

# Group Work to Identify a Draft Core Set of SDGs for the Caribbean

## Report on Workshop

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# Agenda 2030

- Premised on the fact that Agenda 2030 promises to be difficult in the early years of integration because of:-
  - Trade
  - Vulnerability to climate change and foreign debt
  - Structural imbalances – not diversified in terms of production
  - Production increase from previous stagnation
  - Growth of unemployment – 28 of 38 as middle income countries as a result of GDP per capita

# The Big Paradigm

- To go from individual action to a series of collective actions that will enable us to make headway in a civilized way for mankind.
- The strategic pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals as pivotal to the continued development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS).
- The realization by 193 UN member states that the current style in our development agenda is going nowhere.

# Purpose of Meeting

Regional Consultation and Training on the Development of a set of Core Indicators for Monitoring Implementation of the SDGs and the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action, SAMOA Pathway was a collaborative initiative of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat, the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Sub-regional Headquarters, Port of Spain and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), Sustainable Development Division in New York.

# The Overall Objective

The overall objective of this Meeting was to support Caribbean SIDS to identify from among the Tier I/II global SDG indicators a **minimum core set** to monitor implementation of the SDGs and the SAMOA Pathway in the Caribbean, which was a recommendation that emanated from the Thirty-Ninth Meeting of the CARICOM Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (SCCS).

# The Director's Expectations

- The regional consultation and training would provide support to Caribbean SIDS to address their challenges through the identification of a minimum core set of indicators and the constraints that could mitigate against the systematic collection of the indicators and monitoring and reporting.
- The training would provide support to SIDS in strengthening their capacity to meet these objectives.

Director, Division for Sustainable Development, Mr. Juwang Zhu

# Background to the Consultation and Training

A baseline assessment of the SDG indicators was another key activity that was endorsed by the SCCS and emphasized that the indicators which the consultation was seeking to identify were as important as the national development policies and priorities that countries would be implementing to ensure the achievement of the SDGs.

Dr. Philomen Harris, Director, Regional Statistics of the CARICOM Secretariat

# Key Documents Referenced

Key documents which led to the development of the SDGs:

- The SAMOA Pathway of September 2015;
- The Addis Ababa Action Agenda of Ethiopia, July 2015; and
- Transforming Our World, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, United Nations, September 2015.



# Role of CARICOM Member States

The CARICOM member states were encouraged to play their individual and collective roles in ensuring the effective implementation, monitoring and reporting of the SDGs by:

- ensuring that the SDGs, in particular the Plan of Action for implementation of the strategy pertaining to SDGs comes into effect.
- selection of a core subset of indicators that can be produced on a sustained basis .
- Identifying the challenges that come with for implementing and achieving the objectives of the SDGs.