

# EMPOWERING THE CARIBBEAN WITH DATA-DRIVEN INSIGHTS

# Steering Committee Meeting February 2025



## Four Key Activities

Data Communication

**Creating Data Stories** 

**Data Storytelling Training** 

**Disseminating Data Stories** 

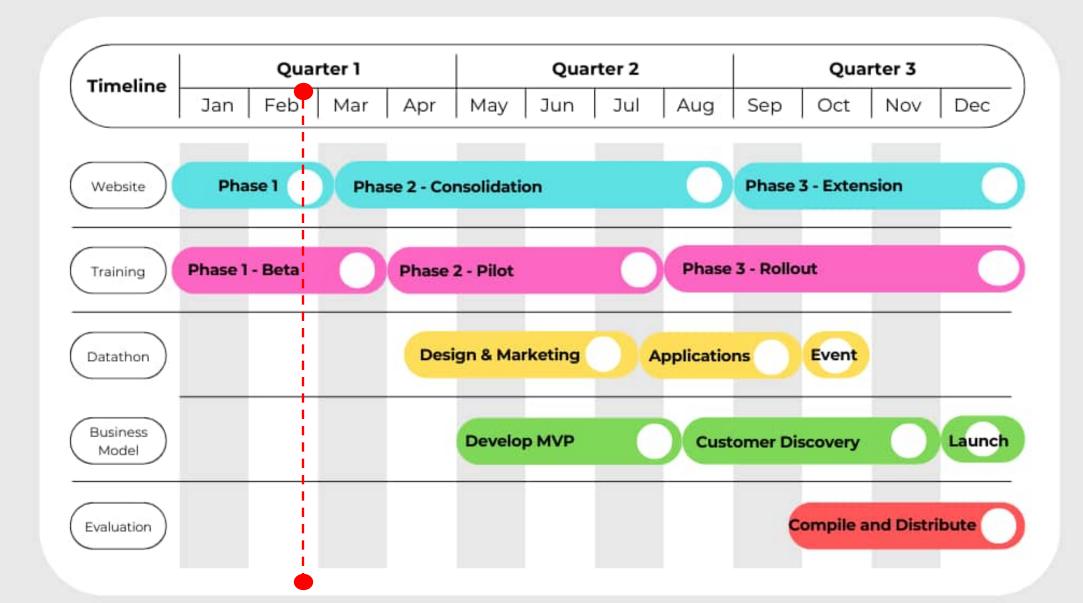
The Business of Data Storytelling





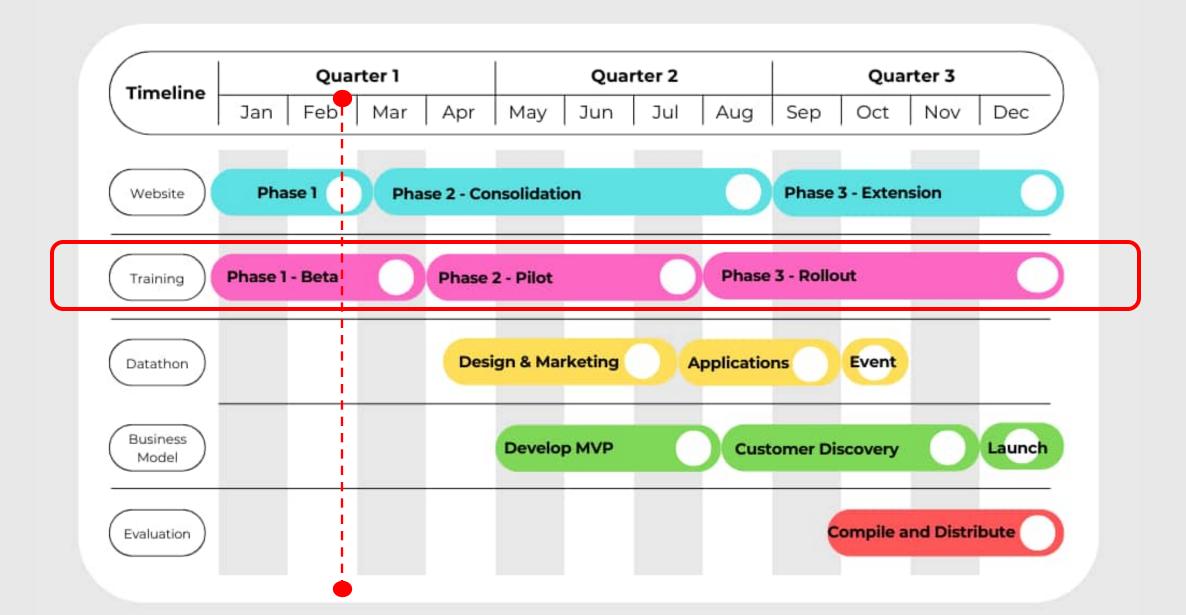
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# **Advancing Data Storytelling**

Empower your data. Tell impactful stories. Drive meaningful change.

**Duration:** 8 weeks

Format: 100% online/virtual

**Credits:** 3 credits [accreditation pending]

\* Mode of Learning: Engaging mix of self-paced exercises, case studies, and interactive assessments



#### What You'll Learn

- data-driven storytelling techniques to engage audiences and inform decision-making
- problem-solving skills through real-world case studies in health and climate change
- hands-on experience with data visualization tools

\* Opportunity: apply your knowledge in a Storython, where you'll craft and present a compelling data story

#### **Course Structure**

- each module follows same structured approach
- Introduction: objectives, learning outcomes, key concepts
- **Theory:** core principles through texts, videos, and illustrations
- Self-guided exercises: practical applications and exercises
- Assessment: auto/instructor-graded quizzes and assignments

\* **Key Features:** single case study throughout course for deeper learning; flexible learning to suit busy professionals

\* Future: sponsored Capstone Project opportunities post-course for real-world application.

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#### Who Should Apply?

If you are a **data scientist, journalist, researcher, or policymaker** looking to elevate your storytelling and visualization skills, this course is for you.

**Secure Your Spot Today!** Visit **CaribData.org** to learn more and apply for the next cohort.

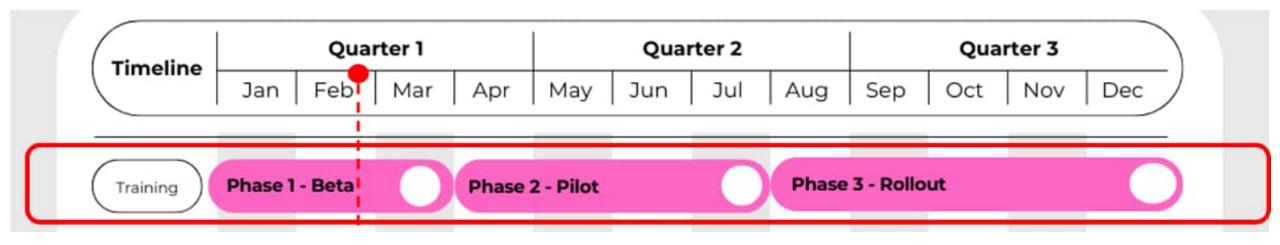
#### **Enrolment**

**Course Fee**: \$4500 (payment plans available)

**Start Date**: Rolling intakes, multiple cohorts per year

Class Size: Optimized for interaction (Cohorts of 6 - 10 students)

## **Training Schedules**



Eo March: Beta [test] Identify administrative, technical, and content-related issues in small controlled group

- Expect platform glitches, scheduling conflicts, module pacing issues, poor engagement, feedback gaps
- **Response:** Pinpoint & fix major content, tech & admin issues, assess initial participant reactions, adjust course length, activities, materials

**Eo July: Pilot [rehearsal]** fully structured trial to ensure all course elements work as intended.

• Expect - minor refinements, but no major overhauls after this stage

## **Training Schedules**



#### **Key Goals for Beta**

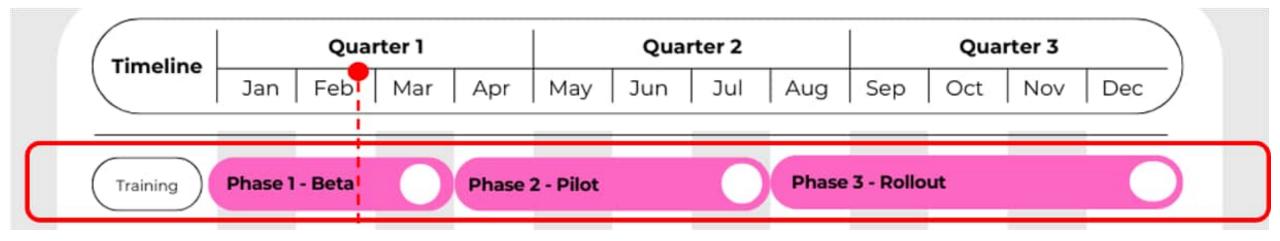
- Identify content clarity issues Is the material clear, structured, and engaging?
- Find technical issues Do platforms, visualization tools, and interactive features work?
- Assess delivery effectiveness Does the structure flow well? Are discussions engaging?
- Gather participant feedback What works? What's confusing? What needs improvement?
- ✓ Test logistics Scheduling, coordination, admin workflows.

#### **Key Goals for Pilot**

- Deliver course in its final form—content, schedule, materials, and interactions should be fully refined.
- Test scalability—Can this program work for a larger audience (20-30 participants)?
- Ensure admin & tech processes work seamlessly (enrollment, course navigation, support).
- Measure engagement & outcomes—Are people understanding, participating, and benefiting?
- ✓ Train instructors & moderators—Can facilitators deliver the course without issues?

Delivered asynchronously through self-paced modules and recordings, including quizzes, project reviews.

## **Training Schedules**



**Eo March: Beta** [test & improve with 6 participants]

- Can we agree a window for this date?
- Can we commit to 1 or 2 participants from each NSO?

Eo July: Pilot [dress rehearsal with 6 participants]

- Can we agree a window for this date?
- Can we commit to 1 or 2 participants from each NSO?
- Who should be beta and pilot participants?







Five-Part
Storytelling
Structure

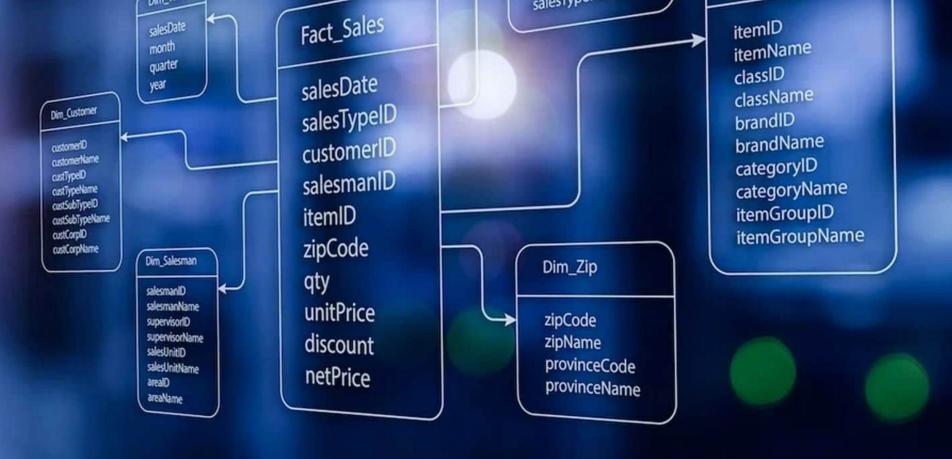
Setting the stage: issues and characters

Data-driven context: why does the story matter

Humanizing the story: anecdotes & real-world cues

Analysis & interpretation: expert/local perspectives

Resolution: closing the loop, answering the initial question



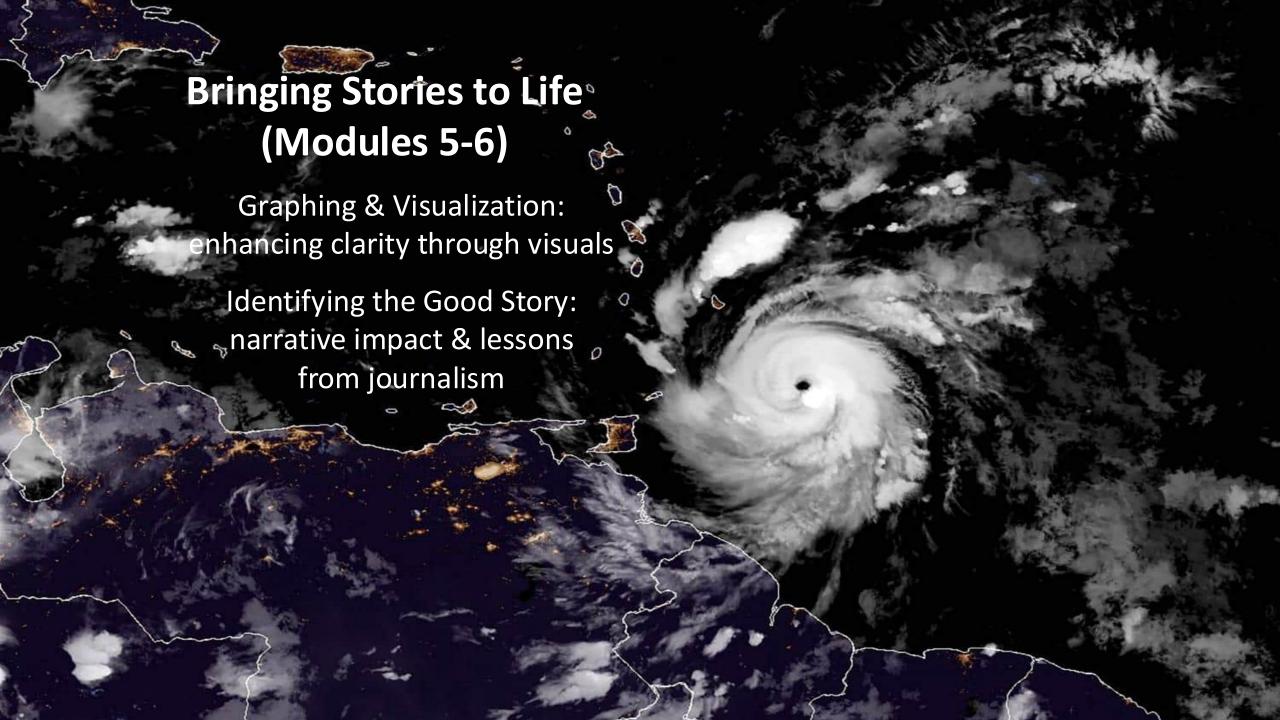
Exploring & Modelling Data, and Story Awareness (Modules 1-4)

Understand data (bias, errors, assumptions, misinterpretation)

Modelling for clarity & audience impact

Align data with an impactful narrative

Ensure data relevance: adjacent datasets, alternative story angles



# Module 7: Skills in a Real-World Context

Hands-on creativity, collaboration, audience Integrating storytelling techniques for impact.

# Module 8: Storython

real-world stories competitive event











# Discussion

What is the right balance?

Data Science vs. Human Journalism Al & Automation vs. Classic Data Science





