SIDE EVENTS

CARIBBEAN POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS SYMPOSIUM – TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2014

The Census Symposium will provide a forum to discuss the current status of countries on the 2010 Population and Housing Census, the major challenges/best practices and key considerations for the 2020 Census. Deliberations at the symposium will therefore centre on the effectiveness of the training mechanisms, the state of preparedness of Census Maps, the content and length of the questionnaire, public education and sensitisation, dissemination and analysis of the results and the response to the Census. It is also the intention to prepare recommendations arising out of the deliberations that can lead to the outlining of the strategy and approaches for the 2020 Round of Census.

The symposium targets Directors of Statistics and the main officers that assisted with the conduct of the Census. Representatives from regional and international organisations will also be invited. The Provisional Agenda for the Census Symposium is found in Annex I.

REGIONAL STATISTICAL SEMINAR - 28 MAY 2014

This Regional Statistical Seminar would focus on contemporary issues and concerns in the production of official statistics. It will serve to foster the sharing of information and knowledge on new methodologies in statistics and on statistical techniques. Among the topics that should be on the agenda of the seminar are: Poverty Measurement, Labour Force Estimation and other related issues. The Seminar targets Directors of Statistics and other personnel from National Statistical Offices as well as representatives from regional and international organisations. The Agenda for this Seminar is attached at Annex II.

FIRST MEETING OF THE CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL STATISTICIANS (CAPS) – 29 MAY 2014

The call for the establishment of an association of professional statisticians was a major recommendation that came out of the First High Level Advocacy Forum on Statistics that was held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad in 2009. The Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (SCCS) and its subsidiary group the CARICOM Advisory Group on Statistics (AGS) followed through with this recommendation preparing By-Laws and Rules of Procedures as well as the organising of competitions for the selection of a Logo and a Motto. This First Meeting of the Caribbean Association of Professional Associations (CAPS) would serve to establish the relevant executive body which will then formally establish CAPS. It is expected that the By-Laws and the Rules of Procedures will be reviewed and approved and the work plan for CAPS would be
established to further the development of the profession and the discipline of statistics in the Region.

FOURTEENTH MEETING OF THE CARICOM ADVISORY GROUP ON STATISTICS-
30 MAY 2014

The CARICOM Secretariat will be convening the Fourteenth Meeting of the CARICOM Advisory Group on Statistics (AGS) on 30 May 2014. The Thirty-Eighth Meeting of the SCCS which was held in October 2013 in St. Kitts and Nevis approved the revised Terms of Reference for the AGS as well as made recommendations on the rotation of the membership. This Meeting targets Directors of Statistics/Chief Statisticians that are members of the AGS. The Fourteenth Meeting of the AGS will therefore serve as an orientation session for the new members, will also develop a draft work programme and will conduct an initial review of the Second High Level Advocacy Forum on Statistics and the other side events. The Secretariat would provide further information to the relevant countries that comprise the AGS.

The Secretariat is making efforts to obtain funding for one person, preferably the Director of Statistics/Chief Statistician of the National Statistical Office of each Member State to attend the Census Symposium and the Regional Statistical Seminar. Information on the success of these efforts will be communicated at a later date. Member States are, therefore, free to fund their nominees and to send additional representatives at their own expense to these meetings. It is also expected that Member States will fund the attendance of their participants at the First Meeting of CAPS and at the Fourteenth Meeting of the AGS.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FAIR FOCUSING ON STATISTICS - 26-28 MAY 2014

During the period 26-28 May 2014 Statistical Agencies, regional and international organisations and companies with Information and Technology (IT) services, tools, hardware and software products that impact the production, analysis and dissemination of statistics would be invited to display their products. Directors of Statistics of National Statistical Offices can inform the Secretariat if they wish to participate in the IT Fair or of organisations/companies which they would like to recommend.