



GLOBAL JAMAICA DIASPORA COUNCIL

Moving Diaspora Engagement Forward- A Model for Deeper Partnership

The Global Jamaica Diaspora Council is another ground breaking mechanism geared towards the facilitation of a more effective engagement between Jamaica and the Diaspora. The Council will be established in January 2020.

The concept of the Global Jamaica Diaspora Council evolved out of discussions with the existing Diaspora Advisory Board members and other stakeholders, including the Economic Growth Council, who agreed that there needed to be an expansion of the engagement within the Diaspora to include new and emerging regions where Jamaicans reside.

The Council will be an advisory and consultative body that will create pathways for increased engagement with the Jamaican Diaspora.

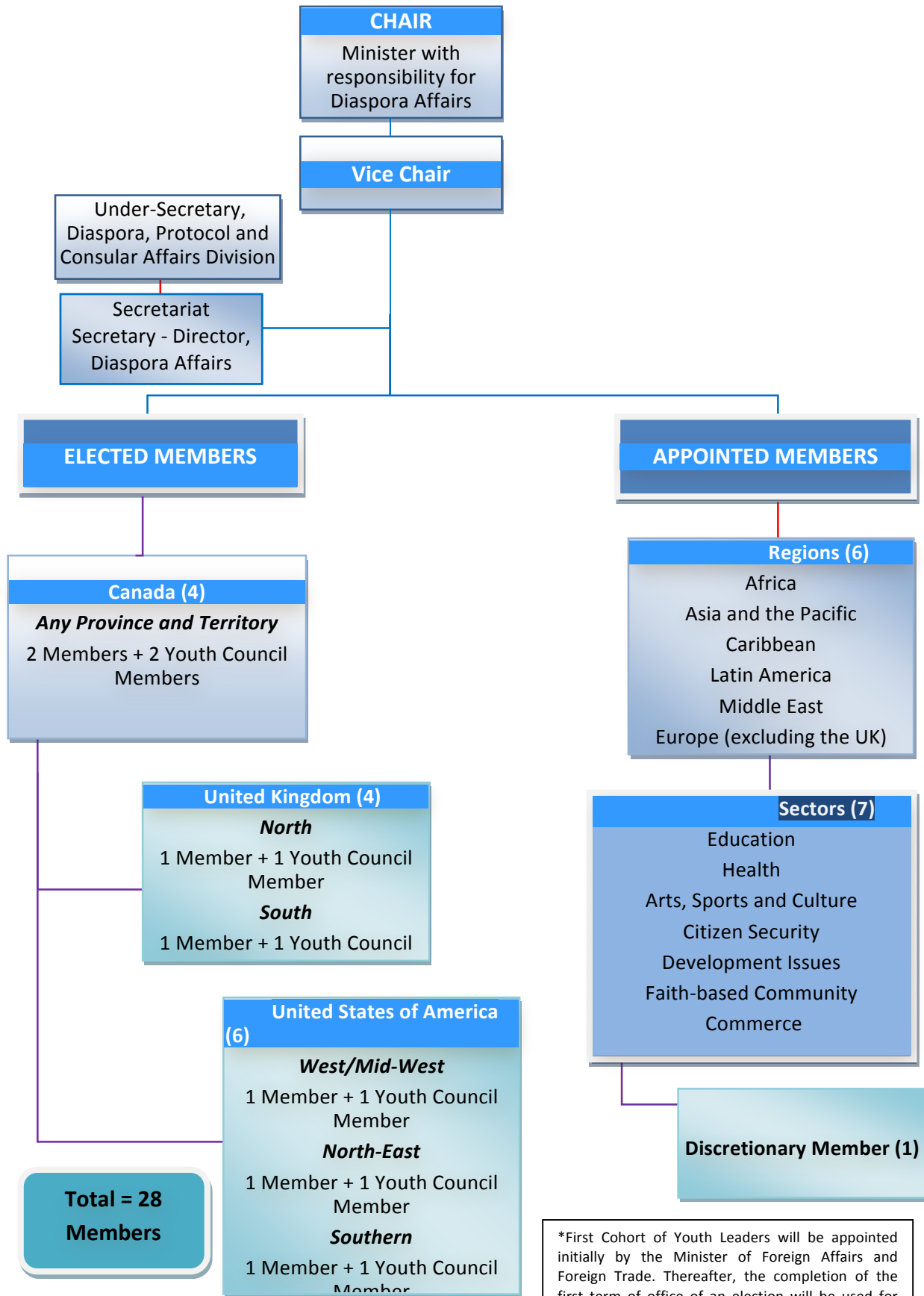
Membership of the Council will comprise 28 members, providing for global representation and expertise drawn from principal social and economic development sectors. This will include Diasporans from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East. It will further consist of Diasporans with a high level of proficiency in the following sectors: Education, Citizen Security, Health and Wellness, the Arts, Sports and Culture, the Faith-based Community, Development Issues and Commerce.

Young people between the ages of 18 and 35 years will continue to form part of the engagement structure, holding 7 seats on the new Council, as they remain critical to the sustainability of the Diaspora Movement.

With respect to the term of office, members will now serve for three years, compared with tenure of two years for the Diaspora Advisory Board. This longer term of office will allow members more time to achieve the agreed deliverables during their tenure.

The Global Jamaica Diaspora Council is a symbol of inclusivity, expansion and collaboration among and within the Jamaican Diaspora and reinforces the critical partnership between Jamaica and its Diaspora for national development.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE GLOBAL JAMAICA DIASPORA COUNCIL



*First Cohort of Youth Leaders will be appointed initially by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. Thereafter, the completion of the first term of office of an election will be used for selecting Leaders.