JAMAICA DIASPORA EDUCATION TASK FORCE Prepares FOR 7th SUMMIT 2022

The Jamaica Diaspora Education Task Force (JDETF) is poised to host a pivotal 7th Advancement in Education Summit 2022 in New York, New York, 21 – 25 March, under the theme “Meeting the Challenges of Education Today – Teaching, Learning, Leading, Healing.” Summit 2022 is a collaborative staging hosted by the Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations (USA) Inc. (UJAA) and Marymount Manhattan College (MMC) and includes the Jamaica Teachers’ Association (JTA) as the primary stakeholder.

JDETF includes five (5) taskforces in a network of 15 sectoral focused taskforces in the Diaspora under the two-year old Jamaica Diaspora Taskforce Action Network (JDTAN). The JDETF operates in a collaborative approach to engage and mobilize the Jamaican Diaspora to support Jamaica in achieving Vision 2030. The ongoing collaboration with the JTA since the early Summits is essential to our mutual outcomes.

The Summit promises to be a resource packed week following the theme with discussions, presentations, plenaries, break-out sessions, workshops, and school tours resourced through the efforts of a collaboration of educators across borders.

This is the third Summit being staged in the United States and follows the last two that were full virtual presentations. The JDETF Education Summits continue to enjoy the full and unconditional support of the Jamaica Teachers’ Association. The JTA, under the leadership of President Winston Smith, will be bringing 50 educators and administrators to embrace the topics and enjoy the sights and traditions that only New York City can deliver. More importantly, our Jamaican teachers will leave equipped with transformational tools to improve their classroom leadership skills in the post pandemic era as they observe and engage with their host colleagues while participating in virtual school tours across the country.

Co-chairs, Lesleyann Samuel, President of UJAA and Michael Salmon, Associate Vice President Dean of Academic Excellence and Senior Advisor to the President, Marymount Manhattan College have rolled out the carpet to ensure that this Summit includes a well-rounded and well thought out itinerary for all attending.

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