

# Country Report: JAMAICA

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## Our Island Jamaica...

- Population: 2.8 mil
- Percentage population covered by free to air analogue TV: 80 percent
- Percentage population covered by cable TV: 80 percent
- Percentage population covered by satellite TV: less than 5 percent

## Migration to Digital Terrestrial Tv

- Migration to digital terrestrial TV to start 2015
- No decision taken on standard yet. DSO technical sub-committee in the process of finalizing consultation document to present to the National Digital Switchover Steering Committee

## UHF & VHF band analogue TV used

- UHF
  - Channels 14-51 are free for assignment to digital terrestrial TV
- VHF
  - Channels 4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 and 13 are currently being used.

## Broadcasters

- State broadcasters: None
- Private broadcasters: 3, namely CVM, TVJ and Love TV
- No renewal of digital TV licenses

## Digital Band Use

- Jamaica has received a submission of interest for use of digital dividend bands in 700 MHz for mobile services. This is from one of the incumbents for band 17 of the 700 MHz band
- The administration has recently planned a channelization of the digital bands for mobile services. It is a variation of the existing US band plan for the 700 MHz band. The main difference is that it does not make any allocation for Public Protection and Disaster Relief.

**Thank You**