

# Jamaica Cannabis Conference

THEME: 'Wake Up Jamaica , Our Opportunities are Slipping Away' Several speakers from Jamaica, Israel, Canada and the United States, to include scientists and researchers, will participate in the three-day Inaugural Jamaica Cannabis Conference, being held between the 22nd and 24th of May, 2014, at the University of the West Indies, Jamaica.

Among the participants are:

- Mark J. Rosenfeld, M.S., Ph.D., Founder and Chief Executive Officer of ISA Scientific
- Michael Dor, M.D., M.P.A., Chief Medical Advisor to the Israeli Ministry of Health Medical Cannabis Unit
- Lumír O. Hanuš, D.Sc., C.Sc., R.N.Dr., Research Fellow, Medicinal Chemistry & Natural Products, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Kyle (Kaiheng) Yang, M.Econ., M.B.A. China Director  
(Professional Profiles below)
- Professor Charles Nesson, William F. Weld Professor of Law, Harvard Law School Founder and Director, Berkman Center for Internet & Society

The Conference is being organized and sponsored jointly by the Cannabis Commercial and Medicinal Research Task Force (CCMRTF) and the University of the West Indies, under the theme, 'Wake Up Jamaica , Our Opportunities are Slipping Away' Day One / Thursday 22nd May  
The Reform Agenda, 'Decriminalization, the First Step'

Day Two / Friday 24th May

Medical and Scientific Symposium

Coordinated by Strains of Hope , Colorado , USA

Day Three / Saturday 24th May

• Session One: 9:00 am to 12 noon,

'Opportunities for the Health and Wealth of the Nation'  
'Advancing Research, Health Care and Commerce'  
Coordinated by Timeless Herbal Care, ( Jamaica & Canada )

• Session Two: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Plenary - Cannabis, Reform and its Socio-Economic Implications for Jamaica and the Caribbean

The main outcome expected, is a 'Conference Position Paper and Declaration' setting out a roadmap and a recommended timeframe for the decriminalisation of ganja, including its use for sacramental rights of Rastafarians and its wider medicinal uses. The framework for a regulated commercial industry is also expected to emanate from the Conference and from which increased and sustained public education and advocacy will commence.

The Cannabis Commercial and Medicinal Research Task Force is an umbrella group, launched in September 2013 and is chaired Professor Archie McDonald, Principal of the University of the West Indies and has as its Patron, the Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining, the Hon. Phillip Paulwell. Participating organizations include the University of the West Indies , UTECH, the Scientific Research Council, the Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises (MSME), the Jamaica Agricultural Society, Small Business Association of Jamaica, the Rastafarian Millennium Council, Ganja Law Reform Coalition (GLRC), and the National Alliance for the Legalization of Ganja (NALG), among others.