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**INFORMATION REGARDING SUB-REGIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES**

**THE SITUATION IN THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY
(CARICOM)**

Presented by:

The CARICOM Secretariat

1. CARICOM REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS:

- An Assessment of the CARICOM Statistical System (National and Regional) continued during Q4 2017 through a Consultant provided by the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21);
- Strategic Planning Workshop was conducted during the latter part of 2017 facilitated by the same Consultant and at which the CARICOM AGS members + other countries participated and which led to a SWOT analysis and the identification of preliminary strategies;
- The Strategic Framework of the CARICOM RSDS was prepared in early 2018 reviewed by Member States, Associate Members and International Development Partners and was presented at the 38th Conference of Heads of Government of CARICOM in July 2018, in Jamaica where it was endorsed.

1. CARICOM REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS:

Work in progress/next steps include:

- the development of an Implementation Plan for the CARICOM RSDS;
- the development of a Communication Plan with the support of Canada;
- the convening of a High Level Forum scheduled for February 2019, which will focus on Resource Mobilisation;
- the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation framework with a compliance scorecard;

2. 2030 Agenda (already discussed) :

- 109 Core Indicators identified by the TWG was presented to the 34th Meeting of Council of Human and Social Development (COHSOD);
- **The COHSOD** endorsed the 109 indicators plus 16 additional indicators – in total 125 SDG core indicators;
- Work commenced on assessing data availability by countries and a publication on data availability is soon to be published;
- The 2030 Agenda was also included as a strategic driver in the CARICOM Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics_the continued functioning of the TWG-SDGs

3. CARICOM Regionally- Coordinated Census Strategy 2020 Round:

- A Workshop on Disability Statistics facilitated by the Washington Group on Disability was conducted in the region during 2017 geared on having comparable census questions in this area.;
- Building on the support provided by the Inter-American Development Bank and the United Nations Population Fund in 2010 under a Common Census Framework Project, CARICOM countries during 2017 reviewed the common census questionnaire and the common methodological framework that were produced out of the 2010 Census Round.
- Training and sharing of best practices on specific topics pertaining to census-taking was incorporated in this review meeting e.g. elements of census management, data processing, census evaluation were Statistics Canada also participated remotely in this meeting.
- A common Census Questionnaire and corresponding methodological framework have been prepared by CARICOM countries to inform their national census processes for the 2020 Census Round and which took into consideration contemporary issues such as the SDGs, the CARICOM Integration Agenda;

3. CARICOM Regionally- Coordinated Census Strategy 2020 Round:

- An IDB Regional Public Good project, Common Census Framework 2.0 Support to the regionally-Coordinated Census in CARICOM was approved in 2018 and execution has commenced. There are three components- Mapping/GIS, Computer Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) and Project Management Framework for the 2020 Round.;
- A collaborative Census Management training workshop has been executed including a number of partners with the main facilitators coming from Statistics Canada under the PRASC project and with funding under the IDB-funded project, and technical support from ESRI;
- A CARICOM regional census strategy document to inform the 2020 regionally coordinated process has been prepared and disseminated;
- Countries have been guided relative to accessing satellite imagery out of a project that was implemented in the region on the production of satellite imagery for CARICOM countries – which involved INEGI;
- The preparation of a Communication Strategy for the 2020 Census Round is being supported by Canada.

YEAR	NO. OF COUNTRIES	COUNTRIES
2020	7	Barbados, Belize. The Bahamas. Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Bermuda, Cayman Islands,
2021	9	Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Montserrat, St Kitts and Nevis Anguilla, British Virgin Islands
2022	3	Suriname, Guyana, Turks and Caicos Islands



4. Support from Canada-PRASC:

- Canada is providing support to CARICOM Countries under a project, PRASC, which is being implemented by Statistics Canada;
- Direct support to the CARICOM Secretariat is being provided in a number of areas including:
 - Website Modernisation;
 - Online Knowledge Base;
 - Support to the CARICOM Quality Assurance Framework development;
 - Communication and Advocacy for the CARICOM RSDS and
 - Communication and Advocacy for the Regional Census Strategy



Selected/Major Activities in CARICOM

5. Other Areas of Support

- **Italy Co-operation through ISTAT and with IDB** support on Gender, Environment and Agricultural and Rural Statistics focusing on strengthening admin data in these areas;
- **UN Women:** Gender Equality Indicators project and piloting of National Gender Based Violence prevalence Surveys;
- **ESRI:** Development of a web-based GIS portal relative to the data disseminated by Countries;
- **PARIS21:** Strategic Planning and areas related to strengthening South-South co-operation in Small Island Developing States.
- **UN Agencies:** CARICOM continues to work with all the UN agencies in a number of areas;



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