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SAINT LUCIA HOST THE COPANT TRAINING COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

The COPANT Internship in International Standardization Participation was organized and funded in collaboration with the British Standards Institute (BSI), the CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) and the Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards (SLBS). Held in Gros Islet, on October 24-27, 2016.

The objective of the program of the internship was to provide the tools and experiences needed for those responsible for standardizing and standardizers' technicians of the NSBs members of COPANT to have the ability to participate in international standardization processes effectively and efficiently. It was aimed to professionals for standardization of NSBs, with experience and knowledge in standardization processes at the national level, or who are starting their participation at the international level.

Glenn Bosmans, facilitated the training as an expert of BSI, with the collaboration of experts from COPANT, CROSQ, BSI, ISO, IEC-LARC, ANSI, INTECO, IRAM, INEN and ABNT, most of them connected by WebEx.

The main topics of the program included:

- International Standards and context
- Strategies for Standardization, Criteria and Implementation
- Regional and International Participation and National Mirror Committees
- Standards and Conformity assessment to support Technical Regulations

Participants also shared their experiences and best practices, especially in the development of the national standardization strategy, establishment and management of the national mirror committees.



18 people participated in the course, coming from 15 countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Bahamas, Haiti, Barbados, Jamaica, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Montserrat, St Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, Suriname, St Vincent & the Granadines and Trinidad & Tobago.



Fulgence St Prix (CROSQ), Mkabi Walcott (SLBS), David Bell (BSI, by WebEx) and Kory Eguino (COPANT, by WebEx), welcomed the participants

