





Ninth EDF Project Caribbean Integration Support Programme (CISP) Statistics Component

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Overview of the Presentation

- Overall Objective and Purpose of CISP
- Project Status Report - 1 November 2008-30 September 2009
- Proposed Activities ending May 2010
- Challenges
- Action required



Overall Objective and Purpose

- Provide Decision makers of CARICOM with necessary information to monitor and guide the progress of CSME;
- Strengthen the capacities of the regional and national statistical systems for improvement in the production of Economic Statistics.



Project Status Report

1 November 2008- 30 September 2009

- Result 1- Inter- Regional Statistical Infrastructure Harmonized;
- Result 2- Statistical Programming, production and Dissemination of key Economic Statistics Improved;
- Result 3- Training Delivered and Economic Statistics used to monitor Regional Integration Process



Project Status Report - Result 1

- Staff Recruitment completed;
- Provided Support to the 4th Advisory Group on Statistics Meeting held in Trinidad and Tobago July 21 – 25, 2009;
- Documents to procure consultancy services were prepared and finalized;
- The tender dossiers has been launched for :



Project Status- Result 1

- (1) Assessment of Statistical Systems for Haiti/ Dominican Republic,
- (2) Content developer Statistics Help Desk Facility,
- (3) Set up Web- based infrastructure,
- (4) Organization and use of statistical databases.



Project Status- Result 1

- The Electronic interface for the Statistics Help desk facility has been completed;
- The in house staff have commenced some work on activating the discussion forums;



Project Status- Result 1

- Needs assessment for procurement of Hardware and software for Member States are being undertaking.



Project Status- Result 2

- The terms of reference for the statistical programming consultancy been revised and is being finalized;
- The project supported the hosting of the National Statistical Development Strategies (NSDS) workshop;



Project Status- Result 2

- The project also supported the High level forum on advocacy for Statistics held on July 30 2009 in Trinidad and Tobago
- The Economic Statistics expert has been hired effective March 9 2009.
- The consultant continues to provide technical support to Member States in developmental work in the area of National Accounts;



Project Status- Result 2

- The consultant also facilitated a two weeks workshop on the *Assessment of Methods in the Production and Compilation of key economic statistics* held in Georgetown, Guyana from April 21-29 2009;
- Work continues on the production of economic statistics reports



Project Status- Result 2

- The draft terms of reference document for the Technical Working Group (TWG) for National accounts was presented at the economic statistics meeting held in Guyana;
- The (TWG) for National accounts has been established;



Project Status- Result 2

- The Enhancement of Trade Information Systems consultant was hired effective 31 March 2009;
- The consultant has provided technical support to the following Member States:



Project Status- Result 2

- Grenada -May 22-29, 2009
- Saint Lucia- June 1- 5, 2009
- Dominica- June 15-19, 2009
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
June 22-25



Project Status- Result 2

- A schedule has been developed, which will facilitate the remaining relevant Member States;
- The project supported a two weeks training on data processing of merchandise trade using the New EUROTRACE Software



Project Status- Result 2

- The tender process to hire a Trade in Services consultant has been completed;
- The CARICOM Secretariat is currently interacting with the consultant on the start date of his contract;
- A situational assessment to determine data availability on Trade in Services was conducted.



Project Status- Result 3

- Training activities has been identified under year 3 work programme and is being scheduled.
- A list of equipment including both software and hardware has been identified for procurement.



Project Status- Result 3

- Work continues on CSME profile publication to monitor Regional Integration



Proposed Activities- Result 1

- Establishing of the various discussion forums utilizing the Statistics Help Desk facility.
- The launch of the Statistics help desk facility as part of the activities of Caribbean Statistics Day



Proposed Activities -Result 1

- Preparation of new technical proposals for phase II of the following:
 - Web based Communication Infrastructure,
 - Organization and use of Statistical Databases.



Proposed Activities- Result 2

- Finalization of the assessment needs of Member States
- Training to support the implementation of statistical programming approach by National Statistical offices of Member States
- Meeting of the TWG on National Accounts scheduled for November 9-11 2009



Proposed Activities- Result 2

- Training in National accounts and other assessments meetings
- Preparation of technical proposals to assist Member States in basic data production
- Technical assistance to support remaining Member States in the Enhancement of Trade Information Systems



Proposed Activities - Result 2

- Follow up assessment meeting on the Enhancement of Trade information system



Proposed Activities- Result 3

- Support for some Member States to attend a two weeks training in Household Sample Survey Methodologies in Paramaribo, Suriname;
- Hosting of a two weeks seminar on International classifications for statistical and other labour market information scheduled for November 2-13, 2009
- Training to facilitate Directors and Chief Statisticians



Challenges

- Procurement of technical Assistance
- The 9th EDF implementation procedures



Action required

(i) **Consider** the CISP- Statistical Component Project Status Report for the period –

1 November 2008- 30 September 2009

(ii) **Support** the proposed activities for period ending May 2010



THANK YOU