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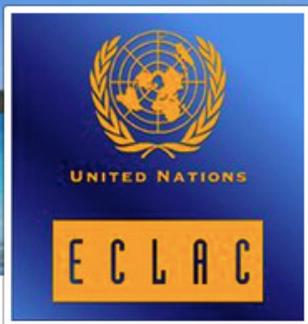
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CARIBBEAN YOUTH DIALOGUE SESSIONS CONTINUE

We (the youth) are responsible for securing the world we want to live in. We have everything we need to ensure that we are heard and meaningfully engaged”, this according to Sheriece Viechweg University of the West Indies (UWI) Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Vice Chancellor’s Ambassador Corps, Cave Hill Chapter. But is this really the case? Does the future really belong to the youth, or is this little more than a turn of phrase? Do ‘younger folk’ lack the necessary experience to step-up and take matters in their own hands? Is their meaningful involvement in decision-making being hampered by prejudice?

Sheriece Viechweg is but one of many youth representatives who over the past few weeks, have been actively debating these and many other related questions during the course of web dialogues

organized by ECLAC Caribbean, in preparation for the Caribbean Forum on Population, Youth and Development, which will be held from 24-26 July 2018 in Georgetown, Guyana.

In a session held on 7 June 2018, ECLAC Caribbean’s Associate Social Development Officer, Lydia Rosa Geny, noted that the four sessions held so far have had input from more than 50 representatives of youth organisations, youth leaders and youth practitioners.

“The perspective of youth is crucial, as you are the generation that will contribute to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs and national youth policies and related programmes. Your voices can transform your communities and contribute to a new vision of sustainable development with equality,” Geny told

the participants.

“Over the past three days” – she noted -, “we have discussed your National Youth Policies and related frameworks, including the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We have addressed the impacts of frequent administrative changes on the drafting, implementation, review and monitoring of national youth policies. We have focused on the inclusion of persons considered vulnerable in consultation and decision-making processes, and we have highlighted the importance of engaging the private sector in the implementation of national youth policies and the SDGs.”

Geny challenged the youth leaders to consider concrete ways of contributing to the Forum, and to figure out what they want to achieve. She urged them to continue to participate with creativity

and imagination and noted that the youth dialogue sessions enabled these activities.

The upcoming Caribbean Forum will combine two important processes in the subregion. The first is the review of National Youth Policies to mark the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes. The second is the Caribbean preparatory meeting for the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, which is a follow-up on the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development, which will take place in Peru from 7 to 9 August of 2018. ■



JAMAICA MOVING CLOSER TO ABOLISHING THE SCHOOL SHIFT-SYSTEM

With help from the government of Japan, by means of a grant of US \$0.5 million to be administered by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Jamaica is moving one step closer to ending its school shift-system. The grant will go towards building five of 17 new schools, the first step towards removing 40 schools from the shift system.

Speaking at the launch of the 'Support for sustainability of the education sector transformation plan' in New Kingston, Minister of Education, Youth and Information, Senator Ruel Reid, stated that there is a proposal before the government in furtherance of building the schools. Presently in Jamaica, there are over 40 schools still using the shift-system. Last year, 25 schools were taken off the shift system during

the 2015/16 academic year, including six primary, two all-age, 11 primary and junior high, and six high schools.

The shift system was introduced in the 1970s with the aim of increasing the number of school spaces and reducing class size. According to the Education Act (1980), the number of instructional hours per school day as stipulated by the regulations should be no less than four-and-a-half hours at the primary, all-age and secondary schools on a shift system, and five hours for whole-day schools. 'Instructional hours' refer to the hours that a teacher and students are present together imparting and receiving educational instruction respectively. Overcrowding in Jamaican schools is still a major issue facing school administrators.

The Savanna-la-Mar

Primary School, for example, was reportedly built to accommodate only 750 students. However, according to reports, the institution had approximately 1,400 students on roll last year. Schools such as St James High are trying to mitigate overcrowding by cutting back on intake numbers according to the principal, Joseph Williams.

The grant provided by the Japanese government under the administration of the IDB, is seen as a welcome plus for Jamaica. Minister Reid welcomed the technical cooperation grant, noting that there needs to be continuity and, by extension, sustainability in the plans for the education sector.

In remarks announcing this new development, Japanese Ambassador to Jamaica, His Excellency Hiromasa Yamazaki, noted

that investing in education at all levels is important to the overall development of the country and its people. Yamazaki said that, over the past decades, Japan has been supporting Jamaica in the area of education under the Grant Assistance of Grassroots Human Security Project, through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). ■



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ADVANCES SDG IMPLEMENTATION
STRATEGIES



Over the last couple of years, one of the issues ECLAC has been supporting across the Caribbean has been the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into national development policy. With their 17 goals and 169 targets, integrating the SDGs into national planning may look like a daunting task – but it's not.

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ECLAC Caribbean

advances SDG implementation strategies

Recognizing that national ownership of the SDGs will be the cornerstone of their successful implementation at the country level, ECLAC Caribbean has recently embarked on a new project in partnership with German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ). Entitled 'Planning for the implementation of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development', the initiative facilitates technical assistance to six Caribbean countries (Aruba, Bahamas, British Virgin Islands (BVI), Grenada, Guyana and Saint Kitts and Nevis), in order to strengthen their capacity in incorporate the SDGs in their planning, management and monitoring processes in accordance with national

priorities.

This month, The Hummingbird takes a closer look at the achievements made in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) and Grenada, whose statistical capacity needs relating to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were discussed during national workshops, held respectively in March and June 2018.

The BVI recently drafted the Virgin Islands Territorial Recovery Plan to steer the recovery efforts after the passing of hurricane Irma in September 2017. In this context, the Government has signalled the need to transform this recovery plan into a long-term national development plan.

To facilitate this process, it is essential that BVI create or adopt a statistical framework to support SDG implementation at the country level. To do so, the government will need to conduct a comprehensive review of the ability of the National Statistical System (NSS) to support sustainable development planning, implementation, monitoring and follow-up.

As the country prepared to embark on several of these important tasks, ECLAC Caribbean's mission to the BVI in March, under the GIZ-funded project, came at just the right time. ECLAC supported government officials in a number of areas, including the



design and implementation of an institutional framework for mainstreaming the SDGs into national development processes. ECLAC's support also focused on the institutional and capacity needs of the BVI's National Statistical System to produce data to support evidence-based policy planning and for generating SDG indicators.

Along the same lines, ECLAC's mission to Grenada in June 2018 revealed how, in most instances, statistical indicators for which data is not available will likely not be included in national development plans. Unfortunately, this is a problem common to many countries across the Caribbean, which may be alleviated through

the implementation of a recovery process focussing on development. Other challenges identified by ECLAC's team on the Grenada and BVI missions included the trend over the past few years, in which national development plans are mainly focussed on economic issues, with less emphasis being paid to environmental issues. There is also difficulty in mainstreaming the gender perspective into plans for the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. ■

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COCOA MUSEUM OPENS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

A National Cocoa and Chocolate Museum and Heritage Complex was opened in May 2018 in Moruga, Trinidad, much to the delight of several hundred interested persons who attended the event.

Founded by the Merikin “Prince of Moruga”, Eric Lewis, the museum seeks to showcase and preserve the rich cocoa and coffee history of the Ancient Historic Cocoa House of Moruga, located on Rock River Hill.

The Merikins were African-American Marines of the War of 1812 – former African slaves who fought for the British against the USA in the Corps of Colonial Marines and then, after post-war service in Bermuda, were established as a community in the south of Trinidad and Tobago in 1815–16. They settled in an area populated by French-speaking Catholics and retained cohesion as an English-speaking, Baptist community.

Lewis says he believes it is important for Trinidad and Tobago’s culture and history to be preserved.

“It is a huge historical area, we have the barracks, the horse stables, a water cistern from 100 years ago, the cocoa and coffee factory, the manager’s quarters,” Lewis said.

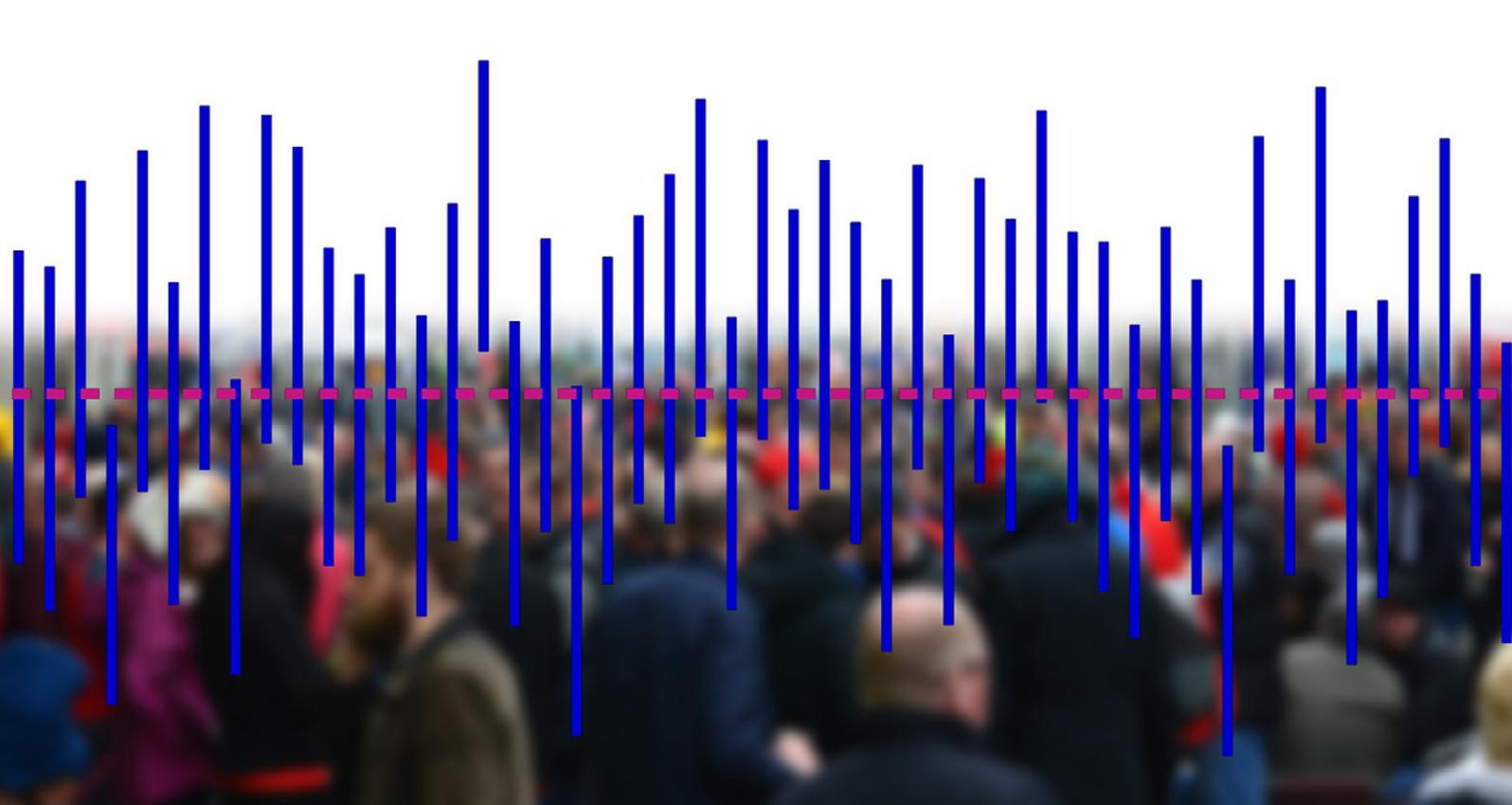
“There is both built and natural heritage- we have a mud volcano, pitch pools, volcanic cones, a sulfur spring and a well from over a 100 years ago all on this same property.”

Lewis said there are many artefacts on the property, which add to its historical value. “We have archival documents from the Cocoa Board, hundreds of books of cocoa history and cocoa abstracts around the country. We also have artefacts dating back to the 1800’s and a horse saddle collection, the plantation collection, the servant’s collection, the master’s collection and maps and cadastral from then coming straight forward.”

He said the property belongs to him but he does not intend to keep it private. “I want to establish this as a national space, I really think our country should get involved in preserving the other heritage sites and I am trying to keep this as original as possible to maintain its authenticity but doing the necessary upgrades to ensure it is preserved.”

Lewis said interest in the site has been building since he began preparing it in January and he is excited to showcase the treasures displayed in the museum. ■

The production of reliable statistical data is a challenge in many countries across the world – and the Caribbean, unfortunately, is no exception. Yet, the importance of this data cannot be overstated, if we are to monitor the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Simply put, how can we foster development to the point of achieving the SDGs, if we have no benchmark against which to measure success? For example, how can we establish that people across the Caribbean have access to affordable and clean energy (Goal 7) or to clean water and sanitation (Goal 6) if we have no data? It is in light of this challenge that ECLAC Caribbean, as part of its ongoing work to support the statistical capacity of member States, recently joined forces with UNICEF in the organization of a workshop on ‘Monitoring Social SDG Indicators in the Caribbean’.



Held in Barbados in May 2018, the workshop was as a joint venture of UNICEF and ECLAC Caribbean, and was attended by country representatives who are planning or considering conducting a Multiple Indicators Cluster Survey or a household survey to collect social indicators in the near future. These included senior government representatives from Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands.

The objective of the workshop was to accelerate data collection, analysis and usage, achieve better data gathering and increase data

availability. To this end, the workshop explained the survey methodology as it is used for gathering, socio-economic and environmental data on women and children and for monitoring SDGs around the world. Moreover, the MICS is becoming a key source of data on child protection, early childhood education, and a major source of data on child health, nutrition and MDGs. The workshop also provided an opportunity to understand the current data gaps in the region and the available tools and programs of support for sourcing statistics on key social SDG indicators.

Representing ECLAC Caribbean in Barbados was Coordinator of the Statistics and Social Development Unit, Professor Abdullahi Abdulkadri, who spoke about the regional framework for implementing the

SDGs in the context of ECLAC's work. "ECLAC's support to member States is in the areas of National Statistical Systems (establishment and formalization, capacity assessment, data sharing policy/protocol), Data Gaps (identifying areas of need, opportunities for South-South Cooperation), and Data Dissemination (such as REDATAM for microdata dissemination)," he stated. Abdulkadri added that ECLAC Caribbean is committed to providing support to member States, for the integration of the SDGs in National Development Plans and Budgets, strengthening statistical capacities to measure SDGs, and enhancing the analysis of the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the regional level. ■



TAIWAN EXPERT IMPARTS EXPERTISE FOR GREENHOUSE TOMATO PRODUCTION IN ST LUCIA

The Taiwan Technical Mission in Saint Lucia, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, recently held a greenhouse tomato production workshop, attended by more than 54 local farmers and extension officers.

At the event, Tim Shiao, Taiwan expert, taught local farmers the expertise in greenhouse farming, including skillful pruning, disease and pest control. He explained that greenhouse management needs more techniques than outdoor crops, especially as the higher humidity, temperature and lush green foliage create conditions that enable certain diseases and insects to thrive. Farmers have to focus more on house ventilation management and pest control.

Mario Cheng, head of Taiwan Technical Mission in Saint Lucia, encouraged local farmers to start a greenhouse tomato business and emphasized that tomatoes are easy to grow and more profitable than other greenhouse crops. He also noted that greenhouse planting can extend the production period and increase farmer's net income.

The greenhouse tomato production workshop was part of the ongoing fruit and vegetable demonstration and extension project jointly undertaken by Taiwan and Saint Lucia. To date, the project has implemented 600 field technical advisory services, provided 20,000 seedlings, and trained over 2,000 farmers, steadily fulfilling its goal of improving local farmers' competitiveness and revenue. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2018. ■



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION AT THE CENTRE OF SAMOA PATHWAY DISCUSSIONS

Science, technology and innovation (STI) are key drivers in advancing the social, economic and environmental developmental of Caribbean small island developing States (SIDS). Moreover, appropriate STIs can be beneficial in several ways. These include supporting new export products from our vast resource-filled ocean, growing a sustainable blue economy, fostering creation of new careers, building human, institutional and technological capacities, and accelerating the transition to cleaner, low carbon cheaper alternative fuels.

Furthermore, when supported by appropriate public-private sector partnerships, STIs can also provide a valuable resource in buffering against the damaging impacts of climate change and enhancing cross-generational resilience building.

These and other related issues will be at the centre of discussion on 7-9 August 2018, when decision-makers will gather in Belize for the Caribbean regional preparatory meeting to review progress on the implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.

ECLAC Caribbean is leading the preparation

of the SAMOA Pathway Midterm report for the Caribbean region. The report will present the progress made so far in the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway, while also addressing priorities of Caribbean governments in supporting the sustainable development trajectory of the Caribbean SIDS. This report will be presented at the Caribbean SIDS regional meeting in Belize, which is but one of a series of regional preparatory meetings of SIDS to review progress on the implementation of the SAMOA Pathway at the national and regional levels.

The SAMOA Pathway is an international development framework of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) held on 1-4 September 2014 in Apia, Samoa. The Conference, with the overarching theme "The sustainable development of Small Island developing States through genuine and durable partnerships", played a significant role in identifying SIDS priorities that needed to be considered in the formulation of the 2030 Agenda. ■



CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING IN THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS

An international expert in hospitality excellence was impressed by the commitment of US Virgin Islanders at “the frontline” of tourism to elevating customer service throughout the territory. After conducting three days of training in May 2018 for more than 200 tourism industry professionals, Melanie Colpitts, director of Aquila’s Center for Cruise Excellence, said the enthusiasm and commitment of the US Virgin Islands will enable the territory to build on its foundation of leadership in the travel and tourism industry.

“While the challenges were not the same on St Croix and St Thomas, the commitment to seek ways to improve, to work together with increased communication, and to be proactive in looking for ways to deliver excellence to guests was the same,” the Canadian educator said.

Colpitts was further delighted by the feedback she received: “The

comments we received from the participants indicated that they were leaving the training inspired to deliver only excellent service to their guests, which is what we love to see.”

Offered by Aquila’s Center for Cruise Excellence and supported by the US Virgin Islands Department of Tourism during National Travel and Tourism Week (6-12 May 2018), Colpitts conducted sessions on “Customer Service and Frontline Training” to help polish the skills of the “meeters and greeters” who are the face of tourism across the territory.

Colpitts remarked: “Having well-trained frontline team members in cruise destinations is critical, as they hold the guest experience in their hands. Their actions can make or break a guest experience, and greatly impact the guest satisfaction ratings in a cruise destination – and those ratings are an important factor in a cruise line’s decision to call on a port.”

USVI Commissioner of Tourism Beverly Nicholson-Doty said the Department of Tourism was committed to offering continuing education opportunities for Virgin Islanders to ensure the territory, especially in the aftermath of last year’s storms, remains a sought-after location for today’s travelers. “We will not rest on our laurels given the importance of the hospitality sector to our socioeconomic development and to elevating the quality of life for all Virgin Islanders.” ■

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Barbados

NEW CABINET

- May -

On 26 May 2018, the newly elected Prime Minister, Mia Mottley of Barbados, announced a 26-member Cabinet. The new Cabinet includes seven women, the highest number ever to serve at that level, surpassing the number of women in the 1994 and 2008 Cabinet of Prime Minister Owen Arthur. The Cabinet was sworn in on 27 May 2018.

COLLABORATION WITH GUYANA

- Jul -

Barbados has signaled its interest in forging a strategic collaboration with Guyana. Prime Minister Mottley proposed the signing of an investment and development agreement to further anchor the relationship between the two countries while Guyanese Prime Minister, David Granger, mentioned that his country's oil and gas resources could be used to relieve energy supply pressures.



Dominica

HOUSING RECOVERY PROJECT

- Jul -

A resolution for the authorization of a credit facility from the International Development Association (IDA), to be used for Dominica's Housing Recovery Project was brought before Parliament and passed on 25 June 2018. The government of Dominica and the IDA have entered into an agreement whereby the government of Dominica will contract a credit facility in the sum of US\$7 million.

AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE

- Jul -

The parliament of Dominica has approved a motion that will see the country receive a US\$3.5 million loan from the International Development Association (IDA). The funds will be used for emergency agricultural livelihoods and climate resilience projects. The funding will also take into account the reconstruction of eco trails and will facilitate capacity building in climate resilience.



Trinidad and Tobago

TAX FREE BOND

- Jul -

Finance Minister, Colm Imbert, announced that high interest tax-free bonds from the new National Investment Fund Holding Company Limited (NIFHCL) will be made available between July 11 and August 8, after recent amendments to the Corporation Tax Act. The Government expects to raise TT \$4 billion through the NIFHCL's portfolio which is worth TT \$8 billion and plans on targeting big companies as well as individuals for the bonds.

IDB INVEST

- Jul -

The Inter-American Development Bank Invest (IDB Invest) - the private sector institution of the IDB Group - has disbursed financing of up to US\$15 million to Unicomer Trinidad, part of the Unicomer Group. The loan will allow IDB Invest to support Unicomer Trinidad in strengthening its offer of access to durable goods and financial services, through access to credit, for clients of underserved populations in the country.

EXPLORING CAYMAN'S STREET NAMES

Have you ever wondered how your street, lane, avenue, drive, boulevard, close or circle got its name?

Road names in the Cayman Islands offer an insight into the islands' past, featuring the names of some historically or politically important figures, while other names can leave passersby positively baffled.

Some roads have obvious literary connotations, such as Bronte Way, Dickens Street, Chaucer Drive, Kipling Street and Longfellow Circle, while others are given not-so-famous names, such as Nancy Street, Bernard Avenue, Gregory Street and Carmen Boulevard. Then there are scented streets like Lavender Way, Cinnamon Link and Frangipani Drive.

Cayman also has its fair share of downright quirky street names, like Easy Street, Bambi Close, Off the Beaten Path Road, Up The Hill Road and Snooze Lane.

Here are some insights on the background of some of the Cayman Islands' street names.

Cumber Avenue

Many of the local roads are named after past governors or administrators of the islands. One such street is Bodden Town's Cumber Avenue, which is named after Sir John Alfred Cumber, who served as administrator (a precursor to the governor role) between 1964 and 1968.

Cumber Avenue is a colorful little valley with three roads leading off it – Magpie

Close, Netty Levy Court and Daffodil Street. All those roads are steeped in history, local culture and family connections.

Years ago, Cumber Avenue was no more than a bicycle track overgrown with lion tongue bush. It was originally called "Well Path" because of its fresh water source. It was also known as "Hog Sh*t Lane" as everyone living on the lane had a pig running around their yard, according to Freddie Watler, a 75-year-old resident of Lower Valley.

Located in the heart of central Bodden Town, Cumber Avenue is an iconic part of the town. Geographically speaking, it sits in a basin, which causes flooding problems in rainy season, and it contains a close-knit community.

Netty Levy Court

Netty Levy's 250-year-old home, which is in the process of being renovated following a fire, is still visible on Netty Levy Court, the street named after her. Her son Cedric at age 93 still lives in a yard across from Magpie Close.

Mary Antoinette Levy, known as Netty, lived to be 105. She was an active member in the United Church, a midwife and the town's "house chatter" or storyteller. At age 9, she was responsible for going into the district of Bodden Town and returning to discreetly share the community news with the Redpath family who lived in the Bodden Town Mission House.

Generations remember her zeal in agitating for government to create the public road now known as Cumber Avenue. She approached Administrator

Cumber and appealed to him to build the road so that cars could access the area in case someone got sick. She asked the road to be named after him.

Netty Levy's family continue to reside in the area. Her granddaughter Twyla Vargas, a local artisan, house chatter and author of Caymanian stories, has taken up where her granny left off.

One might assume that nearby Daffodil Street is named after a proliferation of daffodils in the area, but that is not the case, according to a spokeswoman at the Cayman Islands Street Addressing office, who noted that the name was chosen randomly.

Daffodil Street

Daffodil Street had two of the best bakers in the community. Livingston Terry's and Henry Watson's bakeries were a staple in the Cumber Avenue community for decades.

Mr. Terry was known for his breads baked in an old drum packed tight with rocks and dirt to trap the heat. The bread shop was a little wooden shack set on ironwood posts right next to a huge naseberry tree on the corner of Cumber Avenue and Daffodil Street. Mr. Terry's shop is long gone, as is Mr. Terry, but the naseberry tree, which was a major fruit source for those in the neighborhood, continues to bear fruit to this day.

"Mr. Terry made the sweetest and prettiest looking bread in the community," recalled Freddie Watler. "The sweat would roll off his brow and into the dough mixture ... under his fingernails were black with red mold dirt



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after he had been planting cassava sticks in the land all day ... they had to eat it ... it was all they had those days.”

Henry Watson’s “bullas” were the best after he borrowed the recipe from his Jamaican wife Ms. Denton. He closely guarded the recipe and refused to let anyone see it. He only made up his bulla recipe in the early hours of the morning with the windows tightly closed, when he knew the neighbors were asleep.

Ginny Wood Lane

Years ago, a stroll down Ginny Wood Lane, which was later renamed Magpie Close, would have given anyone a scare. Rocks from “hell,” prickly bush and flickering shadows had residents avoiding this area after dark.

“Duppies [ghosts] did come out and shake your hand,” said Ulalee Frederick, 89. The Magpie Close resident is adamant that duppies waited around the prickly bush. She said one brought a pair of red shoes and asked her if she wanted to go for a walk.

Magpie Close was also a favorite gathering place for men to drink and hang out. The area was home to the late Jim “Kate” Wood, a town character, who lost an arm around the 1950s while using dynamite to blow up a shoal of fish. His friends called him “the one-arm swordsman” because of the strength in his remaining arm. ■

ECLAC Caribbean recently conducted two Damage and Loss Assessment (DaLA) workshops in Argentina, one in Rosario, Santa Fe Province, from 7-8 May 2018 and another in San Salvador de Jujuy, Jujuy Province, from 9-10 May 2018.

Over 100 public officials from several governmental organizations from Santa Fé, Jujuy and neighbouring provinces benefitted from the workshops. The training courses were organized at the request of the Ministry of Security of Argentina to further support Argentina’s efforts to incorporate prevention, estimation, and risk reduction in public investment plans and development programs.

The workshops introduced the DaLA methodology in two new provinces. Participants benefitted from a comprehensive overview of the DaLA methodology with detailed explanations on how to estimate damage, losses, and additional costs in various sectors including population, housing, education, health, transportation, water and agriculture.

This was the third set of disaster assessment initiatives that ECLAC has carried out in Argentina. In 2017, ECLAC organized, in cooperation with the Ministry of Security and the Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing, a capacity building training course on its disaster assessment methodology for policymakers from several national and regional institutions in Buenos Aires.

Within the framework of the Immediate Response Program for Floods in Argentina, ECLAC was also invited to assess the impacts of the climate events from December 2015 to June 2016 in several provinces in Argentina (Chaco, Córdoba, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, Formosa, Misiones, Santa Fe and Tucumán.) The work was complemented by a retrospective study of flood patterns in Argentina since 1982.

The training also represented an important contribution to the implementation of the National System Plan for Comprehensive Risk Management and Civil Protection of Argentina (SINAGIR), into which the DaLA methodology has been incorporated. ■





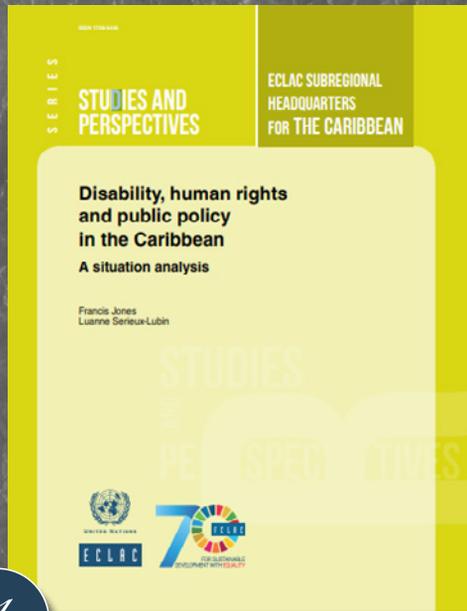
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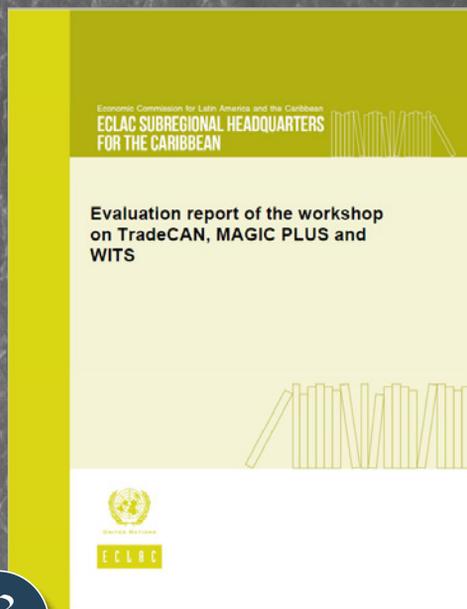
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UN CARES TRAINING FOR ALL T&T STAFF

Whether it is by taking care of the needs of the elderly, helping to create an enabling environment for the disabled, pushing the envelope on gender sensitivity, or addressing head-on the economic challenges that affect the lives of thousands of people across the subregion, ECLAC Caribbean staff are committed to doing all they can to better the quality of life of the people of the subregion. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that ECLAC – as part of the United Nations family – also does its very best to ensure the wellbeing of its staff and their family members. It is within this spirit that The Hummingbird takes a closer look at how the Commission ‘takes care of its own’, through the UN Cares group in Trinidad and Tobago.

UN Cares is designed to reduce the impact of HIV on the UN workplace by supporting universal access to a comprehensive range of benefits for all UN personnel and their families. These benefits – known as the UN Cares 10 Minimum Standards – include information and education, voluntary counseling and testing, access to male and female condoms, and emergency prevention measures in case of accidental exposure, among others. The Standards also call for increased measures to stop stigma and discrimination.

As part of the UN Cares group in Trinidad and Tobago, ECLAC Caribbean staff were recently invited to the first in a series of training sessions for staff of local UN agencies, which is aimed at building an environment of ‘UN for All’. The half-day training module builds on UN Cares’ important accomplishments to promote an inclusive UN system to ensure the dignity and well-being for UN personnel and their family members. The core module is designed to encourage people to see themselves and each other differently. It seeks to create a safe space for self-expression, developing empathy and generative listening. The training integrates areas such as sexual orientation and gender identity, disability, mental health and substance use — rather than addressing them individually.

Over the next few months, these training sessions will be conducted by a new team of 11 “UN For All” facilitators, who themselves were trained recently to deliver the modules to their colleagues.

Staff members in the Caribbean have already reported the positive influence that UN for All has had on their personal and professional lives. ■



Barbecue Eggplant

Minutes to Prepare: 30
Serving: 6 pancakes

What you will need:

1 large eggplant, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch slices
2 1/4 teaspoons salt, divided
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/3 cup barbecue sauce

What you need to do:

1. Sprinkle eggplant slices with 2 teaspoons salt; let stand 1 hour. Rinse eggplant well, and pat dry.
2. Sprinkle eggplant with remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and pepper; drizzle with oil. Let stand 15 minutes.
3. Place eggplant on a rack in a broiling pan.
4. Broil 5 inches from heat 10 minutes on each side, basting with barbecue sauce the last 3 minutes.

Serve hot.



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