

PANEL I : POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN - MIGRATION

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Migration in the Caribbean

- Opening Statements :
 - Very diverse situation in the region;
 - Very sensitive issue;
 - Very necessary in most cases;
 - Very difficult to measure

Migration in the Caribbean

- Very diverse, if one considers the type of migration :
 - ▣ Work permit system (dominant system);
 - ▣ Migration with purpose to reside;
 - ▣ Illegal Migration;
 - ▣ Tourism (considered form of migration by IOM);
 - ▣ Refugees (more economic)
 - ▣ Free Movement of Persons (countries participating in the CSME);

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- Free Movement of Persons is also diverse :
 - ▣ Free Movement of Skills
 - Graduates, Artistes, Musicians, Media workers, Sportspersons (Article 46), Teachers, Nurses (Not in Antigua & Barbuda), Holders Associate Degrees, Artisans with CVQ;
 - Household Domestics from 1 Jan 2010 (Derogation Antigua & Barbuda and Belize);
 - ▣ Right of Establishment / Commercial Presence;
 - ▣ Temporary Movement of Service Providers

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- Very diverse, if one look at the duration of the migration :
 - ▣ Short term (six months or shorter);
 - ▣ Long term (longer than six months);
 - ▣ Indefinite stay;
 - ▣ Stay can be extended only a few times (migrant is sometimes obliged to train successor)

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- Very diverse, if one considers migration as a right :
 - ▣ Treaty obligation;
 - ▣ Discretionary system (dominant system)

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- Very diverse, if one considers the flow of migrants :
 - ▣ Sending countries (push) vs. Receiving countries (pull);
 - ▣ Intra-Regional Migration vs. Outwards Migration

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- Very sensitive issue, due to :
 - The fact that migration is about people;
 - Fear in the receiving countries;
 - Unfounded statements;
 - Lack of reliable data;
 - Lack of leadership

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- Very necessary in most cases, because :
 - ▣ The aspirations of persons from the receiving country are not in sync with existing opportunities;
 - ▣ Workforce needed to further boost growth and development;
 - ▣ For investment purposes;
 - ▣ Rejuvenate population

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- Very difficult to measure :
 - Constraints relating to Human Resources;
 - Other resource constraints (equipment);
 - Not a priority;
 - Surveys are not answered / completed;
 - Data is not supplied for all Indicators;
 - Data is not correct

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□ Skills Certificates Issued to Nationals and CARICOM Nationals from inception to May 2009

□ Antigua & Barbuda	19	-	57
□ Barbados	NP	-	1083
□ Belize	24	-	34
□ Grenada	101	-	148
□ Guyana	2357	-	16
□ Saint Lucia	269	-	244
□ Suriname	50	-	13
□ Trinidad & Tobago	582	-	1308

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Case of Barbados

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	2007	2007	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008	2008
Migrant	Verifie d	Issue d	LTWP	STWP	Verifie d	Issued	LTWP	STWP
BARBA D	NA	48	NA	NA	NA	52	NA	NA
CARIC O	99	115	81	7015	113	136	73	6856
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- Supportive Measures :
 - ▣ CARICOM Agreement on Social Security
 - All countries participating in the CSME, except Suriname;
 - The Bahamas and Montserrat are party to the Agreement
 - Provides for totalisation
 - Focuses on long term benefits (invalidity, disablement, old age, survivors and death benefits in the form of pensions)

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- Protocol on Contingent Rights
 - Agreement on Right of Access to Pre-Primary Education, Right to Primary Education, Right to Emergency Healthcare, Right of Spouse to work, Some Definitions (Issue with Common Law Spouse)
 - Countries are still considering Right to primary Healthcare
 - Abovementioned Rights are in line with commitments made at the International Level

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- Needs and Actions by CCS to address these :
 - Comprehensive study on impact of Migration (9th EDF / 10th EDF) ;
 - Comprehensive policy framework on Migration, including Rights of Migrants(Regional / National) (10th EDF);
 - Establishment of Migration Information Sharing Network (Regional / National)(IADB / 10th EDF)

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