

CARICOM Economic Statistics Meeting: Strategising for the Improvement of Economic Statistics in the Region: 19-20 June, Barbados (Economic Activity / Labour Force Statistics)

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St. Kitts & Nevis	Information not available		Gaps in employment data by sector and occupation	1) Assistance given to Labour department so that they can build the capacity to derive labour data. 2) Practical approach to designing and conducting studies related to labour information	
Cayman Islands	Labour force survey report	Bi-annual labour force survey	Quarterly labour force survey Improved household register	1) ILO assessment of the sampling, household register, codes and methodology of the labour force survey. 2) Review of the labour force survey questionnaire.	
Jamaica	Quarterly LFS data released		1) Under-employment indicators 2) Living wage index		LFS for 2008 includes the informal sector module Concept & definition of the living wage need to be defined
Barbados	1) Continuous Labour Force Survey carried out quarterly. 2) Latest results compiled for 1 st . Quarter, 2008.	Survey is ongoing.	Need to measure informal employment.		Technical advice on measurement of informal employment is being provided by ILO.
Bahamas	Redesign of form to accommodate the recommended ILO informal sector model in progress.	1) Release of preliminary data annually in September. 2) Rotating sample which includes New Providence and Grand Bahama annually rotating in two of the other islands each year.	All islands are not covered.	1) Assistance needed in logistics re the implementation of a bi-annual or quarterly survey, how to organize the sample and the estimates, etc. Sample design.	

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St. Vincent and The Grenadines					Due to the CPA to be followed by the HBS and then planning for census2010, it is impossible to conduct a LFS before the census. Discussions are ongoing about the possibility of including a module as part of the census.
St. Lucia	1) All tabulations based on Labour Force Survey completed within two (2) months of end of the previous quarter	1) The reports are all currently produced in a sustained, timely manner	-	1) Technical Assistance Design of Sample Survey and methodology	