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FAMILY PLANNING BOARD COPS A TOP PRIZE IN ENVIRONMENT COMPETITION.

The National Family Planning Board (NFPB) took home the top prize in the Jamaica Energy Partners sponsored category Energy Conservation in the Jamaica Environmental Action Awards, held on June 24, 2010 at the Knutsford Court Hotel in Kingston. Sponsored by the Jamaica Environment Trust (JET), the awards competition aims to reward excellence in environmental protection by individuals, schools, businesses and agencies of which there were thirty-eight (38) entrants.

With eleven (11) categories outlined by the organisers, for this the inaugural staging of the competition, entrants were invited to either nominate or self-nominate in categories ranging from Most Environmentally Aware School; to Champion Environmental Teacher, to Youth Excellence in Marine Conservation, to Trees for the Future; to Water, Wildlife or Energy Conservation, to Waste Management among others. From a field of five (5) entrants in the category Energy Conservation, which included individuals, schools and organisations, the NFPB was recognised for its efforts at halving its energy consumption.

The country's lead family planning agency employed strategies such as reducing its opening hours, upgrading to a modern energy-efficient air conditioning system, installing photocells, and strategically placing reminders about conservation around the office.

Reacting to the win, an ecstatic Olivia McDonald, Executive Director made the announcement to the staff of the landmark entity. She offered her congratulations to the energy conservation team on a job that has been recognised.



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The Cross Roads-based public sector agency is responsible for the preparation, carrying out and promotion of the carrying out of family and population planning programmes in Jamaica. Like many other statutory bodies it receives a subvention from the Government of Jamaica for its various activities, and like other agencies has to employ creative measures to maximise its operational efficiency.

Along with a plaque the NFPB was presented with vouchers from Sangster's Book stores. Awards were sponsored by Total, the United States of America Embassy, First Caribbean International Bank, NCB Foundation, Wisynco, Jamaica Energy Partners, Nestle, IGL, Jamaica Producers, Environmental Foundation of Jamaica and Digicel Foundation.

Guest speaker at the event was Mr. Peter Moses, Citi Country Officer, Citibank.

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