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Engaging the public in strengthening accountability through key oversight institutions

Saint Lucia, 26–28 November 2024

Tuesday, 26 November: Accountability in the Caribbean region	
08:30–09:00	Registration of participants
09:00–09:30	Welcome remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Auditor General Saint Lucia✓ Speaker, Parliament of Saint Lucia✓ CAROSAI
09:30–10:45	The importance of public engagement <p>The session will look at the importance of public engagement for parliaments and Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) so that communities can have more and better opportunities to have their voices heard on public spending that affects their lives.</p> Q&A with participants
10:45–11:00	Tea/coffee break
11:00–12:30	Public engagement being undertaken in the region <p>This session will hear from participants about their approaches to and methods of public engagement for increased accountability.</p> Q&A with participants
12:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:30	Joint SAI-Parliament public engagement: Why it is useful and what the regional priorities are <p>The session will examine why joint SAI-Parliament public engagement matters for both institutions and will pinpoint oversight priorities in the region that parliaments and SAIs can address collectively.</p> Q&A with participants
15:30–15:45	Tea/coffee break

15:45–16:45	<p>Institutional conditions for accountability in the region</p> <p>This session will present and discuss the regional features of the Caribbean SAIs and parliaments, including issues related to independence, resources, etc. The session will look at how these issues can affect horizontal and vertical accountabilities and how parliaments and SAIs work together to overcome challenges.</p>
Wednesday, 27 November: Strategies for public engagement	
09:00–10:30	<p>Working with other stakeholders on public engagement – Part I</p> <p>This session will consider other stakeholders parliaments and SAIs can have a meaningful engagement with and what information can be presented to them, while also identifying the challenges. Part I of this session will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying stakeholders • How to work with stakeholders, including what information can be exchanged with them. <p>The session will include plenary and group work.</p>
10:30–10:45	Tea/coffee break
10:45–12:30	<p>Working with other stakeholders on public engagement – Part II</p> <p>Part II of this session will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits and challenges of working with stakeholders • How SAIs and parliaments can work strategically to make the best of this collaboration <p>The session will include plenary and group work.</p>
12:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:30	<p>Public engagement with a small team</p> <p>The session will identify sustainable solutions in building and maintaining genuine engagement by small teams.</p>
15:30–15:45	Tea/coffee break
15:45–16:45	How can we together improve oversight processes in the region?
Thursday, 28 November: The way forward: A joint road map	
morning	<p>Group work for participants to develop a road map on joint public engagement.</p> <p>How can public engagement be taken forward in the region and applied at the country level?</p>
12:30–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:30	Reporting back on group work and finalizing an agreed road map.
15:30–16:00	Conclusions and closing session