

## Media Brief

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| What:  | Measuring Gender Equity in the Caribbean:<br>Development of the CARICOM Gender Equality Indicators Model<br>National Consultation: Grenada |
| When:  | Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2015; 8:30 am – 3:30 pm  |
| Where: | The Grenadian by Rex Resorts   |

Over the past fifteen years, the CARICOM Secretariat has supported Member States in the strengthening of data collection and the analysis of socio-economic data from a gender equality perspective. For Governments to assess the status of women and men and to better understand the impact and shaping of policies, it is essential that this analysis and dissemination of socio-economic data is continued on a systematic basis.

To this end, the CARICOM Secretariat and UN Women Multi-Country Office (MCO) - Caribbean have come together to develop and support the adoption by Member States of the CARICOM Gender Equality Indicators (GEI) Model, which will include a proposed list of indicators to measure the advancement of gender equality, including the status of women and men; as well as approaches and methodologies to be used by Member States to measure these Indicators in a systematic manner.

To initiate this process, in January 2015 two experts were engaged to support the Regional Statistics Programme of the CARICOM Secretariat with reviewing globally tested methodologies and approaches for the development and implementation of gender indicators with a view to identifying the most relevant model for the Caribbean context; and to propose a strategy for measuring these Indicators at the regional and national level.

The proposed GEI Model has now been drafted and the CARICOM Secretariat and UN Women MCO-Caribbean have invited four Member States to pilot the GEI Model to ensure its relevance and applicability to the national and regional context.

The Republic of Suriname, Jamaica, The Commonwealth of Dominica and Grenada have agreed to pilot the GEI model, which includes the following actions:

- The convening of a national technical meeting with the National Statistical Office/National Statistical System aimed at reviewing the proposed GEI Model and recommending indicators relevant for the national and regional context.
- Agreement to collect sex-disaggregated and other gender-related statistical information based on the indicators agreed for inclusion in the GEI Model, with technical support to be provided upon request or if necessary.

**The National Technical Meeting for Grenada is scheduled for Friday, 24 July 2015 at the Grenadian by Rex Resort.**