

## CaribData PSC Meeting Summary February 2024

### Introductions:

- Participants included representatives from Belize, Jamaica, Guyana, and the IDB.
- Ian Hambleton (UWI) chaired the meeting; Selvie Cielin (project manager) introduced.
- CaribData's goal: improve regional data sharing and reuse, funded by the IDB and led by UWI.

### Staffing and Project Setup:

- Sylvie Cielin hired as data audit consultant and project manager.
- Jackie Campbell appointed as front-end support consultant (IT systems).
- Recruitment underway for a project assistant.

### Component 1 Data Infrastructure:

- Zenodo confirmed as preferred data-sharing platform.
- Terms of Reference (TOR) for IT consultancy to build the sharing platform circulated.
- Interest received from firms, including those involved with CKAN and DCAN.
- Emphasis on creating a system that connects well with national platforms.

### Component 2 Data Communication, Training, and Storytelling:

- A firm has been selected (pending IDB approval).
- Focus areas:

Developing a data storytelling platform with interactive, low-code visualizations.

Training in storytelling for NSOs and wider national systems (NSS).

Mentoring alongside short courses especially focused on data curation, sharing, and communication.

Inclusion of a journalist in the firm's team to support story development.

#### Scientific Outputs:

- Special edition of the PAHO Public Health Journal planned (Nov 2024).
- 13 article teams are developing submissions around ethics, qualitative data, health data reuse, and practical guides for data sharing.

#### Legislation Review:

- Regional data protection laws are under review.
- Goal: create plain-English summaries to support better understanding and facilitate sharing across countries.

#### Discussion Points:

- NSOs raised questions on training scope and how other NSS agencies could benefit.
- Clarified that the project supports bespoke engagement no one-size-fits-all model.
- Emphasis on flexibility and co-creation based on local needs.
- Clarified CaribData is not a central data repository but part of a federated system of platforms.

#### Other Notes:

- Training will focus on the end of the data lifecycle.
- CaribData aims to live beyond current funding as a long-term UWI-led initiative.
- Next PSC meeting set for 25 June 2024.