



Gov't to Conduct Pre-Feasibility Studies on Six Hydro Projects

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Story Highlights

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Minister with responsibility for Information, Senator the Hon. Sandra Falco made the disclosure at a recent Jamaica House press briefing, said that hydropower has been identified as one of the key local energy sources, which could contribute to the achievement of national energy targets.

“To further this process, support was received from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,” she informed.

The contract, in the sum of US\$1,159,665, will include assessment of sites at Green and Wild Cane Rivers, St. Thomas; Rio Cobre Dam Head; Catherine; Back Rio Grande Valley, Rio Grande Valley 1 and 2, and Swift River 1, Portland.

The National Energy Policy stipulates that at least 20 per cent of Jamaica's energy supply must come from renewable sources by 2030.