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**Host: The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago -
Central Statistical Office**

**WORKSHOP ON CENSUS CARTOGRAPHY
AND MANAGEMENT
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad**

22nd – 26th October 2007

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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WORKSHOP ORGANISATION AND COORDINATION

The workshop is organized by the division of statistics of the United Nations in conjunction with the Central Statistical Office (CSO) of The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

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MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKSHOP

To highlight the significant additional capabilities of GIS and other geospatial technologies in census mapping activities, including preparation of enumeration, enumeration operations, advanced analysis and dissemination of census data, and how to successfully implement and use these technologies.

VENUE & DATE OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop will be held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad from 22nd – 26th October 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

LANGUAGE

The workshop will be conducted in English.

HOTEL ACCOMODATION

The workshop will be held at the Crowne Plaza and therefore it is recommended that participants book reservations and stay there. There are a number of other hotels nearby within various price ranges that are also possibilities, if preferred. Note that the hotel closest to the Crowne Plaza is the Marriott. The CSO of Trinidad is also happy to assist with reservations if necessary – please indicate on the Attendance Information form if assistance is desired.

High End Hotels:

1. Crowne Plaza Hotel T'dad
Wrightson Rd Port-of-Spain
Website: www.cplazahotel.com or
www.crowneplaza.com/trinidad.
Rate US \$ 175 – 225.

2. Courtyard by Marriott
Invaders Bay, Audrey Jeffers High way P.O.S.
Website: www.marriott.com
Phone No. 1 868 627 5555
1 868 627 6317 (fax)
Rates US \$ 175.00

3. Kapok Hotel
16 -18 Cotton Hill
St. Clair
Phone No. 1 868 622 5765
1 868 622 9677 (fax)
Website: www.kapokhotel.com
Rate US \$ 156.00 – 188.00

Middle

1. Ambassador Hotel
Long Circular Road
St. James
Phone No. 1 868 628 9000
Website: www.ambasadortt.com
Rate US \$110.00

2. Normandie Hotel
10 Nook Avenue
St. Anns
Phone No. 1 868 624 1181 or 1 868 624 1182.
Website: www.normandiett.com
Rate US \$ 138.00 – 168.00

Guest Houses

1. Sundeck Suites

42 – 44 Picton Rd Newtown

Port of Spain

Phone no. 1 868 622 9560

1 868 628 4707

Email: reservation@sundecktrinidad.com

Rate US \$ 40.00 – 57.00

2. Alicia's House

7 Coblentz Garden

St. Anns

Phone No.1 868 623 2802

Website: www.info@aliciahouse.com

Rate US \$ 65.00 – 95.00

3. Alicia's Palace

7 Coblentz Garden

St. Anns

Phone No.1 868 624 8552

Website: www.info@aliciapalace.com

Rate US \$ 65.00 – 95.00

4. Par may la's Inn

53 Picton st. Newtown

Phone no: 1868 628 2008, 1 868 628 4707

Email: reservation@parmaylas.com

Rate US \$ 49.00 -56.00

TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL

Transportation to and from the airport is available directly via some of the hotels on the list provided. Nevertheless, the Central Statistical Office of Trinidad can provide transportation from the airport to the hotel on arrival as requested. If transport is needed, please indicate on the Attendance Information form at the end of this information note.

GENERAL INFORMATION

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The following site contains the necessary entry requirements for Trinidad and Tobago:

www.visittrinidadandtobago.com/travel.html

Trinidad and Tobago holds bilateral agreements with several countries. For this reason, citizens of certain countries do not need visas once they are visiting our twin islands on vacation or staying for a maximum of three (3) months. These include:

- USA and European Union countries
- Some Commonwealth countries
- Citizens of countries that have visa agreements with T&T
- Venezuelan citizens arriving directly from Venezuela vacationing for two (2) weeks or less.
- Citizens of: The Netherlands, Suriname, French Guyana, Guadeloupe, and Martinique (the last three being French departments and so treatment is the same as for other French citizens).
- OAS passport holders
- In-transit Travelers

MONEY

The currency of Trinidad and Tobago is the T&T or TTD. Its average exchange rate to one USD is 6TTD. Daily newspapers and banks carry the current rate. International credit cards and travellers' cheques as well as US cash are accepted.

ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) accept your cards as well.

Banking hours

- Monday to Thursday
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Friday
8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Resume 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Banks located in Malls and Shopping Plazas
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Money Transfer Services

(At numerous locations nationwide including malls and supermarkets)

- Money Gram
- Western Union Money Transfer

Business Hours

- For the Private Sector
8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.
- For Government Offices
(especially transactions requiring cash)
8:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

TAXES

Departure Tax	100TTD must be paid by anyone under 60 years of age when departing the country.
Hotel Tax	A 10% standard government tax is imposed on all hotels and guesthouses nationwide.
VAT (Value Added Tax)	A 15% tax is added to goods and services.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

The Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT) provide landline and mobile services. For more information, call 824-TSTT.

LANDLINE

This service is provided at the hotel and at numerous payphones nationwide. Many pay phones use prepaid cards as well as coins.

INTERNATIONAL CALL CENTRES

These centres provide internet phone services to many different places worldwide at very affordable rates.

MOBILE / CELLULAR PHONES

- Bmobile - This is TSTT's mobile service. The roaming feature is available in Trinidad and Tobago, once its

application has been installed in your home country. For more information about bmobile's products and services visit the following site: www.bmobile.co.tt

- Digicel - This is another cellular service provider. The roaming feature is also available with Digicel. For more information about Digicel's products and services visit the following site:
www.digiceltt.com

CELLULAR RENTALS - If the roaming feature is not on your phone, you have the option of renting a mobile phone. Call 800-CELL for more information.

INTERNET - There are numerous Internet Cafes located in the Port of Spain Area. Many are also located in various Malls nationwide. Contact the Hotel Personnel for information about the internet service they provide.

RADIO AND TV - Trinidad and Tobago currently has about twenty-one (21) local radio stations. There are seven (7) local television stations -and Cable stations.

RESTAURANTS

The telephone directory, in addition to the following site:
www.visttnt.com, list numerous local restaurants.

Restaurant	Location	Contact Number
360 Degrees Revolving Restaurant	14th floor Crowne Plaza Hotel (serves Dinner)	625-3366
Olympia Restaurant	Ground Floor Crowne Plaza Hotel (serves Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)	625-3366

Battimanzelle	44 Coblentz Ave. Cascade	624-7566
Woodford Cafe	Woodbrook	622-2253
Veni Mange	Woodbrook	624-4597
Tiki Village	St. Claire	622-5765
Restaurant	Contact Information	
Best of Thymes		639-0207
Blue Crab Restaurant		639-2737
Blue House Restaurant Ltd		639-2000
Callaloo Cafe		639-9020
Tamara's Restaurant		639-8571

MALLS

There are numerous malls and shopping plazas located in and around the Port of Spain area. The yellow pages of the telephone directory list many of the popular Malls.

The malls situated in Port of Spain are within walking distance from the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Clothing, Shoe, Jewelry stores and Fabric stores also line the streets of Port of Spain. Namely: Frederick, Henry and Queen Streets.

- Long Circular Mall (St. James)
- The Falls of West Mall (West Moorings)
- Movie Towne Entertainment and Shopping Complex (Audrey Jeffers Highway, Port of Spain)
- Ellerslie Plaza (Maraval)

HISTORY and TOURISM

Trinidad and Tobago was discovered in 1498 by Christopher Columbus. It is the most Southern of the chain of Caribbean Islands, and is situated 11 km off the coast of Venezuela. The two main islands, Trinidad and Tobago together with 21 additional smaller islands cover a total area of 5,128 sq km.

Lush rain forests, palm lined beaches and pristine coral reefs rich with marine life characterize this nature isle. For this reason, Tourism - Eco and Marine Tourism - is Tobago's main revenue earner.

Tobago is home to the oldest rainforest in the western hemisphere found mainly in The Main Ridge Reserve. The small neighboring island, Little Tobago, supports the nesting of bird colonies such as: Red-billed Tropic Bird, Magnificent Frigate bird and Audubon's Shearwater.

The Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, provide the perfect haven for many different species of tropical fish, rays, sharks and turtles. The North or Leeward Coast of Tobago is home to some of the most superb beaches; Castara, Englishman's Bay and Bloody Bay being the popular attractions.

Our Climate

Our twin islands normally experience a Dry Season (from January to May) and a Rainy Season (from June to December). The average day time temperature is 28 °C.

The population of our twin island state has been estimated to be 1.3 million. Our citizens are collectively known as Trinbagonians. Eighty percent of Trinbagonians are of African and Indian descent; the remainder with roots from China, European and Arabian countries. Trinidad and Tobago is an

English Speaking country. However, unofficial languages such as Patois (broken French), Spanish, Hindi and Chinese are also spoken.

Trinidad's main revenue earner is the petroleum and petrochemical industry. Since the latest publicity by the Soca Warriors at the recently concluded FIFA world cup in Germany, our twin island state has been advertised as a place for both foreign investment as well as tourism. Along with Miami, the capital city of Trinidad, Port of Spain, currently stands as the leading candidate for the Headquarters of the Permanent Secretariat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA-ACCA).

Diving is a major element of Tobago's Marine Tourism. The Maverick Ferry wreck is the most renowned diving site. This wreck is home to an abundance of marine life.

Trinidad is also famous for its annual Carnival (usually held in the pre-Lenten season) and, is the birth place of Steel pan, Calypso and Limbo.

Some places of interest around the islands:

TRINIDAD

- Emperor Valley Zoo
- Caroni Bird Sanctuary
- Maracas Falls
- National Museum of Trinidad and Tobago
- Asa Wright Nature Centre
- Pitch Lake
- Pointe-a-Pierre Wild Fowl Trust House
- Cleaver Woods
- Devil's Woodyard
- Aripo Caves

TOBAGO

- Pigeon Point
- Little Tobago
- Castara Bay
- Argyle Falls
- Fort King George
- Fort Milford
- Richmond Great
- Kimme Museum
- Adventure Farm
- Louis D'or Nurseries

Maracas Bay

This beautiful Caribbean beach earns its reputation from the scenic rainforest along the North Coast Road (which commuters use to get there), as well as the tasty local delicacy “Bake and Shark”.

Maracas Lookout

From this spectacular view, many visitors are simply blown away by the meeting between the North Coast of Trinidad and the blue-green Caribbean Sea.

Queen's Park Savannah

This is the largest round-about in the world. It is also famous for having “The Magnificent Seven” which refers to seven buildings located along its Perimeter. The recently constructed statue of one of our most famous cultural icons “The Mighty Sparrow” can also be seen by motorists driving near the St. Ann's round about.

Buccoo Reef

Buccoo Reef is situated on the leeward coast of south western Tobago. It encompasses an area of approximately 7 sq. km. Staghorn Coral and Star Coral are the main coral communities found within the reef lagoon.

Nylon Pool

As the name states, the Nylon Pool is a metre – deep natural swimming pool in the middle of the sea formed by a tranquil lagoon. It is situated next to the Buccoo Reef.

Air Transportation

The national airline BWIA, and Tobago Express, offers return flights between Piarco Airport (Trinidad) and Crown Point Airport (Tobago). Other major airlines such as Caribbean Star, Air Canada, American Airlines, Liat and other charters also operate here.

Land

The yellow pages of our telephone directory list the names of the leading and reputable car rentals. Additionally, private taxi companies are also listed in the phone book.

Driving

Trinbagonians drive on the left hand side of the roads. To drive in our beautiful islands, it is necessary to have a valid international driver's permit or a permit issued by any of the following countries: The Bahamas, Canada, England, France, Germany or the USA. Your permit will be valid for ninety (90) days. Petroleum stations are very accessible in the urban areas but less accessible in the rural areas of the country.

Internal Travel

You also have the option of traveling by bus, a maxi-taxi (or mini-bus) or a taxi. Maxi taxis have different coloured "bands" indicating the routes they are covering. City Gate is the main bus terminal in Trinidad. It is located at South Quay in Port of Spain. Services run between the Capital City and areas such as: Arima, Chaguanas, Chaguaramas, San Fernando and Sangre Grande. To determine the daily agenda, call (868) 623-7872.

Sea

Depending on the vessel, the voyage between Trinidad and Tobago, is two (2) to five (5) hours in duration
For information about Sailing Times and Fares:
Call: (868) 639-2417 (For Tobago) or (868) 639-4906 / 3055 (For Trinidad) Or visit the following sites: www.mytobago.info/ferry.php
www.visittnt.com/sea.html

For More information about T&T

Visit the following sites:

www.visittnt.com

www.trinisoca.com

www.triniscene.com

www.tripadvisor.com

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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

(Please type or print)

1. NAME (Last, First): _____ Mr / Ms
2. TITLE: _____
3. MAILING ADDRESS (OFFICE):

Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail: _____
4. ARRIVAL IN PORT-OF-SPAIN:
Date: _____ Flight number: _____ Time of arrival: _____
5. PLEASE RESERVE ACCOMMODATION IN PORT-OF-SPAIN AS INDICATED BELOW:
Name of hotel: _____ Single: _____ Double: _____
Check-in date: _____ Check-out date: _____
6. IF MAKING OWN LIVING ARRANGEMENTS IN PORT-OF-SPAIN, PLEASE INDICATE:
Address in Port-of-Spain:

7. Transportation from Airport to Hotel required upon arrival
----- YES ----- NO

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