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13-Jun	Future of the JA Diaspora <i>How are the Diaspora's needs and concerns being addressed in Jamaica? Who takes ownership? How will the proposed Diaspora Policy impact on future JA-Diaspora relations? How do we ensure the success of the Diaspora Movement (for example through youth engagement)?</i>	Facilitator: Dr. Winston Sutherland Address: The Honourable Minister of State Arnaldo Brown Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conference Chair-Bishop Derek Webley MBE - High Commissioner-HE Aloun Ndombet-Assamba - JDUK Chair-Sasha Henry-Crawford
13-Jun	Caribbean Diaspora Engagement <i>How does the CSME agreement influence the Caribbean Diasporas engagement and collaboration in the UK? How can we mobilise the Caribbean Diasporas in the UK to influence policies and gain resolve for key issues impacting the wider Caribbean Diaspora in the UK?</i>	Facilitator: MS Evadney Campbell MBE Address: The Honourable Minister of State Arnaldo Brown Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. David Jessop (Managing Director of the Caribbean Council) - Mr. David Roberts (Founder / CEO CaribDirect.com) <i>Senior representatives from the Caribbean Diaspora Community</i>
13-Jun	What is the role of religious beliefs and worship in our Community? <i>Faith is part of our society and our society is integral to our Faith. What role does faith groups and the Church play as a moral beacon in our society? How can we facilitate approaches to networking between the Jamaican Diaspora Faith communities in the UK?</i>	Facilitator: Bishop Derek Webley MBE Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revd. Cannon Eve Pitts - Pastor Stewart Pebble - Bishop Wilton Powell - Mr. Syprian Pitkin (Alternate Advisory Board Member - South)
13-Jun	Poverty, social welfare & the Parish Councils <i>How is the Government of Jamaica addressing poverty alleviation post-recession? What role can the Diaspora play in supporting poverty alleviation specifically at the Parish Council level in Jamaica?</i>	Facilitator: Prof Cecile Wright Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Lisa Campbell (Land Administration & Management Programme – Jamaica) - Mr. Bentley Cunningham (Lobbyist JDUK) - Ms. Latoya Harris (National Education Trust- Ministry of Education)
13-Jun	Mental Health, Diabetes & Prostate Cancer <i>What are some of the myths around Mental Health, Diabetes and Prostate Cancer? Why are Caribbean community mostly affected? Is there anything we can do to reduce the risk or improve life after diagnosis?</i>	Facilitator: Ms. Paulette Lewis Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Paulette Hamilton (Councillor Birmingham) - Dr. Peter Lewis (Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust) NHS - Ms. Rose Thompson (BME Black Communities) - MS Grace Vanterpool MBE (Consultant Nurse in Diabetes)

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14-Jun	Immigration <i>How should Jamaicans living in the UK (without permanent residency) seek to regularise their status in the UK? How can members of the Diaspora who wish to sponsor family members to visit or relocate to the UK do so successfully? What are the implications for the new UK Immigration Bill for the Caribbean Diaspora? Are Caribbean immigrants now viewed as a liability or an asset for the UK?</i>	Facilitator: Ms. Leonie Livingstone (Minister Councillor) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. John Bassie (Jamaican and UK immigration law) - Ms. Carol Simpson (Lawyer and Family Mediator) - Mrs. Jennifer McDonald (CEO – Passport, Immigration & Citizenship Agency Jamaica)
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14-Jun	Economic Development & Investment opportunities in Jamaica <i>What types of opportunities exists for the Diaspora to invest in Jamaica? How does JAMPRO support / facilitate Diaspora investment in Jamaica?</i>	Facilitator: Laurence Jones (JAMPRO) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Beverly Johnson (JLB International) - Mr. Bevil Williams (REPC Limited) - Mr. Leonard Mahipalamudali (NCB) <i>And other successful Diaspora entrepreneurs</i>
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14-Jun	Charitable Investments/Donations to Jamaica (Health & Education) <i>What are the main issues surrounding the recently passed Jamaican Charities Bill. How does this impact on Health and Education donations to Jamaica from the UK?</i>	Facilitator: Ms. Leonie Livingstone (Minister Councillor) Speakers: - Mrs. Celia Grandison-Markey (Diaspora Health Initiative) - Ms. Latoya Harris (National Education Trust- Ministry of Education Jamaica) - Ms. Karlene Henry (Collector of Jamaica Customs Kingston)
14-Jun	Keynote Address: Brand Jamaica	Facilitator: Deputy High Commissioner: Mrs. Diedre Mills Speaker: Dr. Hume Johnson - Assistant Professor of Communication at Roger Williams University in the USA.