

Caribbean Conference: Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics

7-9 September 2016

Hotel Accra, Christ Church, Bridgetown, Barbados

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United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

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The Caribbean Conference is part of a series of regional conferences on a Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It builds on the outcome of the High-Level Global Conference organized by UNSD and Eurostat in January 2015 in New York and the recognition by the 46th and 47th sessions of the UN Statistical Commission of the emerging demands for high-quality statistics and the need for modernization of national, regional and international statistical systems. The Conference aims at taking stock of various international, regional, and national initiatives for integrating and modernizing statistical systems, and shaping the initiative for a Transformative Agenda to the CARICOM region's context.

The Conference is targeting heads of national statistical offices, chief statisticians of international and regional organizations, multilateral and bilateral partners, and other stakeholders.

The Conference will be organized in four substantive sessions covering the 5 thematic areas of the Transformative Agenda. It is expected Caribbean countries (CARICOM member states and associate members) to steer this event for which substantial time will be assigned to group discussions and plenary interventions.

For more information, documents and material visit:

<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/nationalaccount/workshops/2016/Caribbean/lod.asp>.

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 7 September 2016

Registration (08:00 – 09:00)

Welcome and opening (09:00 – 10:00)

- *Mr. Aubrey Browne, Statistical Service, Barbados (9')*
- *Ms. Philomen Harrison, CARICOM (9')*
- *Ms. Mariko Russell, Inter-American Development Bank (9')*
- *Mr. Stéphane Dufour, Statistics Canada (9')*
- *Mr. Pascual Gerstenfeld, ECLAC (9')*
- *Mr. Ivo Havinga, UNSD (15')*
including outline of the Transformative Agenda

Tea/coffee break (10:00 – 10:30)

Session 1: Coordination at and between the global, (sub-) regional and national statistical systems [Thematic 1], communication, and advocacy [Thematic 2]
10:30-14:30

Facilitator:

- *Ms. Gatlin Roberts, Statistical Office, St Vincent and the Grenadines*

Presentations:

- [Thematic 1]: *Ms. Prayma Carrette, Central Statistical Office, Dominica (15')*
- [Thematic 2]: *Mr. Iwan Sno Director of Statistics, General Bureau of Statistics, Suriname (15')*
- [Thematic 1/2]: *Ms. Philomen Harrison, CARICOM (20')*

Questions and Answers (10')

Breakout meetings (45')

Lunch break (12:15-13:30)

Plenary presentations of the outcome of breakout meetings and discussions (60')

Session 2: Integrated statistical systems: data collection, processing and dissemination of integrated statistics
14:30-17:30

Facilitator:

- *Mr. Stachel Edwards, Statistics Division, Antigua and Barbuda*

Presentations:

- *Mr. Aubrey Browne, Statistical Service, Barbados (15')*
- *Mr. Stéphane Dufour, Statistics Canada (15')*

Questions and Answers (15')

Breakout meetings (45')

Tea/coffee break (16:00-16:30)

Plenary presentations of the outcome of breakout meetings and discussions (60')

Thursday, 8 September 2016

Session 3: Innovation and modernization through standard-based statistical business architecture
09:30-12:30

Facilitator:

- *Mr. Sean Francis O'Brien, Bureau of Statistics, Trinidad and Tobago*

Presentations:

- *Mr. Edwin St. Catherine, Central Statistical Office, Saint Lucia (15')*
- *Mr. Gabriel Gamez, UNSD (15')*

Questions and Answers (15')

Breakout meetings (45')

Tea/coffee break (11:00 – 11:30)

Plenary discussions (60')

Lunch break (12:30-13:45)

Session 4: Capacity building and training
13:45-16:45

Facilitator:

- *Mr Halim Brizan, Central Statistical Office, Grenada*

Presentations:

- *M Ms. Carol Coy, Statistical Institute of Jamaica (15')*
- *Ms. Mariko Russell, Inter-American Development Bank (15')*

Questions and Answers (15')

Breakout meetings (45')

Tea/coffee break (15:15-15:45)

Plenary presentations of the outcome of breakout meetings and discussions (60')

Friday, 9 September 2016

Conclusions and the way forward (09:00 – 10:45)

Facilitator:

Ms. Carol Coy, Director- General, Statistical Institute of Jamaica,

Presentation of the CARICOM Action Plan for the Improvement of Statistics:

- *Mr Halim Brizan, Central Statistical Office, Grenada (30')*

Conclusions and the way forward with the contribution of panellists (75')

- *Ms. Prayma Carrette, Central Statistical Office, Dominica*
- *Ms. Leona Wilson, Department of Statistics, Bahamas*
- *Mr. Edwin St. Catherine, Central Statistical Office, Saint Lucia*
- *Ms. Philomen Harrison, CARICOM*
- *Mr. Giovanni Savio, ECLAC*
- *Mr. Ivo Havinga, UNSD*

Closing and farewell (10:45 – 11:15)

- *Mr. Stéphane Dufour, Statistics Canada*
- *Ms. Mariko Russell, Inter-American Development Bank*
- *Mr. Ivo Havinga, UNSD*
- *Ms. Philomen Harrison, CARICOM*

Refreshment (11:15)