CaribData Steering Committee Meeting Summary

Feb 25, 2025

1. Opening and Agenda

- Ian Hambleton opened the meeting and outlined the agenda.

- Selvie was to provide a short update on progress since the last Steering Committee meeting, noting that there was no face-to-face in November.

- An email update had been shared earlier.

- The main focus of the session was a presentation from Chris and the Angry Health team on the **training component** of the CaribData project.

2. Project Updates (by Selvie)

- **Component 1 (Infrastructure)**: A **readiness assessment consultant** has been hired. They are working on a 2025 work plan.
    - This includes evaluating data storage and storytelling readiness.
    - Both **infrastructure and personnel capacity** will be assessed.
    - The goal is to identify and remove barriers early.

- A demonstration dataset is available on **Zenodo** (open science data platform), but Selvie's update was cut short due to poor connectivity.

3. Shift to Training Presentation (Chris, Angry Health)

- With Selvie disconnected, Ian transitioned to the **training component discussion**, led by Chris.

- Chris explained that Angry Health is responsible for **data communication** within CaribData.

- Their work spans:
    - **Creating data stories**
    - **Training in data storytelling**
    - **Disseminating stories**
    - **Developing the business case for data storytelling**

4. Key Themes of the Training Component

- The training is being designed with 2025 goals in mind.
- It will focus on:
    - **Data storytelling skills**
    - Use of **real regional datasets**
    - Building a **network of data storytellers**
- The objective is to enhance **data literacy**, **engagement**, and **communication capacity** within national statistics offices and the wider community.