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Background

- The development of a core dataset of ICT indicators was first recommended by the 26th Meeting of the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (SCCS) in 2001 (The Bahamas).
- Further supported by the First Special Meeting of Ministers with responsibility for ICT in 2002 (Antigua & Barbuda).
- Statistics on ICT was included in the Common Regional Statistics Work Programme (RSWP) on the recommendation of the Community Council in 2005.

Background

- The current developmental work is a collaboration between the Regional Statistics Programme and the Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICT4D) Programme of the CARICOM Secretariat.
- Work is also ongoing at the level of the Regional Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Steering Committee, particularly the ICT Sub-Committee on Statistics.

Defining the Scope of ICT

- Economic: Contribution of ICT to GDP
 - Merchandise Trade in ICT Goods
 - Trade in ICT Services and Investment
 - Employment
- The International Standard Industrial Classification revision 4 (ISIC Rev 4) has been adopted relative to the contribution to GDP and Employment.

Defining the Scope of ICT

- Social perspective acknowledges the broader impact of ICT.
 - Governance
 - Information Literacy
 - Health
 - Poverty Alleviation
 - Social Inclusion
 - Agriculture
 - Security
 - Legal and Regulatory Framework
 - Environment

Development of a Framework for the CSICT Indicators

- Work commenced on the development of the Caribbean Specific ICT (CSICT) Indicators at the last workshop held in 2011, in Antigua & Barbuda in the following areas:
 - A comprehensive list of indicators
 - Metadata
 - Implementation Plan
 - Economic codes – ICT Contribution to GDP and Trade in ICT goods

Development of a Framework for the CSICT Indicators

- Participants at the last workshop were asked to refine the indicators to ensure clarity and measurability
- Duplicates were removed
- Finalised list of indicators distributed to all Member States.
- Member States were required to arrive at a core list of indicators after consultations with relevant stakeholders

Development of a Framework for the CSICT Indicators

- The development of Metadata has been attempted by the Regional Statistics Programme, CARICOM Secretariat for the nine (9) themes.
- An Implementation Plan was one of the main outputs from the last workshop in 2011. The plan encapsulates five (5) major elements, with accompanying activities, recommendations and time periods.

Development of a Framework for the CSICT Indicators

- Efforts to compile data on ICT from available sources are ongoing.
- Codes relative to the Contribution of ICT to GDP and Trade were distributed to Member States:
 - Trade in ICT Goods: HS 2007 and SITC Rev. 4
 - ICT Services: Central Product Classification (CPC) V.2
 - GDP and Employment: ISIC Rev. 4

Work Going Forward

- Why are we here?
 - Continue the refining of Indicators where necessary
 - Reviewing the metadata compiled
 - Reviewing the implementation plan