Government of Jamaica
GovNet Jamaica Initiative

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Outline

- Jamaica’s National ICT Strategy Update
- Brief on GovNet Jamaica Initiative
National ICT Strategy Update 2006

• Update is underway; to be completed by end of November 2006

• All work being structured by best practices framework which link:
  • Policies → Strategies → Projects/Programmes/Initiatives → Measures → Targets
Key National ICT Projects

- GovNet Jamaica
- E-Governance Framework
- Further work on GoJ Web Standards
  - Training, Templates, Monitoring, Testing, Compliance certification
- FOSS Pilot
- Information & Records Management
- Common E-Government Services Portal
- GovNet Jamaica -

- Essential enabler for the implementation joined-up government and one stop, non-stop e-government services, and national portal.
- Full range of digital services:
  - voice, data, video, email/collaborative tools and Internet access.
- Application services
  - G2G: HR, Payroll, Financial
  - G2C/B: full suite of e-government services
- Major multi-sector, multi-vendor and multi-year project.
- Will require successful PPP – Private-Public Sector Partnership
- Must be built on a sound IT Architecture foundation, that fosters effective integration and interoperability across existing and planned sectoral networks.
- Will require effective promulgation of enterprise wide policies and standards
- Must be secure and robust
GovNet Jamaica Drivers

- Need to harmonize and integrate public sector networks and services
- Leverage economies of scale
- Reduce GoJ cost of designing, deploying and operating public sector networks.
Jamaica’s E-Government Successes

- Jamaica Customs
- Inland Revenue Tax Payment
- Office of the Registrar of Companies (ORC)
- Trade Facilitation Services
- National Land Agency e-Land (NLA)
- Registrar General's Department (RGD)
- Management Institute for National Development (MIND)

There is now a need for greater integration and interconnection of systems and services.
Harmonization

Today

- Unaligned

Tomorrow

- Act as One
  - Aligned
  - Shared
  - Common

The Change levers:
- Enterprise policies, standards, directives, etc
- Enterprise investment decisions
- Common and Shared Services
- Enterprise focus and alignment

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Enabling a World-Class National ICT Sector
GovNet Stakeholders

- Central Information Technology Office
- Min. of Industry Technology Energy & Commerce
- FISCAL Services Ltd.
- Ministry of Finance & Planning
- Ministry of Education & Youth
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of National Security
- National Works Agency
- Min. of Housing Transport Water & Works
- Public Sector Reform Unit – Cabinet Office
GovNet Stakeholders

- Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management
- Land Information Council / Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
- Ministry of Justice – The Courts
- Ministry of Local Government
GovNet Jamaica Project Status

• Initial Project TOR drafted; supported by the Minister of Technology
• Many discussions held and agreements being forged, primarily at the technical level
• Technical Exchange visit from 9-member GoJ delegation to Gov. of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago
• Cabinet Submission drafted. To be approved by Cabinet through Minister of Technology
  • Seeks to establish an umbrella mechanism that will be empowered to establish the necessary collaborative framework for integration and interoperability across GoJ
• GovNet initiative to be included in revised Telecommunications Act to give it important legislative/policy support.
Opportunities / Challenges

• Secure buy-in from political directorate and senior leaders
• Process of building a collaborative framework and environment
• Possible conflicts with silo-based management objectives
• Funding
Target Outcomes
Summary

• Improved Service Delivery
• Citizen-Centric Services
• Joined-Up / Boundaryless Government
• Reduced Costs
• Economic Development and Sustainability
Thank You