



## AT A GLANCE

**WHO:** Ministry of Industry, Investment, and Commerce

**WHAT:** A ministry of the government of Jamaica

**WHERE:** Kingston, Jamaica

**WEBSITE:** [www.miic.gov.jm](http://www.miic.gov.jm)

The mission of the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce is:

- To increase local and foreign investments
- To be the driver of innovation and job creation
- To promote and protect Jamaican brands, consumers, and businesses
- To create an enabling environment to increase earnings from export

The following text is taken from a recent conversation with Minister Anthony Hylton.

**Mr. Minister, can you speak a little bit about the business climate in Jamaica and why it's a good place to do business?**

"The global indices indicate that Jamaica is in a 'sweet

spot' and has entered a period where we have focused on improving our business rankings in a variety of areas: in our ease of doing business; in our competitiveness; in our profile for investment; and in logistics performance. Forbes Magazine sums it up best by saying Jamaica is, at the moment, the best country in the Caribbean for doing business and for investing. We have what it takes to attract investment, drive industrial development, and enable commerce to take place in a very efficient and competitive manner. The mix of policies and programs being pursued by the government, and the professionalism that increasingly exists within its institutions, lend themselves to certain validity and provide a platform for businesses to flourish."va

**Awhile ago, we spoke to the Minister of Finance and Planning who talked about how that Ministry helped move the country away from high debt and high unemployment. What is your interaction with the Ministry of Finance and Planning and do you agree that the programs that the government has put in place have been successful?**

"Absolutely. The relationship is a symbiotic one – a joint approach of working very closely. The Ministry of Finance sets the macro-policies and the macro-framework. My Ministry looks at the real economy and