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Guyana Officials Receive LMIS Training

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana) The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat continues its series of labour market information system (LMIS) training in Member States. The latest exercise takes place in Guyana from Wednesday, October 19 to Friday, October 21 at the Ministry of Social Protection. The establishment of the LMIS is an important part of the proper functioning of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME). The aim of the training is to teach stakeholders how to use LMIS in the development of policy and planning. This initiative is being facilitated under the 10th European Development Fund CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) Economic Integration Programme.

Approximately 30 representatives from Departments of Statistics, Finance, Planning, Health, Education, Social Security as well as trade unions and employer organisations are expected to participate. They will be trained in areas such as how to identify sources of labour market information, classification of labour statistics, labour market modelling, survey analysis and policy implications. At the end of the exercise, participants are expected to understand how to use labour market information in policy-making and its importance in the process. This training should also strengthen the management capability of these stakeholders who play an integral role in the free movement of skills and labour regime of the CSME.

The LMIS training exercise has already been carried out in Trinidad and Tobago and Suriname. It will be conducted in all Member States, except The Bahamas, in the coming
months. There is another phase of this LMIS training initiative that involves system and data administrators who will be carrying out the day-to-day operation of the system. They will be given the requisite knowledge and skills to do this and their training will also be conducted over the following months.

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