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Supporting Economic Performance in the Caribbean by Strengthening Capacity

CARTAC NEWSLETTER – February - April 2026

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Message from the CARTAC Director



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Over the fourth quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2026, CARTAC delivered 37 missions and 7 workshops and regional engagements, all aimed at delivering meaningful, measurable, and sustainable impacts to further build capacity across our 23 Caribbean members. Advisors from nine workstreams actively delivered technical assistance to core public institutions in member countries and brought together officials from member countries to participate in topical regional workshops.

CARTAC – CICDC Inclusive Growth Training

From March 16-20, 2026, CARTAC, in collaboration with the China-IMF Capacity Development Center (CICDC) which provided 70 percent of the financing, conducted a two-week Inclusive Growth course aimed at strengthening policymakers' capacity to design and implement growth strategies that are inclusive and sustainable.



The course was officially opened with remarks from H.E. Zheng Bingkai, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Barbados, and H.E. Brenda Wills, High Commissioner of Canada to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, underscoring the strong partnerships supporting capacity development across the region.

Thirteen member countries participated, alongside development partner representatives, engaging in rich discussions and hands-on training on growth theory and accounting, measures of inclusive growth and poverty, and a framework for devising a strategy for inclusive growth. It also features topics within the realms of inclusive growth including fiscal policy, labor market, human capital, and financial inclusion.

IMF-World Bank Spring Meetings

At the Spring Meetings of the World Bank Group (WBG) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in April 2026, I engaged in discussions with authorities from our member countries and development partners. At the Caribbean Ministerial Meeting, Ministers of Finance and Central Bank Governors focused on the implications of the recent oil price shock for the region, exchanging views on policy responses and resilience strategies. Discussions underscored the importance of access to financing and sustained capacity development in mitigating external vulnerabilities. Participants also highlighted the significant contributions of CARTAC to strengthening economic management across the Caribbean and emphasized the need for continued advocacy to secure adequate financing for CARTAC's work.

In addition to these events, I invite you to explore the insights and accomplishments in capacity development detailed in this newsletter, and I look forward to our continued partnership with member countries and international organizations in supporting capacity building in the Caribbean region and beyond.

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