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The Sustainable Development Goals
in national development planning

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Day 1 - Tuesday 14 February

08:00 – 08:30

Registration

08:30 – 09:00

Opening of the symposium

- Welcome remarks by Ambassador Sheila Sealey Monteith, Under Secretary, Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Jamaica
- Statement by H.E. Joachim Schmillen, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Jamaica and the Bahamas
- Opening Address by Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

09:00 – 10:00

Understanding the global and regional frameworks for SDG follow-up and review

Moderator: H.E. Penelope Beckles, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations

- **An overview of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development**
Romain Zivy, Deputy Chief of Office, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC
- **Positioning to implement the Sustainable Development Goal indicators framework**
Carol Coy, Director-General, Statistical Institute of Jamaica

10:00 – 10:30

Discussion

10:30 – 10:50

Coffee break



10:50 – 11:50

National institutional frameworks for planning and implementing the SDGs and the SAMOA Pathway

Moderator: Ambassador Dessima Williams, Senior Advisor on Sustainable Development Goals, Office of the President of UN General Assembly

- **Finding a home for the SDGs in national implementation strategies**
Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean
- **Ensuring national ownership of the SDGs**
Elsie Laurence-Chounoune, PhD, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Jamaica

11:50 – 12:30

Discussion

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 14:30

The Caribbean experience in mainstreaming the SDGs in existing national development plans

Moderator: Ambassador Colin Murdoch, Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, Antigua and Barbuda

- **Barbados: Medium-Term Growth and Development Strategy (MGDS) 2013-2020**
Patrick McCaskie, Director, Research and Planning Unit, Economic Affairs Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs
- **Belize: Growth and Sustainable Development Strategy (GSDS) 2016-2019**
Carlos Pol, Senior Economist, Ministry of Economic Development and Petroleum
- **Jamaica: Vision 2030 Jamaica – National Development Plan**
Elizabeth Emmanuel, Programme Director, Vision 2030 Jamaica Secretariat, Planning Institute of Jamaica

14:30 – 15:00

Discussion

15:00 – 15:15

Coffee break



15:15 – 16:00

The Caribbean experience in integrating from inception the SDGs in new national development plans

Moderator: Dillon Alleyne, Deputy Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

- **Curacao: National Development Plan Curacao 2015-2030**
Luelo Girigorie, Policy Director, Ministry of Economic Development
- **Guyana: National Development Strategy**
Sonya Roopnauth, Director of Budget, Ministry of Finance
- **Saint Lucia: National Vision Plan**
Cecil Charles, Economist, Department of Finance
- **Suriname: National Development Plan 2017-2021**
Reynold Simons, Director, National Planning Office

16:00 – 16:30

Discussion

16:30 – 16:45

Conclusions

Day 2 - Wednesday 15 February

09:00 – 10:15

Examining tools for integrated national development planning

Moderator: Wayne Henry, Director-General, Planning Institute of Jamaica

- Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean
- Hugh Morris, Manager, Modelling Unit, Economic Planning and Research Division, Planning Institute of Jamaica

10:15 – 10:45

Discussion

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee break



11:00– 12:00

Tools and initiatives for statistical capacity building

Moderator: Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean

- **Project for the Regional Advancement of Statistics in the Caribbean (PRASC)**
Tracey Leesti, Director, Income Statistics Division, Statistics Canada
- **CARICOM Gender Equality Indicators**
Isiuwa Iyahan, Programme Specialist, Economic Empowerment and Statistics, UN-Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean
- **Data Roadmaps and Toolbox**
Aditya Agrawal, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data

12:00 – 12:30

Discussion

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30– 14:30

Meeting the data demands for SDG monitoring and reporting in the Caribbean

Moderator: Michael Witter, Senior Fellow, SALISES, UWI Mona

- **An assessment of the capacity of Caribbean countries to produce SDG indicators**
Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean
- **Transforming the NSOs to respond to the 2030 Agenda in the framework of the SCA**
Giovanni Savio, Chief, Economic and Environmental Statistics Unit, ECLAC
- **Administrative data sources: untapped repositories of data for generating SDG indicators**
Leesha Delatie-Budair, Director, Research, Design and Evaluation, Statistical Institute of Jamaica
- **The role of development banks in building statistical capacity in the Caribbean**
Monica La Bennett, Deputy Director, Corporate Planning, Caribbean Development Bank

14:30 – 15:00

Discussion

15:00 – 15:15

Coffee break



- 15:15 – 15:45 **Framework for coordination of inter-agency support for SDG implementation in the Caribbean**
- Moderator: Romain Zivy, Deputy Chief of Office, Office of the Executive Secretary, ECLAC
- Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean ECLAC
 - Alison Drayton, Representative, UNFPA
- 15:45 – 16:15 **Discussion**
- 16:15 – 16:30 **Conclusions**

Day 3 - Thursday 16 February

- 08:30 – 09:15 **Exchange of views towards core indicators for monitoring implementation of the SDGs and SAMOA Pathway in the Caribbean**
- Moderator: Gloria Joseph, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Economic Development and Investment, Dominica
- **The need for a core set of SDG indicators for the Caribbean**
Gatlin Roberts, Chief Statistician, Statistical Office, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
 - **The development of a core set of SDG indicators for the Caribbean**
Lori-Rae Alleyne, Chief Statistician, Anguilla Statistics Department
- 09:15– 10:45 **Open session 1: Towards a core set of indicators for SDG 1- 8**
- 10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00– 12:30 **Open session 2: Towards a core set of indicators for SDG 9- 16**
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Closure of symposium**
- Diane Quarless, Director, ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean