

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Social Development is pleased to announce that the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) has extended an invitation to participate in an Online Course “*Measurement of Violence Against Women through Statistical Surveys*”. The course targets the participation of professional staff to receive technical assistance and training to produce and use statistical information on violence against women.

This online course will be conducted from August 8 to October 3, 2011, requiring eighty (80) hours over eight (8) weeks, or a minimum of two (2) hours per day. **The enrolment fee for participants will be Three Hundred United States Dollars (US \$300.00) each, payable before the start of the course.** The deadline for application is July 22.

Statistical information about the various forms of VAW has been a challenge for many countries worldwide. In response, the United Nations Statistical Commission has developed indicators to monitor and evaluate the effect of policies, legislations, plans and programmes to eradicate this form of violence. This course will prepare the professionals to apply the indicators to produce and use data. It will concentrate on the topic of measuring violence against women and how this is different from other routine statistical surveys.

Guidance on requirements and application is provided via the attached document from ECLAC, which is also available at the link:

http://www.eclac.org/ilpes/capacitacion/3/43463/Folleto_VAW_elearningCourses_final2011en.pdf

The Ministry hopes that you and your staff/colleagues will avail yourselves of this opportunity to increase capacity in this vital area of work.