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May Day, Workers' Day, International Workers' Day or Labour Day are all the labels given to the day, May 1st, which is commemorates the struggles and gains made by workers and the labour movement.

In May 1886, over 400, 000 workers all over the USA went on strike demanding an eight-hour working day. The event ultimately known as The Haymarket Affair was an important occasion which brought working people together in the United States of America. Workers' Day is celebrate in various ways in countries all over the world. The actions of workers many years ago have positioned workers today, fundamental rights and protections.

Workers' Day celebrations take place in countries such as South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, France, all Caribbean Countries as well as the United Kingdom to name a few.

The Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 8 focuses on Decent Work and Economic Growth – 'Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all, with the following targets:

- **8.1**
Sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances and, in particular, at least 7 per cent gross domestic product growth per annum in the least developed countries.
- **8.2**
Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labour-intensive sectors.
- **8.3**
Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services.
- **8.4**
Improve progressively, through 2030, global resource efficiency in consumption and production and endeavour to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation, in accordance with the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production, with developed countries taking the lead.
- **8.5**
By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.
- **8.6**
By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training.

- **8.7**
Take immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms.
- **8.8**
Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment.
- **8.9**
By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products.
- **8.10**
Strengthen the capacity of domestic financial institutions to encourage and expand access to banking, insurance and financial services for all.
- **8.a**
Increase Aid for Trade support for developing countries, in particular least developed countries, including through the Enhanced Integrated Framework for Trade-Related Technical Assistance to Least Developed Countries.
- **8.b**
By 2020, develop and operationalize a global strategy for youth employment and implement the Global Jobs Pact of the International Labour Organization.

This year the Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD) joins with the world in celebrating this day and highlights some aspects of labour data namely work permit information collected by the office from the custodial agency, the Department of Labour.

Such data in its collated form can also be found at the Anguilla Statistics Department's website: <http://statistics.gov.ai/StatisticsDept/Statistics> and on our Facebook page – Anguilla Statistics Department.

We look forward to providing you with courteous and professional service, as we endeavor to provide "*Sound Statistics for Sustainable Development*".

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