

6. Facilitates, coordinates and strengthens representation with respect to external partners

The CARICOM RSDS includes strategies to strengthen relationships and foster engagements among Member States, development partners, and the larger international statistical community.

7. Highlights South-South cooperation as a means of strengthening statistical capacity

This includes the strengthening of statistical capacity across the Region and the sharing of best practices.



8. Serves as a framework for the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda at the regional level



A regional approach for CARICOM for implementation and monitoring of the SDGs must include sustained strengthening of the national and regional statistical systems which

generate official statistics as a central element of the statistics architecture. Accordingly, given the paucity of financial and human resources, providing critical support constitutes an imperative. The CARICOM RSDS offers a useful framework in this regard.

9. Adds value through the more efficient use of resources in the production of harmonised intra-regional statistics



An overarching framework for statistics development can enhance and promote regional solutions and approaches to statistics development, strengthen the weaker national statistical/offices and systems, and enable the achievement of economies of scale.

10. Unifies, Transforms and Modernises the CARICOM Statistical System (CSS)

The CARICOM RSDS constitutes the shared foundation upon which the Region's statistical capacity will be developed. It is therefore critical that once formulated, it is adopted at the highest political level of CARICOM, along with the commitment of resources for its implementation.



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The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Regional Strategy for the development of Statistics (RSDS) is a **Masterplan to Strategically support the Modernisation and Transformation of the CARICOM Statistical System (CSS)**.

The CARICOM RSDS draws from a number of guiding principles and imperatives committed to by the Region. In addition to these principles, the following include some of the benefits of the CARICOM RSDS:

Benefits

1. A Strengthened CARICOM Statistical System (CSS) that responds to the statistical requirements of the Regional Development Agenda

The CARICOM RSDS seeks to strengthen the National and Regional Statistical Systems to better respond to the statistical requirements of the regional development agenda. Some of the data required to inform the regional development agenda may not be currently available among Member States. RSDSs are appropriate instruments to address this challenge and to assist in the narrowing of statistical development gaps.

2. Comparability of data in and across all Member States

Comparability of data will be achieved through the formulation, implementation and monitoring of regional policies that would require harmonised and comparable data in all Member States. The CARICOM RSDS would identify regional strategies and activities that would harmonise conceptual frameworks, methods, and tools for ensuring data comparability. This may also include the adoption of binding statistical regulations in conformity with recommendations and international standards.



3. Strengthened links and convergence between the regional and national levels

As the CARICOM RSDS implies, increased close cooperation and collaboration among Member States will be strengthened.



4. The Pooling of statistical skills, expertise and resources at the regional level

One of the value-added aspects of regional statistical cooperation which must be a critical part of the CARICOM RSDS is the identification and pooling of human resources in possession of the statistical skills and expertise needed in the Region (e.g. demographers, national accountants, survey experts, gender specialists, etc.). These experts will be deployed in Member States and/or in “regional training centres”.



5. Developed and Enabled Statistical tools and services at the regional level

The CARICOM RSDS will enable the development of statistical tools and services that are more cost effective than at the national level. Likewise, it will contribute to strengthening statistical capacities and promote harmonisation.

