

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT RELATED TO ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STATISTICS IN THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)

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Overview

- Capacity Building Activities
- Successes and Challenges
- Recommendations
- Future Plans

CARICON CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STATISTICS

A series of capacity-building activities are planned in the Region during the reporting period with funding from the 11th EDF. These take various forms including:

- In-country technical support
 - Three (3) in-country technical assistance missions
- Regional capacity building workshops/meetings
 * Regional SDGs Workshop November-2023
- Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings
 - Virtual meeting of the TWG for Environment and Climate Change statistics planned for December 2023

SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES

Areas of success include the following:

- Sustained production of Environment Statistics (ES) in countries and at the CARICOM Secretariat;
- Sustained production of ES and Climate Change Compendia- 2 national publications during reporting period

Challenges encountered include the following:

- Low response rate to data request possibly due to census activities
- Lack of dedicated ES personnel in NSOs



RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CARICOM/ISTAT PROJECT

CARICOM/Istat project executed Dec 2018- Dec 31 2022 included an Environment Statistics component. Recommendations include:

- The NSOs also have a role to play at the national level in improving knowledge and awareness, and mapping of indicators and sources;
- Priority should be given not only to number of human resources, but also which skills are needed;
- The coordination role of the NSO should be strengthened at that national level;
- **Collaboration** with stakeholders and other data producers should be increased;
- The **benefits of SDMX** for the NSOs, e.g. to improve data sharing and to reduce national reporting burden to international institutions';
- The Region must move to **multi-source system of data collection**; and
- Increase awareness of International and national statistical frameworks.



FUTURE PLANS

- Publication of the fifth CARICOM Environment in figures
 report
- Related 11th EDF projects:
 - Finalization of the central Repository at RSP using the SDMX



- Completion and launch of the electronic Caribbean Institute for Statistical Training and Research (e-CISTAR)
- Implementation of the Global Set in the Region through a CARICOM Programme to institutionalize the compilation of Climate Change Statistics



THANK YOU.