

NSCC Launched

The Cayman Islands' National Statistical Coordination Committee (NSCC) was launched on Thursday, April 18th, 2013 in a simple ceremony held at Hibiscus Conference Room of the George Town Hospital.

The highlight of the ceremony was a keynote address of the Honorable Premier Mrs. Juliana Connor-Connolly. "It is high time to have a NSCC in the Cayman Islands Government," she remarked. She noted that in many countries, public sector agencies with functional statistical units or personnel engaged in the collection of data are formally linked together as a national statistical system. The NSCC seeks to foster closer relations among statistical units of departments and ministries to achieve consistency in methodology, definitions and standards, and efficiency in the use of technical and human resources.

Other key officials who presented remarks during the ceremony were Acting Financial Secretary Mrs. Sonia McLaughlin, Department of Environment Director Mrs. Gina Ebanks-Petrie and Economics and Statistics Office (ESO) Director Miss Maria Zingapan. Cabinet Secretary Mr. Samuel Rose provided the Opening Prayer while George Town Primary School Grade 5 student Miss Nicocia Jones led the singing of the National Song. ESO Deputy Director and Chief Statistician Mrs. Elizabeth Talbert was Master of Ceremonies.

Also in attendance were Chief Officers Mrs. Mary Rodriguez and Ms. Jennifer Ahearn, several department heads and staff members and ESO officers. Mr. Wil Pineau of the Chamber of Commerce was also present.