



PRESS RELEASE

Bureau of Statistics launches National Strategy for the Development of Statistics; data for better developmental planning to be strengthened

Availability, accuracy and timeliness of information for decision making across the public agencies will be further strengthened as the Bureau of Statistics in collaboration with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the OECD-Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century (PARIS21) launched the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS).

The launch of the NSDS was followed by a four (4) day NSDS strategic planning workshop which ran from April 17 to 20, and was attended by representatives of major public sector and private sector.

The launch wraps up a series of institutional assessment activities that are aimed at enhancing the availability of current statistics and information in general across Guyana.

Minister of Finance, Winston Jordan delivered the main address and emphasised the importance of ‘an efficient and effective National Statistical System.’ He also thanked the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for their contribution towards the realization of the Strategy.’

Minister Jordan also said that the ‘project, which will end in March 2019, will set out the government’s vision for a National Statistics System and specify the mission of the System as a whole. It will also identify short, medium and long term goals, set out strategies that will need to be adopted and executed, and spell out actions that will need to be taken.’

He pointed out that the objectives of the project play a tremendously important role in Guyana’s plans for development in the medium to long term and reiterated its importance as it ‘ensures that Guyana’s National Strategy for the Development of

Statistics is not only comparable with the rest of the world but is of a very high standard and fulfils all scientific statistical standards in the creation of this medium term strategic plan.

Guyana is the fifth CARICOM member country to develop this strategy and as a member of the United Nations, has signed onto and committed to 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The indicators that are used to track these goals require information that is supplied by public sector organizations. Therefore all public sector heads have a responsibility in ensuring the various organisations are committed to the successful implementation of this national strategic plan. The institutional assessment activities are part of a three year project funded by a US\$442,092 grant from the Inter-American Development Bank.

A vision statement, mission statement, core values and strategic objectives were developed as part of the creation of the National Strategy for the Development of Statistics. It is expected that a strategic plan will be submitted by December 2018 for approval.

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