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Press Release
Caribbean Statistics Day - Anguilla

Anguilla along with other Member and Associate member states of CARICOM has designated October 15th 2009 as Caribbean Statistics Day. In observance of this Day, the Anguilla Statistics Department will be organising a number of activities on that day as well as some pre-events commencing on September 27, 2009.

This initiative is in an effort to create greater awareness and appreciation for statistics, as well as raise attention to the role of statistics in national development, by encouraging a comprehensive collaborative approach to the collection, compilation, and dissemination of statistics. In addition, it is also hoped that greater understanding and use of statistics by persons in Anguilla would be fostered and a culture of statistics promoted in terms of provision of data by respondents.

The theme for this year's events is, 'Produced by Us; for Use by Us' with the focus being, "Why does Anguilla need good statistics".

This year's activities will include following:

- Three competitions; Poem, Word Creation and Statips
- Radio interviews and addresses
- Launching ceremony – Statistics Day

Statistics Day will be official launched on the 15th October at 9:00am – 10:00am with a ceremony to be held at the Teachers Resource Centre – the general public is invited to attend. This ceremony will be followed later in the day, with a facilitated discussion session entitled, 'Tell us how we can help' with the target group being Permanent Secretaries and Department Heads.

Details of the pre-event activities organised to mark the Day are:

| Pre-Event Activities | Target Group | Topic | Start date | Closing date |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Poetry Competition | Secondary school students | 'Why do we need good statistics?' | Sep 21, 2009 | Oct 6, 2009 |
| Word Creation | Primary school students | 'Anguilla needs good statistics.' | Sep 21, 2009 | Oct 6, 2009 |
| Countdown to Statistics Day | Radio listening audience | | Oct 1, 2009 | Oct 15, 2009 |
| Statips Announcements | Radio listening audience | History of Statistics in Anguilla | Oct 1, 2009 | Oct 12, 2009 |
| Statips Competition | Radio listening audience | | Oct 13, 2009 | Oct 14, 2009 |

The general public is therefore asked to keep listening to the radio for updates and further information relating to the Statistics Day planned activities to ensure that they actively participation in this year's activities.

Please listen out for details relating to the competitions and other events. Competition winners will receive their prizes during the official launch ceremony on October 15, 2009 – Anguilla Statistics Day.