



## **WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STATISTICS FOR THE CARICOM REGION**

Grenada hosted a five-day workshop from the 4th to 8th of November 2019 on Environment and Climate Change Statistics for the CARICOM Region. The event was co-organised by United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the Caribbean Community Secretariat (CARICOM), UNFCCC with its Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) in Grenada and the National Statistics Office (NSO) of Grenada.

Participants from National Statistics Offices and Environment Ministries from eight CARICOM countries attended the workshop. The workshop highlighted the current challenges and weaknesses within the region's environment and climate change statistical data. By bringing together representatives from national statistics offices and Ministries responsible for environment and climate change statistics the organizers provided a platform for the two groups to communicate, identify strengths and challenges jointly and come up with strategies at regional and national level to improve the environment and climate change statistics.

The participants discussed various technical areas of environment statistics in detail with the idea to launch a pilot to support the statistics offices collection of information on set identified environment and climate change statistics indicators that would be communicated through UNSD at an agreed frequency.

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) announced that it will be developing a project to support the implementation of this initiative in Latin America and Caribbean over the next 2 years. On the area of climate change statistics UNFCCC and Vintura Silva from UNFCCC RCC/CCMRVH presented the requirements of information under the convention on climate change, parameters to be tracked as well as challenges. He also presented a summary of the findings of the initial country assessments done by the CCMRV Hub Project.

Mr. Hayden Redhead (MRV Hub Assistant Project Coordinator), Mr. Ryan Deosaran (MRV Hub Mentor/Instructor), and Mr. Quincy Augustine (MRV Hub Support Staff) represented the CCMRV Hub (inset photo) and participated in the event.

According to Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Climate Resilience of Grenada, P.S. Roxie McLeish Hutchinson "our ability to inform about environmental sustainability, is severely hampered by the insufficient production and coordination of environment statistics." She further proclaimed that "environment statistics is still considered a relatively

new and challenging field of statistics, yet the demand for these statistics is increasing in line with the continued environment challenges faced by our society in our efforts to develop.”



LtR: Quincy Augustine, Ryan Deosaran, Hayden Redhead



Group Photo.

In addition, members from UNFCCC, RCC, SGU, WINDREF, GWP, GCF met with UNSD and Grenada National Statistics Office on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Discussions centered on opportunities to collaborate on initiatives and projects to produce quality environment and climate change statistics for Grenada.

As a follow up to the week of meetings the UNSD collaborated with Grenada's NSO to host a national technical training workshop on environment and climate change statistics

which aimed to improve Grenada's environment & climate statistics by implementing FDES 2013 and to ensure that Grenada is adequately capturing environment and climate change statistics.

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