Initiatives to Develop Statistical Capacities in Caribbean SIDS: NSS Reviews in the Context of the 2030 Agenda

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Overview

- Direct Technical Assistance to Member States
  - Trinidad and Tobago

- MAPS Missions
  - Trinidad and Tobago
  - Aruba

- Funded Project
  - Aruba
  - Bahamas
  - British Virgin Islands
  - Grenada
  - Guyana
  - Saint Kitts and Nevis
Direct Technical Assistance

- Trinidad and Tobago is in the process of transforming its Central Statistical Office (CSO) to an independent National Statistical Institute
- Task Force for the NSITT
  - Set up to provide oversight on the development of legislative framework
  - Guide the implementation of new organizational and governance framework
  - Ministry of Planning and Development requested TA from the UN
  - ECLAC organized a seminar for members of the Task Force
- Seminar on NSS for Official Statistics
  - Focused on the FPOS and Advocacy for Official Statistics
  - Facilitated by ECLAC and PARIS21
Direct Technical Assistance

- Seminars/meetings with MPD and NSITT Task Force
- Review of the draft recommendations for statistical legislation
  - Roles and composition of the NSITT Board
  - Functions of the NSITT
- Expected outcomes
  - Independence of the new NSITT
  - Better coordination of the NSS
MAPS Missions

- UNDG is conducting the Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support (MAPS) Missions in the Caribbean
  - ECLAC performs a review of the NSS under MAPS
  - Trinidad and Tobago (April 2017) and Aruba (June 2017)

Steps for the MAPS Mission

- Review of documents (scoping)
- Rapid Integrated Assessment
- In-country mission(s)
- SDG Roadmap (Mission report)
Key Findings from T&T MAPS

- Statistical capacity
- Standardization
- Timeliness
- Technology
- SDG indicators
Key Findings from Aruba MAPS

- Legislation
- Data sharing
- Uniformity
- Standardization
- Financing
- Technology
- SDG Indicators
GIZ-Funded Project

- The planning for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean
  - Provides support for mainstreaming the SDGs in national development plans
  - Covers six Caribbean countries

- Project activities
  - Caribbean symposium on SDG mainstreaming in national development planning (February 2017, Kingston, Jamaica)
  - Workshop to accelerate SDG implementation in the Caribbean (May 2017, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago)
  - Technical assistance in institutional capacity building (ongoing)
    - Evidence-based policy planning
    - Statistics
Early Project Findings

“Everybody’s business is nobody’s business”
Contributing Factors

- No current National Development Plans (NDPs)
- Weak evidence-base for existing NDPs
  - Targets
    - Not unambiguous
    - Not measurable,
    - No associated indicators
  - Indicators
    - No baseline
    - No reference point
- Limited statistical capacity
Expected Project Outcome

- Countries establish institutional frameworks for mainstreaming the SDGs in national development processes/implementing the SDGs
- Develop capacity of NSS to produce data for SDG indicators and to support evidence-based policy planning
Development of CARICOM Core Set of SDG Indicators

- CARICOM, ECLAC and UNDESA jointly convene a consultation/workshop in December 2016
  - To examine a core set of SDG indicators for Caribbean SIDS
  - An initial set of indicators was drafted

- Core set of SDG Indicators
  - Reviewed by Member States at the Caribbean symposium on SDG mainstreaming in national development planning (February 2017)
  - Further revised by Technical Working Group (April 2017, Grenada)
  - Revised list approved by the Advisory Group on Statistics (June 2017, Suriname)
  - Draft core list expected to be presented to the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians in October 2017
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