



# CALL FOR PAPERS

## TWELFTH REGIONAL STATISTICAL RESEARCH SEMINAR

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat will be hosting the 12th Regional Statistical Research Seminar on Friday, November 1, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, 81 Knutsford Boulevard, Kingston, Jamaica.

### BACKGROUND

The Regional Statistical Research Seminar was created as an opportunity to address the challenge of limited capabilities to undertake research programmes faced by many National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in the region. This was discussed at the second meeting of the Advisory Group on Statistics (AGS) which was held in June 2008 in San Ignacio, Belize. A decision was taken by the AGS to conduct an initial research seminar in 2008 to coincide with the 33rd Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians and the 16th Regional Census Coordinating Committee Meetings held in Barbados.

The objectives of the research seminars are to facilitate discussions on issues of concern to statisticians and other data users in the region and to also highlight the role of research in improving the capabilities of statistical work from both data users and producers perspective. Some of the significant benefits that have been derived are: -

1. Enabling a better understanding of the data;
2. Allowing for methodological research; and
3. Facilitating the process of anonymisation/dissemination of microdata.

This year's research seminar will be held under the theme:

**“VULNERABILITIES AND RESILIENCE IN CARIBBEAN SOCIETIES”**

Vulnerabilities may be classified into three (3) broad categories: **Economic**, **Social** and **Environmental**. They are an inevitable part of the reality in the Region, and resilience to these

vulnerabilities will determine the level of development attained. The seminar will examine the different vulnerabilities facing Caribbean societies, and our level of resilience, now and in the future.

Submissions are invited for research papers or poster presentations based on empirical evidence and country case studies that address problems related to this year's theme. Academicians, research scholars, policy analysts, public sector workers, other allied researchers from other civil society organizations and especially graduate students conducting relevant research focusing on issues consistent with the theme are encouraged to submit abstracts. Please submit abstracts in accordance with the guidelines that are provided below.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT**

Authors interested in contributing a paper or poster for presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> Regional Statistical Research Seminar should submit

- (i) An extended abstract of not more than 500 words in electronic version to the Secretariat;  
and
- (ii) A full draft Paper (of approximately 2,000-4,000 words) in electronic version in advance of the seminar.

The abstract should include:

- Title of Presentation
- Name (s) of author(s) and affiliations (institutions and positions). It will be assumed that the first author listed will be the presenting author; if this is not the case, then the presenting author should be indicated.
- An email address for the corresponding author.
- Keywords (4-6 keywords).
- Each abstract must consist of the following:
  - Problem Statement
  - Aim
  - Methodology
  - Findings/Results
  - Conclusion
  - A comparative analysis where feasible.

- Short biography of author(s) (150 words maximum)
- A cover letter indicating that the author(s) have agreed to the submission and give their permission for the abstract to be published in the 12<sup>th</sup> Regional Statistical Research Seminar booklet.

**All submissions are to be uploaded in Microsoft Word format and emailed by Friday, 20 September 2019.** Files should be sent for the attention of:

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**Submissions will not be accepted if they fail to satisfy the guidelines that have been set**

### **Sample of Abstract Submission Format:**

***Title of Paper:***

Characteristic Features, Temporal Patterns and Lessons to be Learnt: The Case of Fatal Road traffic Crashes in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago

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***Keyword:***

Road traffic crashes, Road fatalities, Road safety, Caribbean

***Abstract:***

**Problem Statement:** There is a paucity of research on the dynamics of fatal road traffic crashes in Caribbean societies. Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago are the two largest Anglophone Caribbean countries where there have been some recognition of this scourge and evidence of intervention strategies geared towards yielding more positive outcomes.

**Aim:** For Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, the paper seeks to throw light on the main features and temporal attributes of traffic crashes and fatalities, particularly with regard to similarities and differences. Observed differences are highlighted and associated with plausible factors that may be country-specific.

**Methodology:** Data were obtained from the Ministry of Transport and Works in Jamaica and the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service in Trinidad and Tobago. SPSS data files were established capturing cases of fatalities that occurred between 2005 and 2010. Descriptive and multivariate statistics permit analyses that have implications for ameliorative strategies in Caribbean jurisdictions.

**Results/Findings:** The evidence is consistent with a higher fatality rate in Trinidad and Tobago. For both countries, fatalities occurred more frequently on Saturdays than on any other day of the week. While in Jamaica, the majority of fatalities occurred in the early evening hours, the majority in Trinidad and Tobago occurred in late evening pre-dawn hours.

**Conclusions:** The paper hinges upon the premise that greater variability has implications for directing ameliorative measures especially when such variable patterns are consistent despite across periods.

### **Important Deadline Dates**

<b>Submission of Abstract:</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2019
<b>Notification of Acceptance/Rejection of Abstract:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019
<b>Final Submission of Full Paper:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> October, 2019
<b>Research Seminar Date:</b>	Friday, 1 November 2019
<b>Venue:</b>	The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel 81 Knutsford Blvd, Kingston 5 Jamaica
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A discussant will be assigned to review each paper and to make some brief comments after the presentation. The presentation should be no more than fifteen (15) minutes and the discussant will be given ten (10) minutes to comment.

A limited number of Papers would be selected for presentations at the Seminar. Other Papers not selected would be distributed at the Seminar and included for dissemination as part of the outputs of the Seminar or other appropriate peer review. This is to allow for adequate time for substantive discussions.