CARIBBEAN FORUM on POPULATION, YOUTH and DEVELOPMENT

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Broad Participation and Engagement

• 13 Caribbean countries

• 17 Youth-led organisations

• 120 delegates

• Inter-agency partnership involving ECLAC, CARICOM Secretariat, UNFPA, CDB, The Commonwealth

• Supported by the governments of Guyana and Suriname
Broad Participation and Engagement
The Caribbean Forum on Youth, Population and Development

- Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes
- Provided opportunity for the First 5-year review of the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in the Caribbean
- Promoted a common vision and shared commitment to enhancing the welfare and wellbeing of the people of the Caribbean, with a youth lens and through an intergenerational dialogue
“Nothing about us, without us”
Caribbean Youth Dialogues in preparation for the Forum

• Preparatory Webex meetings
• Participation of more than Caribbean 60 youth leaders and
• Several thematic areas addressed:
  ❖ Youth contribution to the Caribbean Forum and the Review of Montevideo and mobilising Youth to Advance the 2030 Agenda;
  ❖ Review of National Youth Policies and related frameworks, including the implementation of the SDGs, by youth leaders;
  ❖ Preparation of recommendations for consideration for inclusion in the outcome document of the Caribbean Forum.
Broad Issues addressed at the Caribbean Forum

Youth frameworks and opportunities for synergies and improved coordination

Promoting Youth engagement in Implementation of the Montevideo Consensus and in advancing the SDGs

Youth employment opportunities, entrepreneurship and emerging sectors, in the blue, green and creative economies
## Highlights of regional progress and challenges on population, youth and development issues

### Progress

- Towards achieving universal access to sexual and reproductive health services
  - Decline in teenage pregnancies
  - Decline in AIDS-related deaths
  - Advancement of women in politics (but still far from achieving gender parity)
  - Development of policies for older persons
  - Development of diaspora policies
  - Stronger institutional response to indigenous peoples in certain countries

### Challenges

- **Capacity Constraints of SIDS**
  - Youth disproportionately impacted by poverty, violence, unemployment, unintended pregnancies and GIV
  - Gender stereotypes and discriminatory practices
  - Discriminatory practices against LGBTI persons
  - Demographic transition process and the impact of the future of work and composition of societies
  - Lack of policies on refugee and asylum seekers
  - Obstacles faced by indigenous peoples to access education, health and other basic rights
Thematic Panels of the Caribbean Forum

- Access to education and training
- Access to Sexual and reproductive health
- Youth Political and civic participation
- Gender equality
- Intergenerational relations
- Migration, Diaspora and Development
Highlights of Meeting Outcome

• 41 recommendations on population and youth issues
• 25 Recommendations to further implementation of the Montevideo Consensus, in particular:
  ✓ Building capacity for the production of disaggregated statistics;
  ✓ Encouraging consideration of legislation to prohibit corporal punishment against children;
  ✓ Addressing the situation of children of undocumented migrants and indigenous peoples; their access to education, health and other social services;
  ✓ Addressing territorial inequalities through policies for enhancing mobility, resilient human settlements and for promoting adaptation to the impact of climate change and disasters.
Highlights of Meeting Outcome

• 16 recommendations focusing on youth, including:
  ✓ Development of a comprehensive youth-friendly mechanisms;
  ✓ Promoting youth mainstreaming with monitoring;
  ✓ Exploring measures to promote mutual trust and respect-based relationships between young and older persons;
  ✓ Creating youth-friendly communication to foster their engagement in the ICPD and SDG processes.
Thank you!