



9 Conclusion

The success of the targeted initiatives of the 2002-2007 UWI Strategic Plan is premised on the following requisites:

- upgrading of campus infrastructure
- expansion of student housing
- accommodation for student administrative services
- construction of a large multi-function facility to accommodate indoor sports, exhibitions/displays, graduation, exhibitions, etc.
- expansion of facilities for the Faculty of Social Sciences, and
- expansion of laboratory and office space and upgrade of classroom and library facilities at the Faculty of Medical Sciences.

While much has been undertaken in terms of expansion of student housing (with the commissioning of the 800-room Rex Nettleford Hall in 2002) and upgrading of the Campus infrastructure, very little has been achieved in

respect of the other requirements. The major cut (near 17%) of the 2004-05 budget, and with all indications being that the Jamaican government will be unable to increase its budgetary allocations to the Campus in the medium to long term, poses serious questions about the sustainability of the University's Strategic Plan. Much of the focus for academic year 2004-05 will be placed on intensifying the efforts to diversify and expand the Campus' funding sources so as to improve the Campus' advantage in the fiercely competitive global higher education marketplace.