



Background

- The Observatory for gender equality in LAC was a recommendation of the 10th Regional Conference on Women in Quito, Ecuador in 2007;
- The main focus is to highlight goals and objectives on gender equality as outlined in the MDGs and IADGs e.g. the Beijing platform;
- The Caribbean component was launched by ECLAC at a two-day Technical Meeting in October 2008 in Trinidad and Tobago.



Goals and Objectives

- The gender observatory is conceived as a tool to:
 1. Support governments in analysing regional realities;
 2. Monitor gender policy and international agreements;
 3. Provide technical support and training to national mechanisms for the advancement of women; and,
 4. Assist national statistical agencies in countries that request such assistance;



Goals and Objectives (Cont'd)

- Its principal objectives are therefore to:
 1. Analyse and increase the visibility of gender equality goals and targets in the region;
 2. Provide technical support and training;
 3. Assess gender inequalities.



Indicators of Focus

- The principal areas of the key indicators of concern are:
 1. Paid and unpaid work, time use and poverty;
 2. Access to decision-making and political representation;
 3. Gender-based violence;
 4. Reproductive health and rights (a cross-cutting issue).



Outputs

- 1 expert meeting to discuss and validate the indicators of the Caribbean Observatory (*Oct. 2008*);
- 4 National Studies on the availability of Gender Indicators in the Caribbean (*completed*);
- Countries: **Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago** (*Dec-April*);
- Technical Assistance for a study on the Classification of Activities for a Time Use Survey;
- 5 Technical and Training Assessment Missions in the Caribbean;
- 5 National Workshops for Training and Knowledge Sharing in the Caribbean;



Outputs (Cont'd)

- 1 Expert Group Meeting on Time Use Statistics;
- 5 Technical and Training Assessment Missions in the Caribbean;
- 5 National Workshops for Training and Knowledge Sharing in the Caribbean;
- 1 Expert Group Meeting on Time Use Statistics;
- Creation of a database of Opinion Leaders and Decision Makers within the Caribbean (*ongoing*);
- Matrix on the availability of Gender Based Violence Indicators within the Caribbean (*ongoing*).



Conclusions

- Challenges: Thus far only first 2 Outputs achieved;
- Human resource constraints;
- Lack of sufficient sex disaggregated data within the Caribbean;
- The lack of human resources within the national machineries to respond in a timely manner to requests for data.



THANK YOU

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