

The Department of Effective Public Management (DPEM) of the Organization of American States (OAS) responds to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda's request to support their development of an address system; "Street Naming and House numbering Exercise"

Upon request of the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, the Hon. W. Baldwin Spencer, the OAS responded positively to support this Caribbean nation in its efforts to strengthen its *Address Infrastructure* towards their upcoming elections.

As the address database is to be nested in their cadastral layer, a functioning address system could also unlock an important economic and developmental potential for Antigua and Barbuda by providing insightful and real-time information for planning and public policy to many other Branches of Government and Departments or for the strengthening of tourism capacities; but, above all, could offer citizens a much more accurate greed for their daily lives.

The *OAS deployed a joint technical assessment mission* composed of the DEPEM and the Department of Electoral Observation (DECO) in August 2012 that resulted in the production of a detailed report and set of recommendations for the Government's consideration. Upon their approval, the report later became an OAS Project Document for future implementation. Once funding is granted for the initiative, the DPEM/OAS aims at supporting in the *implementation of the address systems using cadastre as the base of the country's spatial data infrastructure*.

The project proposal envisions 4 main activities, one of them crucial for the initiation of electoral re-registration in this Caribbean nation, this is, **the development and completion of a geo-referenced address system**.

The mission met with several government institutions and authorities such as the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Health, Social Transformation, Consumer Affairs and Local Government; the Electoral Commission; Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Housing and the Environment; the Civil Registry; Lands and Surveys Department; Free and Fair Elections League; and with members of the opposition at the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda.

A gallery of photos of the mission is available <u>here</u>.

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