

## **STATIA LAUNCHES SKILL HUMAN RESOURCES SURVEY**

ORANJESTAD – The Island Government of St. Eustatius will soon launch a human resources survey which will benefit the island in several ways. For further development and diversification of the economy of St. Eustatius, the Island Government is negotiating with various investors regionally and internationally for further expansion of the tourism and hospitality sector. According to Lady Alida Francis; “these future developments will place a high demand for a qualified, trained, skilled and experienced workforce which will benefit the island in several ways”. It is of high importance to have import labour from outside because of the relatively small scale of island’s population. A preference will be made for Statians, Antillians and holders of the Dutch Nationality to fill these future positions. The survey is being conducted for various reasons; an up-to-date database will be created which registers the human resources capacity of St. Eustatius. Moreover, it helps the authorities to develop a pool of human resources capacity available. This survey will also give an indication of the human resources capacity of Statians living abroad. Another major advantage of this survey is it will identify and target holders of the Dutch European passport who would migrate and work on the island within the coming 5 to 10 years.

The interest parties can find the survey on the St. Eustatius Tourism Development website ([www.statiatourism.com](http://www.statiatourism.com)). All completed forms can also be send to [info@statiatourism.com](mailto:info@statiatourism.com).