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PNP Diaspora Region Establishes Leadership at Inaugural Conference

Kingston, Jamaica. September 17, 2026: The People's National Party (PNP) has formally established the leadership of its Diaspora Region following the successful staging of its inaugural Regional Conference, marking a significant step in strengthening the Party's engagement with Jamaicans living overseas.

The establishment of the Diaspora Region reflects the PNP's longstanding recognition that Jamaica's national community extends beyond its geographical borders. This vision was articulated by former Prime Minister the Most Hon. P.J. Patterson, who convened Jamaica's first Diaspora Conference in 2004 and described Jamaica as a "borderless country".

Under the leadership of Mark J. Golding, MP, President of the PNP in 2023, the Party took the further step of granting Jamaicans living outside Jamaica direct membership in the PNP. In 2024, the Party authorised the establishment of the Diaspora as its seventh Region.

The Diaspora Region comprises six geographic zones, which are further organised into divisions. The Region incorporates the PNP's longstanding overseas affiliates, including the Jamaica Progressive League and Jamaica National Movement in the United States and the PNP-UK, alongside newly established structures and positions designed to deepen engagement with Jamaicans overseas.

Addressing the inaugural conference, PNP Chairman Dr. Angella Brown Burke and General Secretary Dr. Dayton Campbell commended members of the Diaspora Region for their commitment to the Party and to Jamaica.

Dr. Brown Burke underscored the important role played by Jamaicans overseas in supporting the country, noting that the Diaspora has consistently demonstrated its willingness to stand up for Jamaica and contribute to its development.

President Mark J. Golding, MP, who delivered the feature address, congratulated the founding members of the Diaspora Region for their dedication to establishing the new structure. He noted that the extension of direct Party membership to Jamaicans overseas provides them with an opportunity to participate more fully in the PNP's work and to strengthen the Party's engagement with Jamaicans both at home and abroad.





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Deputy General Secretary Dexroy Martin, who chaired the conference, expressed appreciation to members of the Region and to Jamaicans overseas for their continued support of Jamaica. He subsequently handed over the administration of the Region to its newly elected leadership.

The following officers were elected at the inaugural conference:

- Diaspora Region Chair: Dahlia Walker-Huntington
- United States Zone Chair: Angella Francis
- Canada Zone Chair: Elvis Oliphant
- UK/Europe Zone Chair: Calvert Barclay
- Southeast United States Divisional Chair: Oliver Falloon-Reid
- Northeast United States Divisional Chair: Dr. Michael Wiltshire

The PNP continues to welcome Jamaicans living overseas who wish to become members and participate in the Party's work.

Persons in the Diaspora interested in joining the PNP may apply online at <https://pnp.org.jm/the-diaspora/>

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