

EVALUATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS.

The Central Statistical Office of Grenada has over the past years used most of the International Classifications Methods for the coding of many surveys and newly developed business register. Although faced with some limitations these classification has been used at length.

International Standard Classification of Occupation -this classification method has been used for our 2001 Population and Housing Census it is also used for our labour statistics (mainly work permits). This classification is also being used by The National Insurance Scheme for the coding of the occupation of employed Contributors. Our limitation with its use has been assessing which code best fits a given occupation.

International Standard Industrial Classification- We are currently using the **ISIC REV 3.1** and this classification is used extensively for the coding of census and other sample surveys. It is also used for the coding of the business register and informally for the national accounts. However, the office is embarking on using this classification for the rebasing of the national accounts. The National Insurance Scheme is also a user of this classification. The challenges faced are similar to that of the Occupation Classification in that problems occurred in identifying the codes that specifically describes a particular industry.

International Standard Classification of Education -The Ministry of Education uses this classification comprehensively to code their education data. This system maps Grenada's Education level to the International standards. The International level differs to our education level as a result a design was created to adapt. There are some challenges associated with the use of this classification. At the tertiary level because of the different programmes, mapping our levels to the international levels has been difficult.

Central Product Classification- The Statistical office is aware of this classification but it is not used. The Office uses the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and for the 2008 Household Budgetary survey.

Industrial Classification of Status in Employment is currently not in use by the Central Statistical Office.