

How can you participate?

Persons can participate by:-

1. Visiting us at www.caribbeancensus.net

2. Registering as an expert and providing technical assistance where needed.



3. Being a provider or recipient of expert advice via forums and chat room exchanges.

4. Keeping abreast of initiatives, activities and events via the calendar of events and recent updates and keeping us informed of any events you may be planning or be aware of.

5. Contributing or utilizing various resources (documents, articles, etc) that are published on the site.

Some benefits of the website include:-

- Increased capacity in census operations
- Increased networking
- Increased opportunity for south-south cooperation
- Direct contact with experts in different fields relating to census operations
- Best practices and information sharing

REMEMBER, THE MORE YOU USE THE WEBSITE THE MORE RELEVANT AND POPULATED IT WILL BECOME!

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**Building Capacity
for the 2010
Round of
Population and
Housing Censuses**

Website Launch



Just months after signing a Letter of Intent bringing into force a Resources Consortium to build capacity to successfully implement the 2010 round of censuses in the Caribbean, UNFPA and the CARICOM Secretariat have launched a new website: www.caribbeancensus.net.

This new website is a gateway to the Resources Consortium, which serves as a clearing house for census operations in the region and allows countries to readily access technical, financial and other related assistance to develop statistics capability. The capacity development will result in the collection and availability of timely, accurate, relevant, and accessible data from the 2010 round of censuses, which are so important for informed policy decision making.

Key Functionalities of Website

Resource Centre

The Resource Centre allows for sharing of a wide range of related articles and documents, recent updates, and useful website links. Viewers are able to add or share information on their organization and also submit resources such as documents that they want other users of the site to access.



Some Specific Elements of the Resource Centre:

- **Related articles and documents** – consists of articles and documents pertaining to population and housing censuses and other related areas.
- **Recent updates** – provides information concerning additions to several areas of the site including Related Articles & Documents, Database of Experts, Calendar of Events, inter-alia.
- **Related website links** – includes links to websites related to relevant institutions such as statistical organizations, academic and other related institutions.
- **Database of experts** - a comprehensive, searchable database, which comprises experts in areas of census operations such as cartography, census management, field staff training, field staff management, data cleaning, data capture, data analyses, and data dissemination. At the click of a button, viewers/countries are able to contact and engage experts for support or assistance. **Persons can also request to become a member of the database of experts** via this feature of the website.

FAQ

Viewers are encouraged to submit questions through the “contact us” feature. As use of this feature increases, so too will the available information.

Technical Assistance

This is a key functionality of the Resource Consortium and the website which allows persons or institutions to request technical assistance in a specific area or in specific areas relating to censuses. The requests will be channeled to the appropriate institution or expert via the consortium secretariat, the coordination of the technical assistance will also be undertaken by the secretariat. The provision of technical assistance is done in order of priority or urgency and once a request is made the requester will receive a response from the secretariat regarding the details of the requests, timelines, etc.

Calendar

This feature provides a list of important dates for events including workshops, training, symposiums, meetings, census activities, among other things. The calendar will be updated regularly so that the list of events is consistently relevant and current. Users can also submit events that they would like to be placed on the calendar using the “contact us” feature.

News and Updates

This will provide users with up-to-date news and information pertinent to the upcoming 2010- round of censuses.



Web Forum

This is an online centre for ongoing, in depth discussions of specific topics and issues concerning various areas of census planning, operations, data processing and dissemination, inter-alia. This provides a space for users and experts to share ideas, suggestions, and recommendations concerning promising practices, best practices, trends, problems, solutions, etc.



Web Chat

The web chat allows users to communicate and interact in real time to share ideas, suggestions, and recommendations concerning promising practices, best practices, trends, problems, solutions, etc.

Objectives of the Website

To serve as a “one stop” site where requests can be made for technical assistance and resources found such as a database of experts, documents, calendar of census- related events, a chat room for information sharing as well as for consulting, and other relevant information.

To facilitate increased south-south cooperation by sharing information among users relating to all areas of census operations, management, analyses and dissemination of census data.

To facilitate capacity building in the different areas of pre and post census activities as well as with analyses and dissemination of census data.