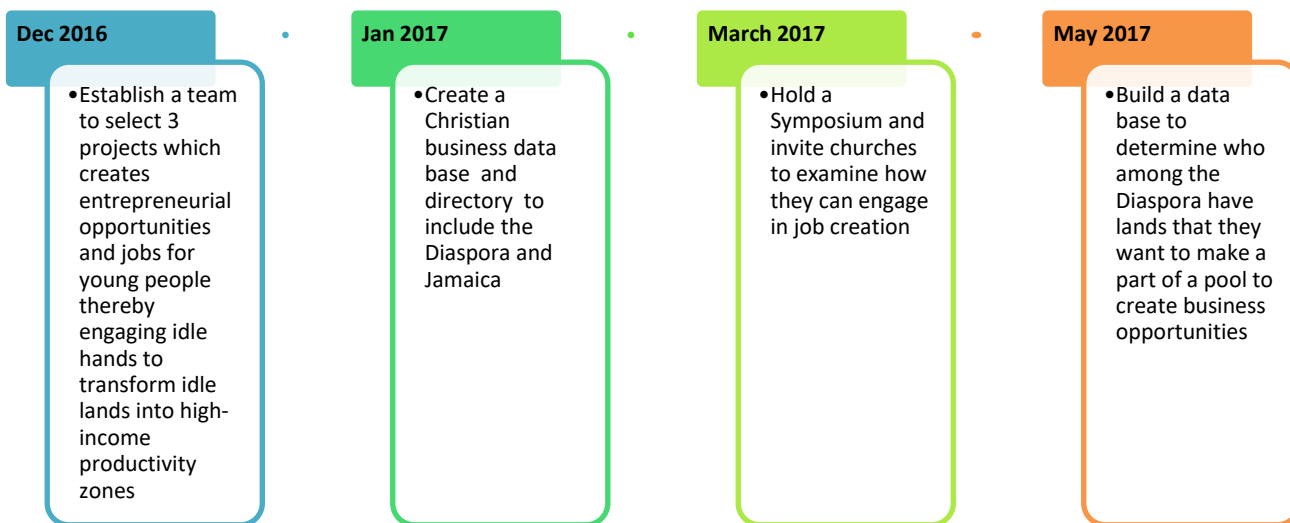


5. Youth engagement through Sports and Performing Arts



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6. Engaging our Youth for Social Development



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7. Youth Unplugged : Emerging Leaders in Jamaica and the Diaspora

Feb 2017

- Build a network across the Caribbean and the Diaspora

April 2017

- Create youth dialogue platform
-TV or Radio

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