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NATIONAL STATISTICS

A Culture of Best Practice, and the Establishment of The National Statistical Institute of Trinidad and Tobago (NSITT): Imperatives for Securing National Development

Friday 25th March, 2022 | 10:00 am

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

10:00am - 10:03am

WELCOME

Mrs. Taresa Best-Downes (Chair)
Episcopal Delegate for Youth, Catholic Youth Commission, Archdiocese of Port of Spain

10:03am - 10:08am

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard
Director (Ag), Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, The UWI, St. Augustine

10:08am - 10:15am

INTRODUCTION OF PRESENTATION SEGMENT & PRESENTERS

Mrs. Taresa Best-Downes (Chair)
Episcopal Delegate for Youth, Catholic Youth Commission
Archdiocese of Port of Spain

10:15am - 10:25am

PRESENTATION 1

Professor Sir Ian Diamond
National Statistician, Government Statistical Service, United Kingdom



The challenges and opportunities of a National Statistical Institute

10:25am - 10:35am

PRESENTATION 2

Dr. Abdullahi Abdulkadri
Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean



Best Practice and Integrity in National Statistical Systems: The Significance of International and Regional Mandates for the Caribbean

10:35am - 10:45am

PRESENTATION 3

Mr. Lance Busby
Retired Statistician, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean



Governance Processes, the Proposed NSITT, and the National Statistical System: Challenges and Remedies in Response to a Global Data Revolution.

10:45am - 10:55am

PRESENTATION 4

Dr. Godfrey St. Bernard
Director (Ag), Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, The UWI, St. Augustine



Countering the Devaluation of Statistics for Development and Promoting a Modern Statistics Culture through Institutional Strengthening





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PRESENTATION 5



Mr. Gabriel Gamez

Inter-regional Adviser, Organization and Management of National Statistical Systems, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Statistics Division

National Statistical Systems in the Context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

11:05am - 11:15am

PRESENTATION 6



Mr. Desmond Perry

Statistician, Tobago House of Assembly

Statistics for Development - NSITT, The Tobago House of Assembly (THA) and the Human and Institutional Needs of Tobago in the 2020s and beyond

11:15am - 11:25am

PRESENTATION 7



Dr. Wesley Yung

Director, International Cooperation and Methodology Innovation Center, Statistics Canada

The Future of National Statistical Offices - New Wave Content, Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, and the Evolution of the Data Science

11:25am - 12:15pm

PANEL DISCUSSION/QUESTION & ANSWER SEGMENT

Mrs Taresa Best-Downes

Episcopal Delegate for Youth, Catholic Youth Commission, Archdiocese of Port of Spain

12:15pm - 12:20pm

VOTE OF THANKS

Ms Samantha Armorgan

Graduate, MSc. Development Statistics, Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies, The UWI, St. Augustine

12:20pm - 12:25pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Mrs Taresa Best-Downes

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