

Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Organization of American States



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Kingston, Jamaica, 1815 - While living in exile in Jamaica, Simon Bolivar wrote his famous 1815 Letter from Jamaica, in which he first expressed his vision for a unified hemisphere. The Organization of American States was eventually established to pursue Bolivar's vision of unity.



Bogota, Colombia, 1948 - Inauguration of the Ninth International Conference of American States. The OAS Charter was signed at this Conference.

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OAS Headquarters, Washington DC, USA, 1970 - Sir Egerton Richardson, Jamaica's first Ambassador to the Organization of American States, at the official ceremony of Jamaica's ratification of the OAS Charter and Protocols.

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OAS Headquarters, Washington DC, USA, 2009 - Unveiling of the Marcus Garvey Hall of Culture Plaque by Ambassador Anthony Johnson, former Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the OAS.

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"Our partnership with the OAS over almost 50 years has been a most valuable one. A review of OAS activities in Jamaica over the years demonstrates multiple benefits to our country and its people. We remain committed to working with the OAS in the achievement of our common goals and look forward to strengthening the partnership in the coming years".

Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade



OAS Headquarters, Washington DC, 2016 - Jamaica's Permanent Representative to the OAS, Ambassador Audrey Marks presents her credentials to Luis Almagro, OAS Secretary General.

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Kingston, Jamaica, 2018 - Nestor Mendez, OAS Assistant Secretary General and Senator, the Honorable Kamina Johnson Smith, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica before the activities in Jamaica to commemorate the OAS' 70th Anniversary.

"As the OAS celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year, the Organization remains resolutely committed to sustained implementation of its programs and initiatives which are geared to the holistic development of our human capital and the strengthening of growth sectors, acting on its core mandate to respond to the needs of the peoples of the Americas".

Nestor Mendez, OAS Assistant Secretary General



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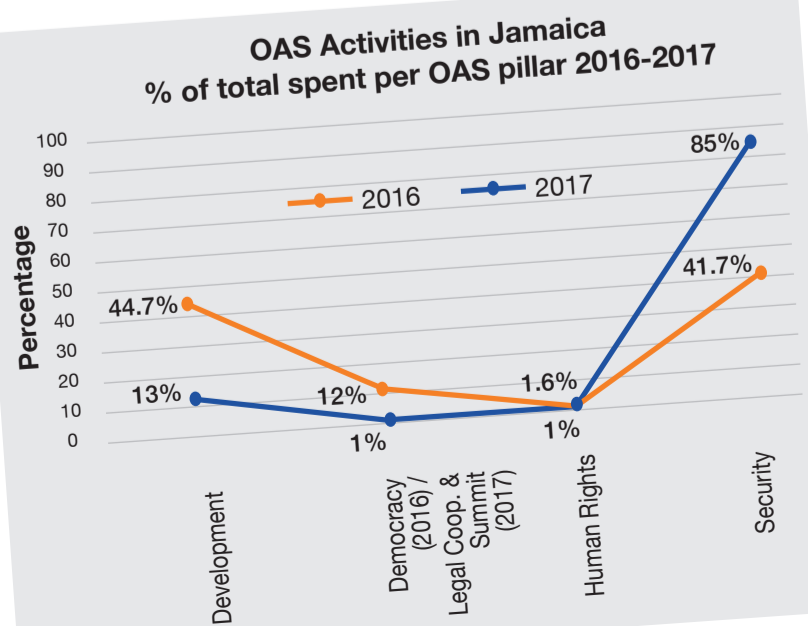


**Ensuring a Multidimensional Approach to Security
Fostering Integral Development and Prosperity**

**Promoting Democracy
Defending Human Rights**

"Our goal at the OAS is to bring the Organization closer to the people of our region, to address their real problems and to contribute, as an Organization, to tackle the main challenges of the 21st century". My guiding principle for the OAS is therefore: "More rights for more people."

Luis Almagro, OAS Secretary General



Kingston, Jamaica, 2016 - OAS election observers at a polling station, while observing the 2016 Parliamentary Election in Jamaica.