



# BIOGRAPHY

## DR. THE HON. ANDREW WHEATLEY

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Minister of Science, Energy &  
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Dr. the Honourable Andrew Wheatley was born in Spanish Town, St. Catherine and received his early education at St. Catherine Preparatory, Braeton primary and junior high and St. Jago High School. At the tertiary level, he attended The University of the West Indies, Prairie View A & M in Texas (U.S.A.), and Imperial College at the University of London (England). Dr. Wheatley is an accomplished academic and a British Commonwealth Scholar.



He is the holder of a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry and Chemistry (Hons). He has a Doctorate in Basic Medicine from the University of the West Indies and Imperial College, University of London.

In his political life, Dr. Wheatley served as: Councillor of the Naggo Head Division of the St. Catherine Southern Constituency; Deputy Mayor of Spanish Town and Vice-Chairman of the St. Catherine Parish Council (June 2003 to 2005). From 2005 to 2012, he was the Mayor of Spanish Town and Chairman of the St. Catherine Parish Council. He was Vice-President of the Association of the Local Government Authorities of Jamaica (ALGAJ) from 2007 to 2012, and also the Opposition Spokesman on Science, ICT, Digital Society Development and the Environment.

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A Senior Lecturer in Basic Medicine and a Research Scientist at the University of the West Indies, his work includes studies in the areas of Diabetes Management, Reversal of the Effects of Cocaine Addiction, Genetic Engineering Against Disease and Stress conditions, Pharmaceutical properties of indigenous materials and tissue culturing. Dr. Wheatley has numerous publications in International Peer-Reviewed Journals and has two local and two international patents to his name.

His vision is for the Ministry to become the driving force that propels Jamaica's transition into a world-class society through innovation in its portfolio areas of Science, Energy and Technology, thereby creating avenues for employment and national development that ultimately Fuels Growth.