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Message from the CARTAC Director



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Looking Forward to Serving you in 2022!

I wish to start by extending best wishes to you all for a safe, peaceful and productive 2022! I hope that the holiday season was spent in some measure of relaxation and that you are able to greet the year ahead with renewed energy and purpose.

Despite the challenges that came with working and functioning throughout another year of this COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 was a considerably successful year for the Centre as our staff continued to work hard to ensure that technical assistance was delivered and demands responded to as seamlessly and as efficiently as possible.

The mid-year Steering Committee meeting took place virtually on December 2nd and a celebration of CARTAC's 20th anniversary was among the order of business. This celebration was marked by the presence of the Centre's first Programme Coordinator, Mr. Nigel Bradshaw and the first Steering Committee Chairperson and former Governor of the Central Bank of Barbados, Dr. Marion Williams. We

were also pleased to welcome back the USAID as a partner.

The meeting also heard what CARTAC member countries, the IMF and CARTAC have been doing to implement the <u>mid-term independent evaluation</u> recommendations.

I now invite you to read the updates from our resident advisers on what took place in their respective areas over the last calendar quarter of 2021. We look forward to serving you in this new year.

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