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**Project for the Regional  
Advancement of Statistics  
in the Caribbean**

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l'avancement de la statistique  
dans les Caraïbes**

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# 1. Introduction

- Project for the Regional Advancement of Statistics in the Caribbean (PRASC)
  - Technical Assistance Project
  - Funded by Government of Canada, 19.5M CAD
  - Project life span: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022
  - Targets 14 Member States of CARICOM
  - Statistics Canada is the executing agency



# 1. Expected outcomes

- Project based on CCS needs assessment and consultations
- Four components
  - System of National Accounts
  - Business Survey Infrastructure
  - Household Survey Infrastructure
  - Communication and Dissemination
- Expected Outcomes
  - Increased knowledge
  - Increased ability



# 1. Expected outcomes

- Focus on Statistical Capacity Building
  - Sustainable outcomes and outputs
  - Regional tools and methods – regional sustainability
  - Learning by doing approach
  - Needs driven (National and Regional)

## 2. Ongoing projects

- Systems of National Accounts
  - Division of work with CARTAC
    - PRASC focus: GDP-E, TSA, International Trade, ISA, SUT compiling
    - CARTAC focus: GDP-P, GDP-I, BOP, IIP, CPI, PPI, SUT review
  - Quarterly GDP-Expenditure approach (Jamaica)
  - Supply and Use Table with several countries
    - Building the framework and identifying data gaps
    - Stakeholders meeting for access to administrative data sources
  - Import and Export Trade Indices with a few countries
  - SNA tool to build table, load and analyze data (Excel, Access)



## 2. Ongoing projects

- Business Survey Infrastructure
  - Business Register modernization with several countries
  - Business Establishment Survey (Belize)
  - Support on other business surveys for a few countries
  - Regional meeting to draft the Regional CARICOM Quality Assurance Framework





## 2. Ongoing projects

- Household Survey Infrastructure
  - Electronic collection pilot with WB software (Bahamas)
  - Review of methodology for demography estimates (Montserrat)
  - Data Analysis workshop with several countries
  - Analytical project with a few countries
  - Review of HBS questionnaire and methodology (Jamaica, Belize)



## 2. Ongoing projects

- **Communication and Dissemination**
  - Support to a few countries for website design/redesign (needs assessment, recommendations, prototypes)
  - Support to several countries on media relations
  - Support to a few countries on communication strategy for a specific survey
  - Draft TOR for a National Statistics Council (Grenada)
  - Roadmap and regional workshop on Accessing and Managing administrative data

## 2. Ongoing projects

- Regional projects
  - Consultations with CCS
    - Want to align to Action Plan for Statistics and Recommendations from the Transformative Agenda for Official Statistics
    - Focus on administrative data access
    - Support to CCS for modernization of their statistics website
    - Regional public goods – knowledge base (training material, tools, documentation)
  - Consultations with OECS
    - Want to support the OECS RSDS
      - Support to OECS for advocacy strategy (future)



## 3. Supporting the SDGs

- Canada/Statistics Canada
  - Member of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on SDGs
  - Member/Co-chair of subgroups of the IAEG-SDG
  - Canada participates in the UNECE work on SDGs
  
  - Now assessing available data for reporting on the indicators for Canada
    - A Government of Canada portal is being developed for reporting on global indicators for SDGs

## 3. Supporting the SDGs

- PRASC - enabling the reporting for the SDGs
  - Through building capacity in survey-taking, access to administrative data, compilation and analysis and dissemination and communication
  - Highlighting the need to align to SDG indicators
    - In analytical reports
    - In questionnaire content review
  - At the request of NSOs, PRASC can focus on an aspect of monitoring SDGs



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