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Special Edition Pull-Out—Caribbean Statistics Day 2018

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat convened the following meetings at the **Conference Centre, Little Bay, Montserrat** in October 2018:-

- **Forty-Third Meeting of the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (SCCS) - 22-24 October 2018;**
- **Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Regional Census Coordinating Committee (RCCC) -25 October 2018; and**
- **Eleventh Regional Statistical Research Seminar – 26 October 2018.**

These meetings were preceded by the **Twenty-Third Meeting of the CARICOM Advisory Group on Statistics (AGS)**, which presented its recommendations to the Forty-Third SCCS for consideration and adoption.

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The theme for the Forty-Third SCCS Meeting focused on the overarching theme of the CARICOM Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics (RSDS), ***“Building Resilience of the Caribbean Community”***. The emphasis was on the Strategic Framework of the CARICOM RSDS which received solid endorsement at the Thirty-Ninth Regular Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM in July 2018.

The endorsement of the CARICOM RSDS at the highest political level of CARICOM presented a firm mandate to strengthen, on a sustainable basis, the statistical capacity and to build upon statistical initiatives and frameworks already developed to improve the range and quality of statistics for evidence-based decision-making. The Meeting also focused on the progress of work done by Member States and the CARICOM Secretariat and took decisions as required on various areas of statistics and related developmental activities in progress or planned.

CARICOM RSDS – UPDATE ON NEXT STEPS

Implementation Plan

During the series of meetings held in October 2018, the Advisory Group on Statistics held a brainstorming session to continue work on the preparation of a Draft Implementation Plan for the CARICOM RSDS. Some initial work began at the 22nd AGS held in July 2018 in Guyana. Some of the initial outputs considered for inclusion in this preliminary Implementation Plan were as follows:-

- Regional and international statistical standards adopted and implemented by Member States;
- CARICOM Quality assurance framework and Code of Good Statistical Practices implemented across all Member States;
- Updated Statistics legislation conforming to CARICOM Model Statistics Bill and other similar guiding legislation;

- Data systems developed to ensure effective data sharing;
- MOUs developed and implemented;
- Legislation to effect coordination/ an integrated NSS in place;
- Regional public goods developed and implemented;
- South-South cooperation/Centres of Excellence and other similar regionally coordinated programmes enabled;
- Envelope of resources available regionally or individually made mutually beneficial to the development of all Member States;
- Strategic partnerships in support of the development of Statistics in CARICOM identified and expanded.

During its meeting, the SCCS expressed support for the preparatory work done by the AGS on the development of the Implementation Plan for the CARICOM RSDS.

Communication and Advocacy Plan

The SCCS/AGS were also informed of the work being put in place supported by Statistics Canada under the Project for the Regional Advancement of Statistics in the Caribbean (PRASC) in the development of the Communication and Advocacy Plan for the CARICOM RSDS. Some of the highlights of the Plan include:

- Purpose - to raise awareness of the CARICOM RSDS among key stakeholders of Statistics such as Governments of Member States and Associate Members, CARICOM Institutions and other Users;
- Overall Goal - to spread the key message of ***Building Resilience of the Caribbean Community*** which is the overarching goal of the CARICOM RSDS and to increase the understanding of data in decision-making and policy decisions;

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- Objectives of the plan were also identified including leveraging of all the Organs and Bodies of CARICOM and statistical experts/staff within the National Statistical Systems (NSS) to help promote the role of Statistics in CARICOM and to share RSDS success stories;
- Building a statistical advocacy framework to engage key influencers and raise awareness of the importance and use of statistics;
- Advocacy for statistical literacy; and
- Potential communication and advocacy products, key messages and target audience were also identified.

CARICOM THIRD HIGH LEVEL ADVOCACY FORUM ON STATISTICS

The SCCS also endorsed plans for the convening of the **CARICOM Third High Level Advocacy Forum (HLF)** on Statistics to focus on Resource Mobilisation for the implementation of the CARICOM RSDS. This forum is being planned for the first quarter of 2019 and will be hosted by the Government of Grenada on February 22, 2019.

2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The SCCS noted the decisions of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) at its Thirty-Fourth Meeting held in May 2018, which included the approval of the draft list of 109 Core indicators for the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in CARICOM, plus the sixteen (16) proposed by Suriname—a total of 125 unique SDG Indicators.

The SCCS also considered the report on work done by the CARICOM Technical Working Group on the SDG (TWG-SDGs) Indicators. It was noted that work has continued on assessing the availability of the CARICOM Core SDG Indicators. The Secretariat has since produced a publication summarising the availability of the initial set of 109 core indicators showing: *the number currently produced, available but not produced and not*

available/not produced. This information on data availability was provided at the CARICOM level and by Member States. The Secretariat will commence the baseline assessment of the core indicators through reviewing from its own database of Economic, Social, Environment and ICT Statistics, baseline values of indicators produced and submitted by countries in these areas of statistics. The baseline would be for the year 2000 to obtain a suitable trend to analyse the status prior to 2015.

The core SDG Indicators available and produced by Member States will be collected by the Secretariat. It was also noted that the Secretariat would seek funding for capacity-building on the core SDG indicators that are available but not currently produced or not available/not produced in countries. The SCCS commended the work of the TWG-SDGs and the CARICOM Secretariat on the identification of the core SDG Indicators. It is expected that the work of the TWG-SDGs will be fundamental in providing the technical support that would be required on the developmental activities.



Participants in session during 43rd SCCS Meeting

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED BY THE SCCS

There were discussions on the progress in Economic, Social/Gender, Environment and ICT Statistics, on the CARICOM Quality Assurance Framework, the Regional Statistical Work Programme and other regional developmental initiatives. Reports were received on statistical initiatives of International Development Partners.

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TWENTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE RCCC

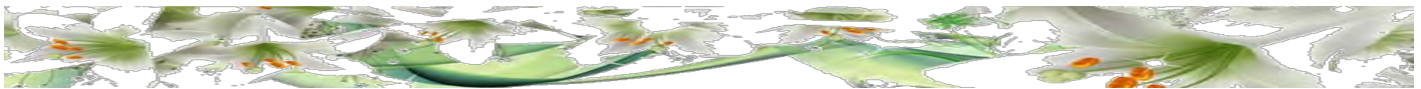
The Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Regional Census Coordinating Committee (RCCC) focused on advancing preparations for the 2020 Round of Population and Housing Censuses in CARICOM through the regionally-coordinated strategy of support, the state of preparedness in countries and initiatives by IDPs.

Critically, the CARICOM Regionally-Coordinated Census Strategy for the 2020 Round was the focus of this meeting relative to support that will be available to countries through the preparation of

regional public goods, in-country technical assistance and statistical cooperation among countries.

The 2020 CARICOM Regional Strategy incorporates the following:

- A Project Management Framework;
- Support to Mapping/GIS;
- Support to Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) inclusive of a Management Framework;
- Communication and Advocacy support; and
- Enabling timely Census dissemination, analysis and promotion of the use of the Census results including the upgrading/enhancement and populating of the Census e-portal.



INAUGURAL PRAYMA BLAIZE-CARRETTE MEMORIAL LECTURE

The late former Chief Statistician of the Central Statistics Office, Dominica



The **Prayma Blaize-Carette Memorial Lecture Series** seeks to remember in a meaningful way the contribution that one of our fallen stalwarts has made to statistics in her home country, the Commonwealth of Dominica and in CARICOM. It was launched during the 43rd Meeting of the SCCS held in Montserrat in October 2018 with the delivery of an inaugural lecture by Dr. Philomen Harrison, Project Director, Regional Statistics Programme, CARICOM Secretariat. Mr. Iwan Sno, Director, General Bureau of Statistics, Suriname and Mr. Halim Brizan delivered a rendition in song.

Ms. Carrette who passed away in October 2018 was remembered as *“a trailblazer for statistics in CARICOM, tirelessly advancing the work in statistics, conducting research and development geared to improve Statistics in Dominica and by*

extension, in CARICOM”.

The inaugural lecture highlighted Ms. Carrette’s public career, and selected statistical initiatives that she undertook and the lessons that can be learnt from her work and her leadership of the Central Statistical Office, Dominica.

In particular, attention was drawn to her contribution on the approach to be taken in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) to classify Statistics by the urban rural dichotomy. The late Chief Statistician had presented the methodology to classify the geographic areas in Dominica by Urban/Rural profile to the CARICOM Advisory Group on Statistics, to the SCCS, to the meeting to develop the CARICOM Common Census Questionnaire in 2017 in Barbados and to the TWG-SDGs Meeting in Dominica also in 2017.

The SDGs that are guiding our development world over, require indicators by geographic area and the Urban/Rural Classification Methodology developed in Dominica will be useful for that purpose across the Region and maybe internationally.

This inaugural lecture also highlighted Ms. Carrette’s work in the area of International Trade in Services, Disability Statistics and in the pursuit of Gender Statistics.

Ms. Carrette will be fondly remembered for her sterling contributions towards further enabling the development of Statistics in Dominica and in the Region.



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e-Caribbean Institute for Statistical Training and Research (e-CISTAR) – a Virtual Statistical Office

The CARICOM Regional Statistics Programme (RSP) is in the process of transforming its Help Desk to a virtual Caribbean Institute of Statistical Training and Research (e-CISTAR). The origins of the e-CISTAR dates back to the Sixth Meeting of the SCCS at which a preparatory committee for the establishment of a physical CISTAR considered a proposal. The proposed plan of action for the CISTAR after presentation to the Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the Common Market Council in 1985 was then presented to the Sixth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM. The major challenge with the CISTAR was the long-term financial implications relative to its operation.

The e-CISTAR was revived as a key recommendation coming out of the Caribbean Conference on the Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics convened jointly by the CARICOM Secretariat and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) in Barbados during 7-9 September 2016, which had five (5) themes including Capacity-Building. Given the advances in Information Technology, the opportunity to develop an e-CISTAR can now be pursued and will be in effect a Virtual Statistical Office focused on training and related support to the CARICOM Statistical System (CSS) as part of the CARICOM RSDS. Having a virtual training centre will considerably lessen the cost of a physical training centre.

There was a soft launch of the e-CISTAR in June 2018 which is currently available on the website of the RSP at the following link, <http://www.caricomstats.org/E-CISTAR/>. The substantive content of the e-CISTAR has to be fully developed in collaboration with IDPs, regional academic institutions in order for it to be functional.

Some of the key features of the e-CISTAR are identified below:-

WHAT IS THE e-CISTAR?

The **e-CISTAR** is an e-platform for Statistical Training and Research in the Caribbean. Some of the key functions would be:

- To provide access to training of staff of the CARICOM Statistical System (CSS) including the National Statistical Systems (NSS) in Member States/Associate Members and other CARICOM agencies with statistical units;
- To enhance the availability of statistical resources and the sharing of knowledge through a **Knowledge Base** to support the production and dissemination of statistics in the CSS;
- To facilitate networking on statistical issues and concerns, the sharing of best practices across the CSS and the facilitation of exchange visits and attachments linked to **Centres of Excellence** in NSOs/NSS;
- To provide access to and to support the conduct of **applied statistical research and analysis** as a support service required to be conducted by countries to enable the adoption of regional and international work programmes, recommendations and related statistical analysis and research.

HOW IS IT GOING TO BE DEVELOPED?

The **e-CISTAR** will be developed in phases which will take into consideration the work that has already commenced to modernise the website of the CARICOM RSP and preliminary work on the transformation of its online Help Desk to an online Knowledge Base (KB). The development of the **e-CISTAR** will involve substantive work both in terms of the production of content, issues pertaining to the certification of regional online training courses and the actual design of the platform.

Specifically, the activities related to statistical training will require the inputs of universities of the region, as it may relate to the development of courses in statistics and certification. It is intended to undertake a series of consultative meetings with key stakeholders including the universities to inform on these areas.



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Regional Training Workshop on the Use of Geographic Information System (GIS)

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat convened the CARICOM Regional Training Workshop on the use of Geographic Information System (GIS) in Modernisation of the Population and Housing Census Round, from **3-6 December 2018 in Bridgetown, Barbados**.



The four-day Workshop which was held in support of the 2020 Census Round CARICOM regionally-coordinated approach was funded primarily by the Inter-American Development Bank under the **Regional Non-reimbursable Technical Cooperation Project, Common Census Framework 2.0 - Support to CARICOM Regionally Coordinated Census Strategy**. The training was facilitated by the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) supported by Spatial Innovation.

The Workshop was also a follow-up to the CARICOM Census Management Workshop held in July 2018 in Georgetown, Guyana that was held collaboratively with a number of development partners particularly, Canada and ESRI.

The objective of this activity was to provide countries with a broad overview of the application of GIS in a Census activity and hands on experience in areas such as geo-database management and dissemination and map editing.

A total of thirteen (13) countries as well as the CARICOM Secretariat participated in this Training with over fifteen (15) persons benefiting from this activity.

Mini-Launch of the Italy/IDB Project to Support Statistical Capacity for CARICOM Countries

The CARICOM Secretariat and the Government of Italy through the National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT) have embarked on the project “**CARICOM Capacity-Building in Statistics**”. The twelve (12) months project was launched at a meeting convened by the Secretariat in Barbados during the period 10-13 December 2018.



The Secretariat also entered into an agreement with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) on the project entitled “**Support to Statistical Capacity in CARICOM Countries**” which will complement the support being provided by the ISTAT Project. The purpose of the meeting was to present the backgrounds and objectives of both projects and to discuss the activities to be carried out for each of the areas of cooperation already identified, that is, statistics on gender, environment and agriculture. The objective of the launch was to :-

- Identify the needs and define the strategy;
- Discuss the organisation and management of the projects; and
- Draft the plan of activities (including resources allocation and activities breakdown).

During the meeting, there were country presentations by three (3) countries namely Barbados, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago on the work being done in these countries in the above three areas of cooperation.



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Past Events

CARICOM Countries' Participation in the 2017 Cycle of the International Comparison Program (ICP)

The International Comparison Programme (ICP) is a global initiative with the main objective of providing comparable price and volume measures of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and its expenditure aggregates among countries within and across regions, by deriving Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs). It is being coordinated through a partnership with international, regional, sub-regional and national agencies. The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) is the lead coordinator for the ICP for the Latin America and the Caribbean Region. The CARICOM Secretariat has been collaborating with ECLAC in terms of coordinating the ICP activities being undertaken by CARICOM countries.

PPPs measure the total amount of goods and services that one unit of a country's money can purchase in another country. They provide more accurate measures than market exchange rates that do not account for price differentials. The PPPs are used to convert GDP into a common currency across all countries.

The ICP requires the conduct of the following surveys:

- Main Price Survey: Household Consumption survey
- Special Price surveys:
 - Private Education Survey
 - Government Survey
 - Housing Rents Survey
 - Housing Volume Survey
 - Construction Survey
 - Machinery and Equipment Survey.



The Regional Statistics Programme (RSP) of the CARICOM Secretariat convened an e-meeting in November 2017 to review the Regional list of products created for the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) Region and to make recommendations for additions to this list based on products that are important in the CARICOM region. The recommended list was further refined at an e-meeting convened in January 2018 and presented at the Second Technical Meeting for the LAC Region of the ICP held in Panama during the period 7-10 May 2018. At this meeting, the decision was taken to include all the additional products in this list to the current LAC Regional list of products.

The third technical meeting for the LAC countries was held in Bogota, Columbia during the period 10-13 December 2018. This third meeting focused mainly on the validation of prices collected under the special surveys.

During this meeting, it was also agreed that the LAC region would be transitioning to a continuous rolling survey approach in future cycles of the ICP. With respect to the CARICOM countries, it was noted that there is still need to strengthen capacity in the area of National Accounts, specifically expenditure of the GDP up to the basic Headings to enable reliable estimates of these basic headings. A recommendation was also made for a specialist technical person dedicated to work in the region to provide support and for a train-the-trainers workshop since this would be needed if CARICOM countries are to effectively participate in the continuing rounds of the ICP.

Rolling Survey approach

One-third of the items on the Household consumption survey will be collected in year T-1, one-third of items in Year T (reference year) and one-third of items in Year T+1. It was recommended to collect one-third of these items for all four quarters over the three-year period. The special surveys will be conducted in Year T.



Future Events

Regional Workshop on “Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Indicator 2.a.1 – Agriculture Orientation Index for Government Expenditures”

The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat has entered into an Agreement with the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) towards the organisation of a Regional Workshop in support of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 2.a, which aims to “increase investment, including through enhanced international cooperation in rural infrastructure, agricultural research and extension services, technology development and plan and livestock gene banks in order to enhance agricultural productive capacity in developing countries, in particular least developed countries.”

The FAO is the custodian of the SDG Indicator 2.a.1 – Agriculture Orientation Index (AOI) for Government Expenditures. It contributes to the monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal 2 to “End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.”

The Workshop is tentatively scheduled for 22-24 May 2019 in Georgetown, Guyana. The overall objective of the workshop is to train national experts of Caribbean countries on compiling Government Expenditure on Agriculture (GEA) data and SDG 2.a.1 and reporting to the international agencies. The expected outcomes from this activity include:

- Increased capacity within participating Caribbean states in compiling GEA data and the

- Enhanced knowledge and understanding of the process of compiling Government Finance Statistics (GFS).

Funding as well as training materials and instructors for the Workshop is being provided by the FAO.



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Future Meetings - January - July 2019

- Third High Level Advocacy Forum on Statistics, 22 February 2019 and High Level Seminar, 21 February 2019
- Regional Workshop on “Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Indicator 2.a.1 – Agriculture Orientation Index for Government Expenditures, 22-24 May 2019.

Forthcoming Publications

- National Accounts Digest; 2010—2017 Vol. I
- Crime Statistics CARICOM Members States & Associate Members: 2000—2014
- CARICOM Intra-Regional Trade:2012-2017

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM) AMBASSADOR IRWIN LAROCQUE ON THE OCCASION OF THE TENTH OBSERVANCE OF CARIBBEAN STATISTICS DAY 15 OCTOBER 2018

Just as in 2016 and 2017, this year's observance of Caribbean Statistics Day takes place against the background of another significant achievement for Statistics in the Community. CARICOM Heads of Government at their Thirty-Ninth Regular Meeting (Jamaica, July 2018) endorsed the Strategic Framework for the Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics (RSDS) in CARICOM. The endorsement of the RSDS initiative is in addition to their support for the Action Plan for Statistics at their Thirty-Seventh Regular Meeting in 2016 and for the preparation of the CARICOM RSDS at their Thirty-Eighth Regular Meeting in 2017.

The CARICOM RSDS is essentially a regional strategic plan aimed at strengthening and improving the availability of statistics for evidence-based decision-making. With an overarching theme, "Building the Resilience of the Caribbean Community", the CARICOM RSDS contains strategies to modernise and transform the CARICOM Statistical System (CSS) in alignment with regional and national priorities. The Tenth Observance of Caribbean Statistics Day features that identical theme.

The CARICOM RSDS is central to the advancement of the regional integration process through making available harmonised, intra-regional statistics to guide and monitor its progress.

As Secretary-General of CARICOM, I support the strides that are being undertaken in this regard, led by the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (SCCS) since they can result in a more resilient and prosperous Community for all our people.

Developing countries the world over, including those of CARICOM, continue to face increasing demands for statistics that must be timely and reliable.

In addition to the requirements of statistics to inform domestic policies, Member States are faced with new

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demands for data for the monitoring of international development objectives, particularly for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

For Small Island and Low-Lying Coastal Developing States (SIDS), such as those of CARICOM, that face challenges including vulnerability to natural disasters, to external economic and financial shocks and to deteriorating terms of trade due to changes in commodity prices, the need for statistics to evaluate empirically the effects of these problems is even more critical.

Strong regional statistical co-operation can be beneficial in ensuring that the national statistical systems produce the data required for evidenced-based decision-making and for monitoring of the regional and international development goals. Statisticians of the Region have succeeded in building a foundation upon which sustainable statistical capacity can be achieved.

This is through the implementation of strategic priorities that are grounded in effective governance arrangements based on international statistical standards of quality and the use of innovative and integrated statistical systems and approaches.

Communication and Advocacy, the mainstreaming of the SDGs and Gender, and the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in the compiling and disseminating of systems of Statistics are all integral parts of the CARICOM RSDS.

Statisticians of CARICOM must be applauded for their continued efforts in engaging in such strategic initiatives to fill the data needs of the Region all in an effort to improve the lives of the people of our Community.



Observance of Caribbean Statistics Day

The observance of Caribbean Statistics Day (CSD) by National Statistics Offices and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat was agreed to by the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (SCCS) at its Thirty-Third Meeting in Barbados in October 2008. The SCCS agreed that Caribbean Statistics Day would be commemorated annually on 15 October.

The rationale for the observance is to highlight statistics and its crucial role across a wide spectrum of activities – from daily decision-making faced by individuals, businesses, students, etc. to planning, policy-making and analysis and research activities of governments, academia and other users.

The objectives of CSD include facilitating the placement of statistics high on the development agenda in countries; encouraging and developing a culture of statistics among the population and fostering

increased collaboration with data producing/statistical units in line ministries and other agencies and departments of governments.

2018 marked the Tenth Observance of CSD and the CARICOM Secretariat and NSOs across the region commemorated the observance on Monday, 15th October 2018 under the theme “***Building Resilience of the Caribbean Community***”, which is the overarching theme of the CARICOM Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics (RSDS).

In addition to the preparation and dissemination of the Message from the Secretary-General, CARICOM on the observance of CSD 2019, the schedule of activities at the Secretariat included an In-House Seminar and Exhibitions at the two (2) Secretariat offices, the latter of which ran throughout the week (15-19 October 2018).



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Caribbean Statistics Day Observance at the CARICOM Secretariat

In-House Seminar



The Regional Statistics Programme hosted an In-House seminar on Monday, 15th October 2018 which featured presentations on the CARICOM *RSDS - Next Steps* and the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Where are we now?* The Seminar was aimed at updating staff members on both the status of work on the CARICOM RSDS since the endorsement of the Strategic Framework by CARICOM Heads of Government and on the next steps to be undertaken in implementing the Strategy.

With regards to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, a presentation was made highlighting the work undertaken on the CARICOM Core SDG Indicators (prior to and following the endorsement of the Core SDG Indicators by the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD).



Mr. Christopher Richards, Regional Statistics Programme delivering some comments during the seminar.



CARIBBEAN STATISTICS DAY 2018
IN-HOUSE SEMINAR
ON

**THE CARICOM REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR
THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS (RSDS)**
Next Steps...

&

**THE 2030 AGENDA FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Monday, 15th October 2018
Room 508, Annex
10:00 a.m.

"Building Resilience of the Caribbean Community"



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... Observance at the CARICOM Secretariat In-House Exhibitions

The RSP also showcased statistics internally by setting up displays exhibiting key statistical outputs at the Secretariat's Headquarters and Annex buildings throughout the week of 15-19 October 2018.

This also included a recurring digital display at the Secretariat Headquarters Building for the entire period.



Highlights: Activities in Observance of Caribbean Statistics Day by some CARICOM Countries



Grenada

In observance of Caribbean Statistics Day 2018, the Central Statistical Office of Grenada hosted a number of activities in collaboration with the Project for the Regional Advancement of Statistics in the Caribbean (PRASC) and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS). These activities included the Launch of the new website Stats.gov.gd; the roll-out of a Secondary School Awareness Campaign to highlight the value and

importance of Statistics and also promote careers in Statistics (this Campaign is intended to be extended to other schools over the course of 2019 and onwards for future CSD Observances).

The CSO, Grenada also erected a promotional booth outside of their central office where they distributed flyers and other materials promoting Statistics as well as to encourage persons to participate in ongoing surveys.

The Message from the Secretary-General, CARICOM was also distributed to the Media and placed on the CSO Website.

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...Observance of CSD in CARICOM Countries



St. Kitts and Nevis

The 2018 Observance of CSD by the Statistics Department of St. Kitts and Nevis included a Staff Retreat, an Award Ceremony at a Secondary School and the Launch of the Department's Facebook Page.

The Staff Retreat which was held in-house featured presentations on Professionalism in the workplace and special sessions to reaffirm the vision, mission and goals of the department.

The staff of the Statistics Department also used the CSD Observance as an opportunity to award a Sixth Form student who received a Grade 1 in Applied Mathematics at the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination (CAPE), this student was the only student in the country to achieve a Grade 1 in that subject at that examination. The staff also paid a courtesy visit to a former Chief Statistician, Mrs. Sylvene Henry.



Guyana

To mark the observance of CSD 2018, the Guyana Bureau of Statistics (BOS) conducted In-House Presentations on the Status of Development of the National Statistics Department; the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Technology and Agricultural Statistics.

The BOS also disseminated the CSD 2018 Message from the Minister of Finance, Guyana to the Media.



Suriname

The General Bureau of Statistics (GBS), Suriname, provided specially made T-shirts to staff members, distributed posters and held a staff gathering on CSD 2018.

The staff gathering included a quiz competition whereby staff members including heads of departments for Economics, Social and Research and Planning were able to compete for the top spot. The quiz included questions on Statistics such as the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics, history and on CARICOM.

The GBS also announced a Staff Member of the Year Award, by which the judging period would be from the 15 October to the 14th October the following year (to coincide with the CSD Observance). The first Awardee for the Staff Member of the Year is to be announced on 14 October 2019.

The Message from the Secretary-General, CARICOM was also disseminated.



Montserrat

The Head of Statistics, Montserrat appeared on Radio to highlight the Observance of CSD 2018. The Statistics Department also held a Panel discussion with stakeholders as well as disseminated the Message from the Secretary-General, CARICOM for the observance.

