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## PRESS RELEASE

### Anguilla attends CARICOM Statistics Annual Meetings

Anguilla was represented at the recently concluded series of CARICOM Statistics meetings and regional statistical research seminar held from October 31 – November 8, 2024 in Placencia, Belize.

The series of statistical meetings are held annually in one of the CARICOM member or associate member states and brought together Chief Statisticians and Directors of National Statistical Offices (NSO) as well as key stakeholders from across the region. This year the Deputy CARICOM Secretary General – Dr Armstrong Alexis joined the meeting for the duration of the series of meetings to hear first-hand the challenges being experienced by Heads of NSO in the region, in the collection and ultimate delivery of statistics.

The meetings were held under the theme ***“Improving Lives through Statistics, Strengthening and Innovating Together.”***

The series of meetings included:

- **The 32<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Advisory Group on Statistics (October 31 – November 2)**

This meeting focused on strengthening the framework for statistical co-operation across CARICOM, with the Advisory Group collaborating to refine the Regional Statistical Work Programme (RSWP) and attempting to incorporate the regional priorities into national work programmes. The incorporation of the data allows for the production of robust statistical data to be used in addressing national, regional and international development goals. On November 1 the CARICOM and COMMONWEALTH Secretariats partnered with Regional Heads of Youth Departments and Chief Statisticians and Directors of NSO to review statistical work and discuss strategies for building capacity and improving statistical literacy all with the aim of charting the way forward for the development of a Youth Index.

Anguilla is the current Associate Members’ representative on the Advisory Group on Statistics until 2026.

- **4th High-Level Advocacy Forum on Statistics (November 4)**

This meeting convened under the theme ***“Strengthening Statistics through the Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics for a resilient Caribbean Community”***. The forum brought together high-level government officials - Ministers and Permanent Secretaries along with Chief Statisticians and Directors of NSO and other stakeholders to mobilise support and resources to enhance regional statistical infrastructure and reinforce the importance of statistics as a critical tool for use in informed policy development in the economic, social and environmental domains.

Anguilla was a panellist in the first session – Making operational the strategic framework of the CARICOM Regional Strategy for the Development of Statistics (RSDA) sharing our experiences in the four (4) of the five (5) strategic priorities of the RSDS namely; Standards and Harmonisation, Governance, Innovation and Advocacy and Communication.

• **The CARICOM Population and Housing Census Symposium (November 5)**

This symposium allow countries to reflect on the 2020 round of Population and Housing Census held in the region and strategise for the 2030 round. For a country to be part of the 2020 round its census date must be a date between 2020 and 2025. Chief Statisticians and Directors of national statistical offices shared best practices, insights and lessons learned while focusing on methodologies and approaches that would enhance census operation and improve data quality.

• **The 49th Meeting of the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (November 6-7)**

This is an annual meeting which focussed on advancing the work of statistics in the region through the Regional Statistical Work Programme (RSWP). The focus of the RSWP pivots on ensuring harmonisation of statistical methodologies, data governance, exploring an integrated statistical system, innovation and, advocacy and communication, all in an effort to improve data collection and quality data that adheres to regional and international standards.

• **The 14th CARICOM Regional Research Seminar (November 8)**

The objective of the research seminar is to facilitate discussions on issues of concern to statisticians and other users in the Region and to also highlight the role of research in improving the capabilities of statistical work from both users and producers perspective.

Six (6) Papers were presented:

- An Integrated Statistical Pipeline with R for Belize's Labour Force Survey by Belize Statistical Institute
- GIS and Official Statistics: Field to Finish and GeoAI Workflows for National Mapping by Spatial Innovation
- Assessing the Quality of Survey Results: Practical Guidelines – STATIN, Jamaica
- Using National CPI to Measure and Monitor the Cost of a Healthy Diet Within Caribbean Countries – FAO
- Towards the improved measurement of Vulnerability and Resilience in Caribbean SIDS CDB
- Homicide Statistics and a Spatial-Temporal Analysis of Domestic Violence Resulting in Female Fatalities: Analysing Police Jurisdictional Evidence in Trinidad and Tobago - Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard

Anguilla in the past made a presentation - "An Automated Civil Registry System – The Case of Anguilla and Vital Records Management".

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