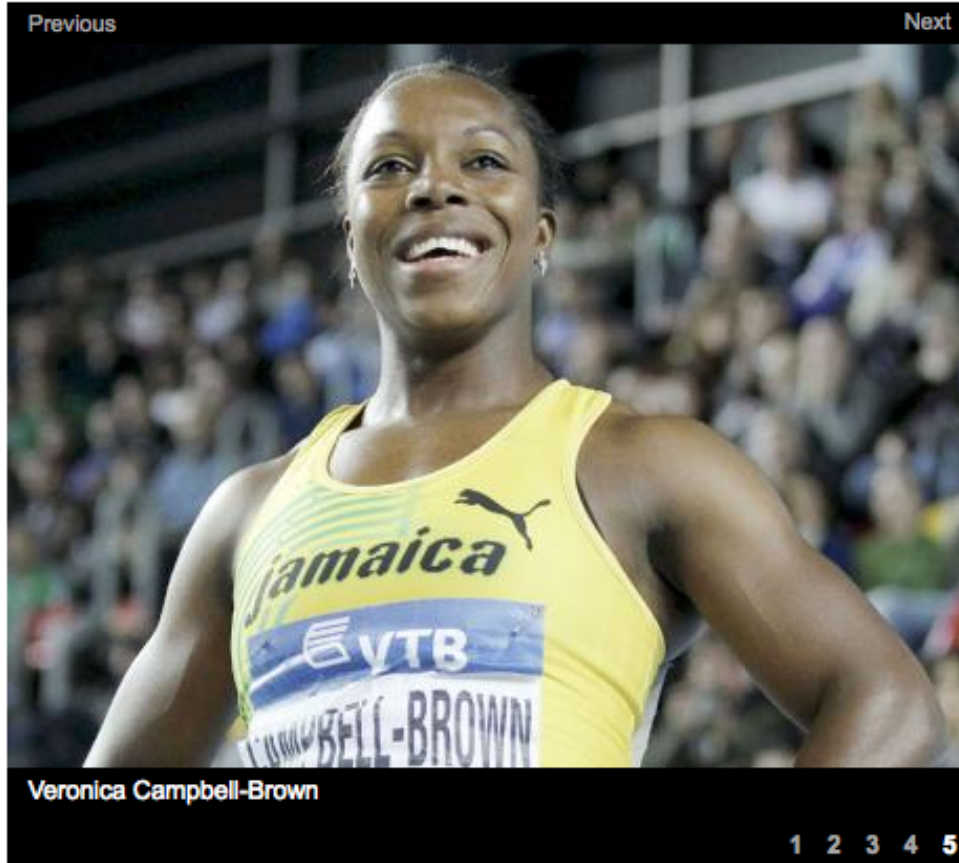


# PM Underlines Commitment To Sports - VCB Wins Courtney Walsh Award

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Prime Minister Portia Simpson Miller underscored the Government's commitment to the development of sports, pointing to the \$396 million state spend towards sports over the last fiscal year, during Thursday's Courtney Walsh Award for Excellence in Sports ceremony at The Jamaica Pegasus hotel.

Sprinting superstar Veronica Campbell-Brown, who was selected ahead of other nominees Nesta Carter and Stafanie Taylor for her successes over the years and her commitment to

community development, particularly with her work with challenged young women, won the award, which was in its eight staging.

Campbell-Brown became the fifth track and field athlete after Deon Hemmings-McCatty (2006), Brigitte Foster-Hylton (2009), Aleen Bailey (2010) and Dr Neil Gardner (2011) to receive the prestigious accolade, with Jimmy Adams (cricketer - 2005), Elaine Davis (netballer - 2007) and Nehemiah Perry (cricketer - 2008) being the other recipients.