

**Plant Quarantine Produce Inspection Branch**  
**Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Mining**

**Generic National System (GeNs)**  
**Jamaica's Experience**

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# Jamaica ePhyto -GeNs



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## Generic ePhyto National System (GeNS)

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Improving Safe Trade in Plant and Plant Products



International Plant Protection Convention  
*Protecting the world's plant resources from pests*



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- **Development -GeNS**
  - **What do we need to get establish on the GeNS?**
  - **How do we get there?**

Paper certificates



We are here



We need to get here



# Jamaica ePhyto –GeNs Cont'd

- **Project Initiation**
  - Indicate country interest to pilot GeNS
  - Engaged discussion at IPPC-CPM Rome - April 2019
- **Coaching Sessions**
  - USDA-APHIS - Christian Dellis
  - Christian was the key link between Jamaica and IPPC Engineers
  - Coaching and exchange of information 100% online
- **Planning (work phase)**
  - Developing country Profile
  - Preparation process took approximately two (2) months



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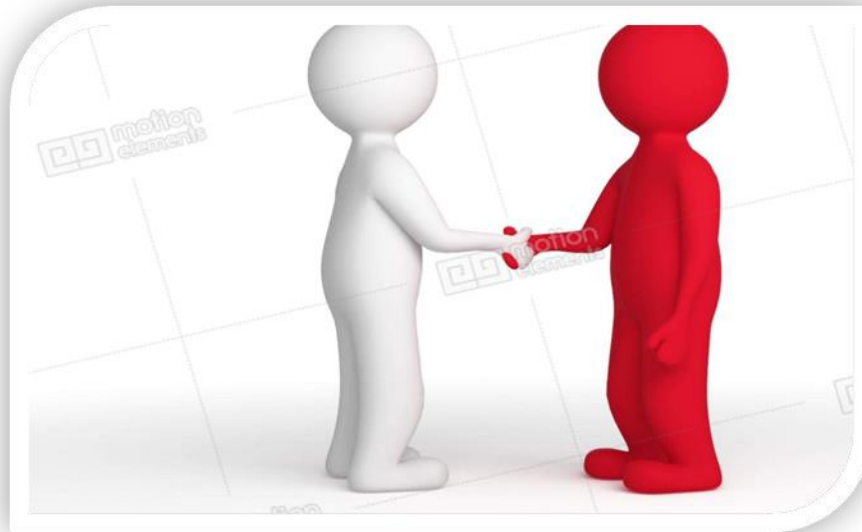


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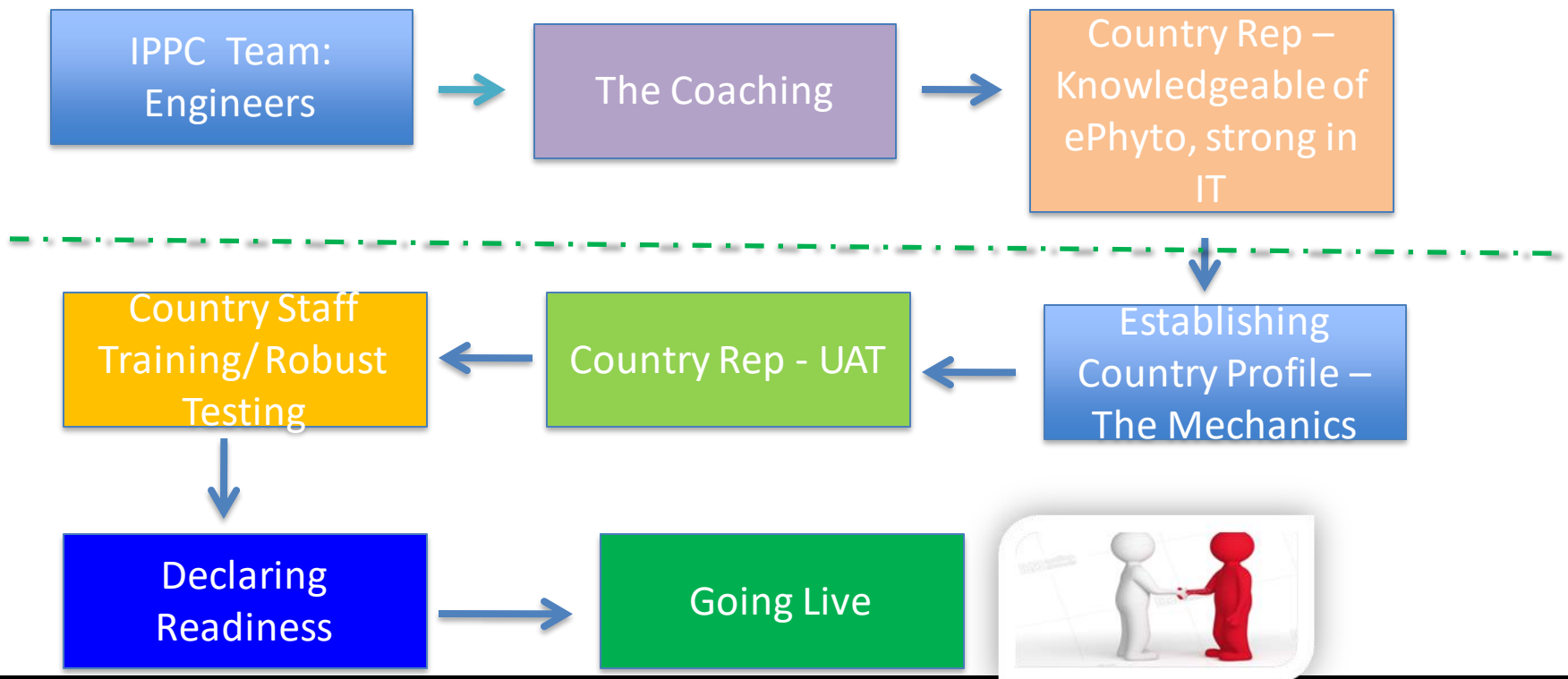
- **Implementation**

- Jamaica became Live in September 2019



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## Implementation Process: Realization in 8wks



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# Important Area of focus

Management Perspective and Charge

Implementing Technical Competence and Capacity

Change Management

Officers/Inspectors Perspective and Cooperation

Stakeholder Management/Promotion



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# Jamaica Trading ePhyto - The Experience

## Export ePhyto

- Exporting to 46 countries
- Produced 9419 certificates

## Import ePhytos

- Importing from 15 countries
- Imported 9400 certificates





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## Constraints

Over Coming the constraints take a team effort and buy-in at all levels



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# Lessons Learnt ePhyto

## Includes:

- Implementation can be done remotely
- Cost saving is substantial and meaningful
- We need the buy-in at all levels for it to work
- A country's legal framework can retard the process.
- Electronic system blend well with our Phytosanitary Systems



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**THANK YOU & QUESTIONS**