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<i>Statement provided by:</i> CARICOM	
<i>Statement:</i> The CARICOM Secretariat, on behalf of the countries of CARICOM:  Extends commendations to the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) for the progress made in the Arab region on statistical development. Indeed, much can be gained by other regions based on the ESCWA experience.  Expresses its interest in the ESCWA data portal, which is key to data management and dissemination, the development of online training tools, and efforts at improving data exchange through innovation – all of which mirror some of the region's own efforts in CARICOM under the implementation of the CARICOM Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics (RSDS) - and notes that the region would be happy to exchange the lessons learnt and acquire knowledge from the ESCWA experiences in these and other areas.	
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