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International Year of Statistics 2013
PRAISES CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN STATISTICIANS ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
*Statistics 2013 participants around the world laud women statisticians
for advancing statistical sciences*

The Valley, MARCH 8, 2013—The Anguilla Statistics Department and the more than 1,775 organizations in 121 countries participating in the International Year of Statistics (Statistics2013) today join women around the world in the celebration of International Women's Day.

Observed each year on March 8, International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. In places like China, Russia, Vietnam and Bulgaria, International Women's Day is a national holiday. The event has been observed since the early 1900s, which was a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies.

Statistics2013 is a worldwide initiative that is highlighting the contributions of the statistical sciences to finding solutions to global challenges. The Anguilla Statistics Department is a Statistics2013 participating organization. Like their counterparts in other professional fields, women pioneers in the statistical sciences have made outstanding and trailblazing contributions to their profession and have opened the field to more women.

“We salute the world's women this International Women's Day—a special day dedicated to them and their achievements past, present and future,” says Anguilla's Chief Statistician. “The statistical sciences profession and our global society has greatly benefited from the groundbreaking contributions of women statisticians including Florence Nightingale, who used statistics to modernize health care; Dr. Janet Lane-Clayton, who made several important contributions to epidemiology by using and improving its use of statistics; and Mrs. Penny Hope-Ross, who as Anguilla's first Chief Statistician transformed the way statistics are viewed in Anguilla, as she made major contributions to government statistics.”

Today, the number of females working in the Anguilla Statistics Department far outstrips the number of males. Further, women statisticians are influential in many countries - 41 of the world's 190 statistical offices were headed by women in 2010, says *The World's Women 2010: Trends and Statistics*, a report commissioned by the United Nations. Lastly, women have earned more than 40% of math and statistics bachelor's degrees throughout the past four decades.

We therefore salute all women and especially those who keep the numbers crunched. Happy International Women's Day.

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