

## **Objectives of the Society**

The German-Jamaican Society, established in 1976, aims to strengthen relations, political, cultural, economic and social, between the Republic of Germany and Jamaica. The Society is a registered non-profit organisation.

There are members of the Society all over Germany. In some cities and regions the members meet occasional in regional groups.

The members, mostly Germans and Jamaicans living in Germany, come from all types of social background. Companies and associations too can apply for membership. One thing all members have in common is a strong affinity with Jamaica. It can be a personal holiday affair, political or business reason or just interest into the Caribbean Islands.

The Society endeavours to spread information about the current situation in Jamaica on a regular basis, particular through the "Newsletter", sent to the members on a regular base and the annual conference. The Society organizes seminars, conferences, exhibitions, lectures, it is strengthening the bilateral contacts through study tours to Jamaica, assists Jamaican students and trainees during the time spent in Germany, supports initiatives in the field of development aid to Jamaica.

The Society has no party-loyalty, it has close contacts with the Jamaican Embassy in Berlin. There are also friendly relations to the Jamaican-German Society in Kingston and to the Jamaican-German Cultural Centre in Montego Bay.