

## JAMAICA

<b>ACP Region:</b>	Caribbean
<b>Population:</b>	2.6 million
<b>Official Language:</b>	English
<b>Capital:</b>	Kingston - St Andrew

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**Culture policy:** National culture policy was defined in 2003 in a document called *Towards the Cultural Superstate*, available on the Ministry's website. A national strategy and a plan of action for the music industry were drawn up in 2004.

### **Principal public cultural bodies:**

- Institute of Jamaica (IOJ). The IOJ is responsible for the following organisations, in particular: Museums of History and Ethnography, National Library of Jamaica, Natural History Division, Junior Centre, Institute of Jamaica Publications Ltd., African Caribbean Institute of Jamaica/Jamaica Memory Bank and National Gallery of Jamaica.
- Jamaica Cultural Development Commission (JCDC). The JCDC falls under the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development. <http://www.jcdc.org.jm/index.php>
- Jamaica National Heritage Trust (JNHT)
- Things Jamaican Limited. Falls under the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Technology.
- Entertainment Unit of the Ministry of Industry & Tourism. Since 2001.
- Jamaica Promotion (JAMPRO). JAMPRO is concerned, in particular, with promoting film, music and crafts.
- Creative Production and Training Centre, Ministry of Information.

### **Some professional organisations:**

#### *Collective societies for managing copyright:*

- Jamaica Association of Authors Composers and Publishers (JACAP)
- Recording Industry Association of Jamaica (RIAJam)
- Jamaica Musical Rights Administration Society (JAMRAS)
- Jamaica Performers Administration Society (JPAS)

#### *Others:*

- Association of Independent Programme Providers
- Contemporary Jamaican Artists Association
- Jamaica Association of Dramatic Artists (JADA)
- Jamaica Association of Female Artists (JAFA)
- Jamaica Association of Vintage Artists (JAVA)
- Jamaica Federation of Musicians (JFM)
- Jamaica Film and Video Producers Association (JFVPA)
- Jamaica Signature Beats (JSB)
- Jamaica Songwriters Guild (JSG)
- Poetry Society of Jamaica

### **Some events:**

- A Feast of Music
- Caribbean Music Expo, annual, Since 1998
- National Festival
- Ocho Rios Jazz Festival
- Reggae Sunsplash
- Reggae Sumfest
- Tallawah Drama Festival

### COOPERATION WITH THE EC

**Cultural cooperation:** To date, nothing has been carried out on national funds. Culture is not included in the spheres of cooperation of the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF.

The 7<sup>th</sup> EDF Regional funds contributed to development of a Cariforo culture centre.

**Regional cooperation:** EC/Cariforum Programme

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