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1. Accomplishments: September 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015. Did the INGP provide any assistance to reach these accomplishments? Please specify.

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Promulgation of Jamaica's first Public Procurement Act, 2015	Technical assistance was received from IDB in the review of a Discussion Draft of the Public Procurement Bill. A Senior Legal Officer from UNCITRAL was initially engaged by the MOFP as part of its Technical Working Team in 2013 and further technical support has been provided leading up to the September 1 st , 2015 passage of the Public Procurement Bill.
Launch of Jamaica's first Electronic Public Procurement System	Financial assistance of the Inter Development Bank (IDB) to stage a launch of Jamaica's first Electronic Public Procurement system (e-GP) "Go live" entitled " Electronic Government Procurement: Faster, Easier and more Efficient Way of Doing Business " on July 31, 2015 in Kingston, Jamaica. This was further to IDB's

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	provision of resources to finance the contracting of consulting services and procurement of goods necessary for the execution of the programme.
Launch of the Public Education and Awareness Campaign	IDB funding of current communications and public education campaign that is targeted to end-users of the e-GP system. Face-to face workshops, consultative dialogue, electronic and print media have been used to sensitive the general public.
Jamaica Network of Public Procurement Professionals	Modeled from the Inter-American Network of Government Procurement (INGP) Annual Summits/ conferences, the Jamaica Network of Public Procurement Practitioners (JNOPP) was established. This body represents Public Procurement Professionals employed across the public sector and will enhance system efficiency and responsiveness through a corporate governance approach. A Steering Committee with an elected President, Vice President and Secretary have been established to create the institutional and operational framework of the Association.
Public Procurement Certification Programme	<p>Financial support and technical guidance in the commencement of a comprehensive public procurement training and certification.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) As at September 2015, Three Hundred (300) procurement practitioners have completed the minimum Level 1 of a revised mandatory 4 Level GOJ Procurement Training & Certification Programme with the INPRI Jamaica Limited to strengthen capacity. The programme is divided into 4 levels and will cover approximately 6 broad essential topic categories in Public Procurement per level. 2) Twenty-five (25) public procurement specialists, analysts and practitioners have been certified in Public Procurement Law and Practice: Major Projects and Tendering in February 2015. This training initiative was a follow-up certification further to the initial training provided in May 2014 in Procurement Law and Practice. It was

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	delivered by an expert faculty organized by the Osgoode Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada, in advanced concepts of Public Procurement Law and Practice to underpin the tabling of Jamaica’s first stand-alone Public Procurement Law.

2. Please indicate if you received technical assistance/training on government procurement in the form of regional cooperation. Did the INGP provide any assistance? Please specify.

Technical Assistance/Training	
Seminar – “Promoting Inclusive Growth Seminar: Increasing Participation of Women in Government Procurement” held in Washington D.C, from May 26-27, 2015	Participation in the seminar provided an opportunity to dialogue with heads of Procurement and International organizations on the importance of the promotion of women in public procurement, the economic rationale for gender equity policies, the different approaches to achieving a greater participation of women.
Summit – Sustainable Procurement Conference in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic April 27 – 28, 2015 entitled “The International Joint Forum of Inclusive Policy Smallholders to Public Procurement”	Invitation extended by Dr. Yokasta Guzman, Director of Public Procurement for Dominican Republic and President of the Inter-American Government Procurement Network. This international meeting under the sponsorship of the European Union (EU) and the World Bank. This forum provided a means to exchange ideas and experiences in family farming from Latin American and regional countries. The event was geared towards the incorporation of small farmers in public procurement as well as technical support to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
European Study Tour of Electronic Procurement Systems May, 2015: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consip in Rome, Italy; 2. Treasury of the Republic of Cyprus (TRCS), Ministry of Finance in Cyprus; and 3. User Acceptance Testing at European Dynamics Office in Athens, Greece. 	The tour facilitated the exchange of useful information pertaining to the organizational structure and model(s) adopted for public Procurement agencies in Cyprus, Italy and Greece, the management and implementation of their eGP system, private sector enablement, monitoring and auditing, procurement legislation requirements, and the sustainability of the agencies. It aided the Ministry in making informed decisions in establishing the Office of Public Procurement. The tour also ensured that the e-GP solution design and system implementation met the requirements and business needs of the GOJ.

Technical Assistance/Training	
Public Procurement Certification Training in Belize – July 20 – 23, 2015	IDB Funding of three (3) Senior officers from the Procurement and Asset Policy Unit (PAPU), Ministry of Finance and Planning, Jamaica to complete Level 2 Certification in Public Procurement from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply.

3. Goals 2015-2016. Please indicate how the INGP could contribute to accomplish these goals.

Goals for 2015 - 2016	INGP Contribution
Establishment of National Framework Agreements	<p>Technical assistance in the development of Framework agreements by the GOJ to aggregate , standardize and save Procurement spend, thereby achieving economies of scale.</p> <p>Technical and financial assistance in capacity building/training in policy development and practical execution of framework agreements.</p>
Electronic Supplier Registration System	Technical assistance in the development of a supplier registration model that will be used by the Office of Public Procurement for supplier registration, grading, performance assessment and renewals. This system should interface with the existing e-GP system.
National MSME Procurement Policy (Sector Specific)	Technical assistance from the INGP would contribute to the finalization of an MSME Policy by the Ministries of Finance and Planning and the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce, Jamaica to encourage the participation of Micro Small and Medium Size Enterprises (MSMEs) in public procurement opportunities and thereby facilitate the growth of our embryonic domestic industries.
Adoption of the full eGP Platform (eCatalogue, Framework Agreements and eContract Management)	South-to-South Cooperation; and Facilitation of study tours of the management and implementation of full e-GP platforms in INGP member countries. Eg: Compravchile, Chile
Hosting of the 2nd National Public Procurement Conference	<p>Financial assistance and participation of INGP member countries.</p> <p>This annual event is modeled from the InterAmerican Network of Government</p>

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	Procurement (INGP). This would provide GOJ procuring entities an opportunity to participate in dialogue, exchange in public procurement procedures and international best practices. This is intended to be a means for knowledge transfer wherein presentations of other countries' experiences are shared.