The **Thematic Conference in the Caribbean** (25-27 November, Christ Church, Barbados) is part of a series of regional conferences to understand and prioritise the recent institutional, organizational and technical developments for the production of official statistics and indicators for the monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and related regional and national development plans.

The regional approach to these conferences will put focus on practices and challenges common among members of each region. In particular, it will allow the organizers to collect additional information and examples to contribute to the updated *Handbook of Statistical Organization*, whose purpose is to support the needs of senior managers to adapt and develop their statistical organisations and systems as stressed in the **Cape Town Global Action Plan (CTGAP)** for Sustainable Development and as described in the final report of the series of conferences on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics.

This Thematic Conference in the Caribbean will be organised around 4 main sessions covering the 6 strategic areas of the CTGAP and a subset of the 14 substantive chapters of the Handbook as identified by the organizing committee, represented by Barbados, Suriname, IDB, Caricom, OECS, ECLAC and UNSD, as highly relevant for the Caribbean. The 4 main sessions are as follows:

**Session 1:** Strengthening the institutional and organisational frameworks of national statistical systems  
**Session 2:** Securing quality of statistical information and improving data coherence through statistical analysis and analytical frameworks  
**Session 3:** Supporting the transformation of statistical production processes from the data collection to dissemination in the context of the digital and technological revolution  
**Session 4:** Mobilizing and securing adequate resources and infrastructure, and promoting regional and global cooperation for the development of national statistical capacity

Two breakout sessions will be organised to follow session 2 and session 4 and the outcome of these breakout sessions will contribute to an extended knowledge base related to the Handbook.