



**Participation Form – COMPETITION FOR THE MOTTO OF
CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL STATISTICIANS (CAPS)**

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Rules for participation in the Competition to propose a Motto for a *Caribbean Association of Professional Statisticians (CAPS)* to be established shortly in the CARICOM Region.

- Participation is free and open to all Nationals of all CARICOM Member States and Associate Members, residing within the territories of these countries. Close relatives of management of all the National Statistical Offices are excluded.
- The MOTTO must be original and if the language is not English, translation must be provided.
- **By participating all rights are transferred to the National Statistical Office and in turn to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat.**
- **Only this form gives the right to participation** (submit page 1 and page 2, ensuring that your name is on both pages).
- Each participant can submit **only one** proposal.
- The deadline for submission (both hard and soft copy) to the Statistical Office is **31 May 2013**.

- The national winner will be announced on **5 July 2013** and the winning submission will be forwarded to the CARICOM Secretariat by **31 July 2013** relative to the regional competition for all CARICOM countries.
- The **Overall Winner** will be announced at the Thirty-eighth Meeting of the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians (SCCS) to be held at a venue to be determined in 2013. A trophy will be awarded to the winner of the regional competition.

THE MOTTO PROPOSED FOR THE ASSOCIATION IS:

MEANING:



BACKGROUND

The United Nations (Seltzer, 1994), considers an “Active Professional Statistical Society encompassing statisticians in government, academia and industry’ as vital in helping promote Statistical Integrity and Credibility.

The High Level Advocacy Forum (Trinidad & Tobago, July 2009), which itself served to raise the Profile of Statistics in the Region, reinforced this idea by recommending that a Professional Association of Statisticians be instated in the CARICOM Region to advance both Official and Academic Statistics and to support evidence-based decision making at all levels. It is also presumed that having a Regional Association will positively impact the Harmonization Process within the Region. An added benefit may well be that the Membership Directory of the Professional Association could very well be a catalyst for the Database of Regional Experts.

Even though this process is in its infancy, it is envisaged that Chapters for a Professional Association of Statisticians in the CARICOM Region will consist of individual Member Countries, in the case of the larger countries and of groupings of Member Countries, in the case of the smaller countries. It is also envisaged that the Association will establish Committees to deal with Subject matters such as Official Statistics, Survey Statistics, Statistical Computation and Statistical Education.

. The competitions are expected to yield:

- ✓ A MOTTO for the Association
- ✓ A LOGO for the Association