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Independent Fiscal Commission Launches "Year of Fiscal Vigilance" to Commemorate First Anniversary

KINGSTON, Jamaica – The Independent Fiscal Commission (IFC) is proud to announce the launch of its first anniversary commemoration, marking one year since becoming fully operational on January 1, 2025. To celebrate this milestone, the Commission has unveiled a year-long roadmap for 2026, themed "A Year of Fiscal Vigilance".

This commemorative year signals the Commission's transition from its initial establishment to a new phase focused on *"operational excellence and public accessibility"*. As the designated *"Guardian"* of Jamaica's fiscal rules, the IFC will spend the upcoming year strengthening its presence through enhanced public engagement and technical transparency.

"Our independence is our strength, and our data is our voice," **Courtney H. Williams, Fiscal Commissioner** stated, reflecting on a foundational year that included major milestones such as the publication of the inaugural Economic and Fiscal Assessment

Report (EFAR) and validation of the suspension of the fiscal rules. The post-Hurricane Melissa 2026 roadmap is designed to build on these wins, by making fiscal data better understood and more democratic and accessible to all Jamaican citizens.

Throughout the year, the IFC will execute a series of strategic initiatives, including:

- **Public Education:** Expanding fiscal literacy campaigns to help citizens better understand national economic performance.
- **Digital Innovation:** Launching interactive tools to provide real-time transparency regarding government spending, revenue collection and debt.
- **Technical Advocacy:** Deeper engagement with media and stakeholders to advocate for more efficient budgetary presentations and fiscal reforms.
- **Community & Staff Engagement:** Hosting internal commemorative ceremonies and participating in corporate social responsibility activities to promote the IFC brand.

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About the Independent Fiscal Commission

The Independent Fiscal Commission is Jamaica's non-partisan fiscal oversight body, tasked with monitoring, assessing and reporting on the government's compliance with fiscal rules. Through independent analysis and public reporting, the Commission plays a critical role in promoting transparency, fiscal discipline, and accountability in public financial management.