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# **ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)**

**Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean**

**Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)**

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DA-MDG project for the Caribbean

ECLAC MDG meeting

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# Outline

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- MDG reporting in the Caribbean;
- Overview of DA MDG project;
- Ongoing activities in the region;
- Challenges.

# MDG reporting in the Caribbean

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- Countries with MDG reports:
  - Belize, Cuba, Guyana, OECS (Barbados, Grenada, SVG, SL, SKN, Dominica), Jamaica, Suriname
- Countries without MDG reports:
  - Trinidad and Tobago (in final draft)
- MDG costing exercises:
  - Dominican Republic (compl.), Belize: in progress (UNDP-ECLAC);
  - Trinidad and Tobago: with UNDP: discussions with the Govt.

# Overview of DA MDG project

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- **Overall**

**Objective:**

Strengthen technical capacities of Caribbean CSOs through networking of institutions and experts, to improve the social and environmental indicators to measure poverty, social cohesion and environmental sustainability with a view to advancing the fulfillment of MDGs.

# Overview of DA MDG project, cont'd

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- Expected accomplishments:
  - Adoption of common data collection protocols, definitions & classifications for extended set of MDG indicators;
  - Strengthened capacity to produce & analyze & use MDG indicators derived from HH-surveys and admin. data;
  - Improved capacity to measure poverty, social cohesion & environmental sustainability;
  - Establishment of a db to share indicators at the regional level.

# Overview of DA MDG project, cont'd

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- Indicators of achievement:
  - At least 6 NSOs included monitoring of MDGs & IADGs into workprogramme;
  - At least 6 countries carried out data collection activities;
  - At least 4 countries produced estimates of GDP incorporating MDG indicators;
  - At least one country produced national report on MDGs & IADGs;
  - Increased access to info/data on informal sector;

# Overview of DA MDG project, cont'd

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- Indicators of achievement:
  - At least 25% more staff trained in production/use of MDG/IADGs & HH-survey methodology;
  - At least one country prepared one comparable national country report;
  - At least 50% of workshop participants to have increased their knowledge & skills;
  - At least 3 countries produce/d on-line db

# Overview of DA MDG project, cont'd

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- Activities: integrated approach
  - *Data collection, analysis & harmonization*: country visits;
  - *Statistical capacity building*: expert group meetings & national (6) & regional (3) training workshops;
  - *Publications*: sub-regional report on status of MDGs; meta-data dictionary for development & maintenance of db;
  - *Knowledge management*: use of Knowledge Portal at CKMC (POS);



# Overview of DA MDG project, cont'd

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- Monitoring:
  - Multi-agency Steering Committee (SC); ECLAC POS to consult with DESA/UNSD, CARICOM, ECLAC Stats. & Econ. Projection Unit.
- Evaluation:
  - Workshop evaluation questionnaires; survey of national statistical initiatives & publications; website access log; end of project evaluation.

# Overview of DA MDG project, cont'd

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- External factors:
  - Sustained interest by targeted beneficiaries;
  - Statistical activities & national stakeholders coordinated;
  - Appropriately selected staff trained/re-trained;
  - No political intervention to manipulate data to be collected;
  - NSOs willing to share information on harmonization of stats. info;
  - Activities in line with NSO activities, thus no additional burden on NSOs.

# Overview of DA MDG project, cont'd

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- Implementation:
  - ECLAC POS lead - collaboration with UNSD, ECLAC SD, CARICOM & UNDP;
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# Where are we with the project?

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- First Expert/SC meeting scheduled for early December;
- Recruitment of RA to conduct background research;
- Survey currently administered to NSOs to identify status of MDG & IADB reporting, data sharing and interest/willingness to participate.

# Ongoing activities in the region

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- SPARC: Support to Poverty Assessment and Reduction in the Caribbean:
  - Multi-donor effort (harmonization, anonymization, legislation for data sharing, knowledge transfer);
  - Just joined the World Bank ACP program (Dominica, St. Lucia);
- State Dept. funded: Household Survey Project:
  - Coordination, harmonization, establishment of a db for data access and data analysis, collaboration with stats. Div. STGO;

# Ongoing activities in the region

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- Interregional Cooperation on the Measurement of the Informal Sector and Informal Employment (ECAC, ILO):
  - Assessment of contribution of informal sector to national economies;
  - Presently: survey conducted in St. Lucia;
- At CARICOM level:
  - Census 2020 preparations: (Multi-donor consortium; SCCS/Census coordinators meeting upcoming);
  - Establishment of SIMDG Committees at the national level.

# Challenges

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- Access to data:
  - Census data available for 5 countries, HH surveys for several countries;
- Data quality:
  - Census: Coding errors, reporting errors, undercount (up to 20%);
- Limited resources to conduct surveys and analyze data;
- Administrative data - availability and access;
- Challenges: see external factors (slide 10)!
- Lack of trust in the UN/ECLAC system!



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