

international best practices, encouraged a participatory lawmaking process and convened and facilitated a series of joint civil society and government workshops.

In furtherance of our goals to support both government and civil society in their

. The Center is guided by a fundamental commitment to human rights and the alleviation of human suffering. The Carter Center's mission is to prevent and resolve conflicts, enhance freedom and democracy, and improve health. The Carter Center has been working in Jamaica since 1999 on a Transparency Project, which has included activities to support the passage, implementation and enforcement of the Access to Information Act 2002.

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