

# Group 2: Regional Workshop on Travel and Tourism: Dominica

The Way Forward with Tourism  
Statistics

What are the main obstacles to the proper measurement of travel and international tourism expenditure in your country and in the region?

- Current configuration of the E/D cards in some countries (source document)
  - Length of stay (is this days or nights)
  - Length of stay (where do capture non-nationals that reside in the country of reference on the current form)
    - This is not understood by the traveller
    - This is not understood by Immigration
- There is need for training of immigration officers particularly in prompting for additional information for completeness of the form

On this basis, in our opinion, what recommendations should be implemented in the region to improve the quality of the measurement of travel and of international tourism expenditure and move towards the implementation of a TSA, as an instrument of the reconciliation of tourism demand and supply and its integration with National Accounts?

- Need more collaboration with the Immigration Department and other Governmental Agencies at the highest level
- Improve the E/D Cards
- Public awareness campaigns for the travelling public

## What are your expectations regarding the role of international organisations in supporting the project?



- More technical assistance and funding for the development of the basic national accounts data
  - Tourism Statistics
  - Visitor Expenditure Surveys
  - Supply and use tables
  - Tourism Satellite Accounts

# What are the next steps to be taken in the process?

- High Level Meeting for all Stakeholders to discuss moving the industry forward
- Drill down meetings with other technical officers in immigration, tourist boards, central banks, central statistics offices, ministries of tourism