# PROTECTING VULNERABLE PERSONS IN MIXED MIGRATION FLOWS

A National Perspective

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## PROTECTING VULNERABLE MIGRANTS

Profile – Mixed Migratory Flows

Trafficked Persons

Refugees

#### PROTECTING VULNERABLE MIGRANTS

- Migration denotes trans-boundary movements.
- MFA&FT along with MNS work to secure the borders of Jamaica, by adhering to international obligations and protecting of persons resident in Jamaica

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#### Overview of Legislative Environment

- 2010 Cyber Crimes Act
- 2010 Children Pornography Prevention Act
- 2007 Trafficking in Persons (Prevention, Suppression and Punishment) Act
- The Offenses Against the Persons Act
- 2005 Passage of Regulations for the Criminal Justice (Plea Negotiations and Agreement Act) Act
- 2006 Victims Charter (Revised)
- 2004 Child Care and Protection Act
- Evidence Amendment Act (being reviewed)
- Various Labour Legislation

## PROTECTING VULNERABLE MIGRANTS Policy and Procedures

Refugee Policy – Triggered on request

Establishment of Eligibility Committee

Appeals Tribunal

#### PROTECTING VULNERABLE MIGRANTS TIP Procedures

The National Taskforce Against Trafficking
<a href="In Persons">In Persons (NATFATIP) Sub-Committees</a>

- Prevention/Public Education
- Prosecution
- Resource Mobilization

## PROTECTING VULNERABLE MIGRANTS Working Group

- Establishment of Inter-Ministerial Working Group
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade in collaboration with the IOM
- A total of three meetings to be convened between March and June 2013.
- The first meeting held on March 25, 2013, the second on 10 May 2013.

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- Identification of existing SOPs
- Identification of gaps in dealing with vulnerable migrants
- Public awareness campaign

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• Thank you.