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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Anguilla Statistics Week 2015 – Pre Week Competitions

The Anguilla Statistics Department as part of the activities for “Statistics Week 2015” which is scheduled for the week of October 11th to 16th, 2015, under the theme: **“Empowering our nation through the use of quality statistics – Post 2015 Development Agenda”** have planned a number of activities.

This year the Caribbean will celebrate its seventh (7th) “Caribbean Statistics Day” on Thursday, 15th October, 2015 and the global statistical community will showcase their achievements and their ongoing work to help this vision come true as part of its 2nd World Statistics Day slated for Tuesday, October 20, 2015. These events are all in an effort to continue to heighten the awareness of the contribution of official statistics to the development of a society.

The celebration of Caribbean Statistics Day is aimed at recognising the vital role of statistics in improving the daily lives of the peoples of our Community and in raising the profile of statistics and statisticians across the Region. The theme that has been proposed for this year borrows from that of the World Statistics Day, **“Better Data. Better Lives”**. This year’s World celebrations marks an important confluence for official statistics, with the conclusion of the Millennium Development Goals, the post-2015 development agenda, the data revolution, the preparations for the 2020 World Population and Housing Census Programme and so much more.

As part of Anguilla’s week of activities, which is intended to raise the awareness of the use of statistics in empowering a nation; individuals, communities and ultimately our nation and by extension the Caribbean and the World, the Department has commenced its pre-week competitions.

The competitions are as follows:

- A Word Creation Competition – using the statement **“Development agenda and data”** – targeted at all primary school aged students from grades 3 – 6.
- A Poetry Competition – using the topic **“Development Agenda – The role of quality statistics”** – targeted at all secondary school aged students.
- A Digital Video Creation – using the statement **“Empowering our nation through the use of quality statistics”** – opened to the general public.

All these competitions open on Monday, September 21st, 2015 and close on Wednesday, October 07, 2015, except that of the Digital Video Creation which closes on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Students are encouraged to collect rules and entry forms for the Word Creation from the respective schools grade teachers and for the Poetry Competition. Rules and entry forms for the Digital Video Creation can be collected from the Treasury or Inland Revenue Counters, the Anguilla General Post Office or the Anguilla Statistics Department.

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Parents are asked to encourage their children to participate in these competitions.

Further information about the activities planned for Anguilla Statistics Week 2015 will be released during the upcoming weeks. Should persons require additional information or clarity, they are asked to contact the Anguilla Statistics Department by calling 1-264-497-5731 or emailing statistics@gov.ai.