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Information note

Regional thematic conference on managing a statistical organization in times of change

Barbados, 25 – 27 November 2019



United Nations Statistics Division



The “Regional thematic conference on managing a statistical organization in times of change” will take place in Hastings, Christ Church, Barbados on 25 - 27 November 2019.

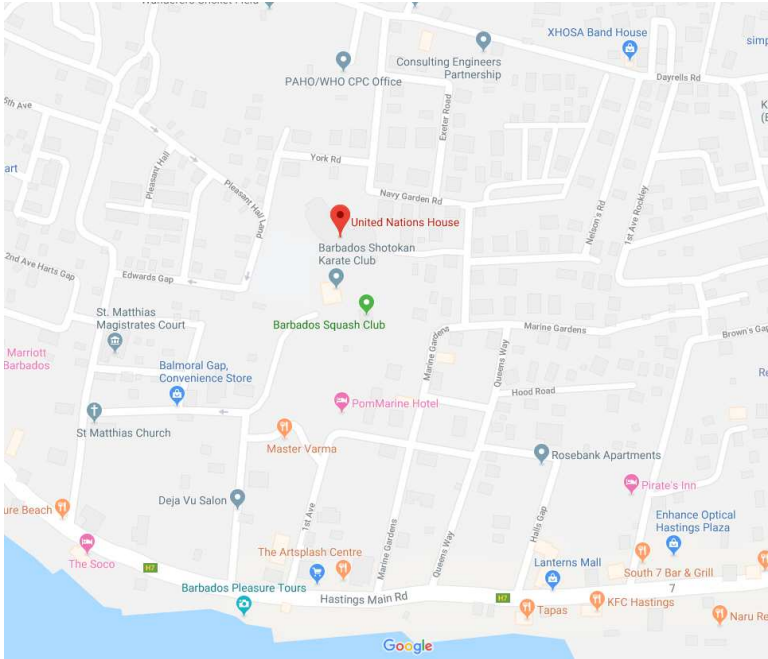
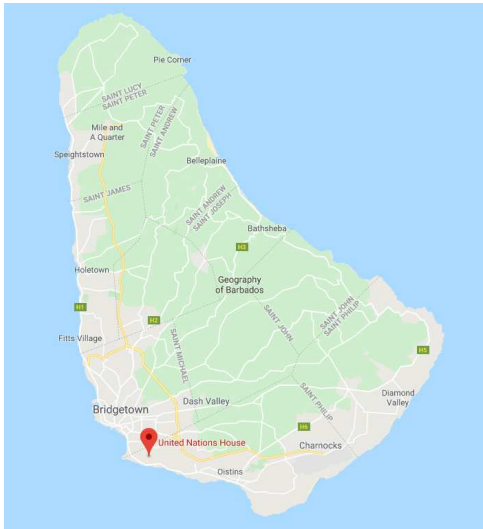
The present note is intended to provide participants with necessary information for attending the conference.

The organizers of the conference are also available to answer any additional questions regarding the logistics or content of the conference.

1. Venue, date and time of the conference

The “Regional thematic conference on managing a statistical organization in times of change” will take place in the main conference room of the UN House in Marine Gardens, Hastings, Christ Church, Barbados.

The conference takes place on 25-27 November 2019 starting at 09:00am daily, with registration on the first day starting at 08:30.



2. Travel and DSA

UNSD funded international participants will receive Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) from the United Nations to cover their costs for accommodation, food and local transportation. In addition, UNSD funded international participants will receive from the United Nations a round-trip airline ticket (economy class) between their home country and Barbados.

Participants funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), CARICOM or the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) will be contacted directly by these organizations. OECS-funded participants will receive DSA via wire transfer.

Participants funded by the IDB through the CARICOM Secretariat will be paid per diem at the Conference, this covers accommodation, meals, transportation and any other incidentals. Hotel reservations should be done directly by the participants. In addition, the Secretariat will be purchasing a round-trip airline ticket for each IDB funded participant between their home country and Barbados. Participants are requested to submit their incoming boarding pass stub(s) to the Secretariat representative on collecting their per diem. The outgoing boarding pass stub(s) should be sent via post to the Secretariat as soon as the participant is back in their home country.

Please follow the administrative instructions of your respective funding agency (including for the submission of documentation after the conference) to ensure complete processing of payments.

3. Hotel selection and reservation

Each UNSD- and IDB-funded participant is responsible for his/her own costs of accommodation and food (from the DSA provided). Participants are also responsible for making their own hotel reservations. The reservations should be made directly with the selected hotels.

Accommodation for OECS-funded participants will be paid directly to the hotel by the OECS Commission.

A list of hotels near the conference venue is provided below.

Accra Beach Hotel and Spa

Christ Church

Barbados

Tel. No. 246-435-8920

Website: www.accrabeachhotel.com

Blue Horizon Hotel

Christ Church

Barbados

Tel. No. 246-435-8916

Website: www.bluehorizonhotel.com

Radisson Aquatica Resort

Aquatic Gap

Bridgetown, Barbados

Tel. No. 246-426-4000

Website: www.radisson.com/st-michael-hotel.bb

Hilton Hotel

Needham's Point

Bridgetown, Barbados

Tel. No. 246-426-0200

Website: www.3.hilton.com/en/hotels/Barbados

Savannah Beach Hotel
Hastings Main Road
Bridgetown, Barbados
Tel. No. 246-434-3800
Email: www.savannahbarbados.com

4. Entry requirement for Barbados

Each participant is responsible for checking whether a visa is required to enter Barbados and obtain such visa. If a supporting letter is needed, please contact UNSD.

5. Local transportation

Each participant is responsible for his/her own travel between airport and hotel or between hotel and meeting venue (if needed).

6. Internet

Wireless Internet (Wi-Fi) will be available in the meeting room during the conference.

7. Languages

The conference will be conducted in English and all meeting documentation will be available in English only.

8. Contacts

The following persons can be contacted for assistance with administrative or substantive issues. For administrative issues, please contact the agency funding your participation.

Contact persons in the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD):

Ms. Jennifer TUNGOL (Tungol@un.org) for administrative issues

Mr. Ralf BECKER (BeckerR@un.org) for substantive issues

Contact person in CARICOM:

Ms. Michelle CHASE (Michelle.Chase@caricom.org)

Contact person in the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB):

Mr. Jason WILKS (JWilks@iadb.org)

Contact persons in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS):

Ms. Delora SAMUEL (Delora.Samuel@oecs.int) for administrative issues

Ms. Gale ARCHIBALD (Gale.Archibald@oecs.int) for substantive issues

Contact persons in the Barbados Statistical Service (BSS):

Ms. Carla PARRIS (Director@barstats.gov.bb) for administrative issues

Mr. Aubrey BROWNE (Director@barstats.gov.bb) for substantive issues

9. General information about Barbados

Weather

Barbados is generally warm and sunny all year round with an average daytime high temperature of 30°C/86°F. The island has two seasons: dry and wet. The dry season is between the months of January to June with the wet season between the months of July and December.

The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs between the period of June 1st to November 30, and caution must be taken to ensure that in the event of a storm or hurricane approaches the island, you and your possessions are safe.

Beaches

Barbados doesn't disappoint when it comes to beaches! Barbados boasts over 60 beaches with shorelines that are varied and unique as Barbados itself. The west coast offers calm waters with dusty white beaches, while the eastern shoreline impressive coral sculptures are carved by the Atlantic trade winds and thunderous waves. While you are free to roam and discover any of the beaches on the island it is advised to bathe in those with life guard facilities.

Public Transportation

During your stay on the island you are sure to see a big blue bus travelling to and fro on the island's roads. This is Barbados's least expensive way to travel and are government owned. They can be found on most major roads and the fare (one way) is \$BDS3.50.

Currency

The official currency of the country is the Barbados dollar. Two Barbados dollars are equivalent to 1 USD.

Electricity

Electricity in Barbados is 110 volts/50 cycles.

Standard plug types in Barbados are:

- Flat blade (2 flat blades)
- Flat blades with round grounding pin



Emergency

In the case of emergencies, the following numbers are to be utilised depending on the nature of the emergency:

Police: 211

Fire: 311

Ambulance: 511

FMH Emergency Medical Clinic: 1(246) 228-6120; 1 (246)228-6121

Coverley Medical Centre: 1 (246) 627-1000