

**EXTRACT FROM COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN  
COMMUNITY,  
4 - 6 JULY 2016, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA**

**ACTION PLAN FOR STATISTICS IN THE CARIBBEAN**

Heads of Government endorsed the importance of statistics to the Region's efforts to attain sustainable development, continuous improvement in the standard of living, empowerment of Community nationals, governance, planning and policy making and progress towards the CSME.

Heads of Government considered and endorsed the Action Plan which among other things seeks to strengthen national statistical systems. The Plan enables the upgrading of the Information and Communications Technology infrastructure and provides overall support to human resource development.

Heads of Government also agreed that the UN Secretary General should be advised that with regard to the statistical work carried out by the United Nations statistical system, the Community should be viewed as a distinct grouping within the Latin America and Caribbean area. They viewed this distinction as fundamental as it was based on the unique challenges that are faced particularly by Small Island Developing and low lying coastal States (SIDS) which constitute this grouping.