

# AGENDA

**ST. EUSTATIUS**  
**Police Station** 182333  
**Emergency** 111  
**Hot Line** 108  
**Fire Department** 120  
**Hospital** 182211/182371  
**Landsradio** 182210  
**Post Office** 182207  
**St. Eustatius Historical Foundation Museum** 182288  
**Winair Office** 182362  
**Lions Club** meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the "Den" next to the Airport  
**Drug Prevention Foundation** meets every Tuesday 5:30pm at the Golden Era Hotel.  
**Coastguard NA&A** 113  
**St. Eustatius National parks:** Gallows Bay: 318 2884

**SABA**  
**Police Station**  
**The Bottom,** tel. 4163237  
**Emergency** 111/112  
**Hospital**  
**The Bottom,** tel. 4163288/4163289  
**Fire Department Airport** Flat Point tel. 4162210  
**SATEL**  
**The Bottom,** tel. 4163211  
**WINAIR, Airport** Flat Point, tel. 4162255/2713  
**Taxi Service Airport** Flat Point, tel. 160  
**Administration Building** The Bottom, tel. 4163311/4163312/4163313  
**Tourist Office** Windwardside, tel. 4162231  
**Harbour Office** Fort Bay, tel. 4163294  
**Saba Marine Park** Fort Bay, tel. 4163295  
**Nature & Hike Guide** James Johnson  
**The Bottom,** tel. 4163307  
**Service Club** Saba Lions Club general meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at Eugenius A. Johnson Center.  
**Coastguard NA&A** 113  
**Red Cross** General meeting every last Monday, 6 p.m., Eugenius A. Johnson Center.

**ANGUILLA**  
**EMERGENCY**  
**Police** 911  
**Fire** 911  
**Ambulance** 911  
**Police Station** 497 2333  
**Hospital** 497 2551  
**Dental clinic** 497 2343  
**Radio Anguilla** 497 2218  
**Tourism Department** 497 2759  
**Crimestoppers** 0800 7777777  
**AIRLINES**  
**American Eagle** 497 3501  
**Winair** 497 2748  
**Liat** 497 5000  
**Air Anguilla** 497 2643  
**Trans Anguilla** 497 8690  
**COURIER SERVICE**  
**DHL** 497 3400  
**Federal Express** 497 2719  
**UPS** 497 2239  
**SERVICE CLUBS**  
**Rotary Club of Anguilla** Meets at Da Vida every Thursday at 6.00 p.m.  
**Soroptimist International** Day Care Centre 4.30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday in each month Tel: 497 3509  
**Lions Club** Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Centre Tel: 497 6259  
**Interact Club of Anguilla** Meets every Friday at 3.15 p.m. at the Albenia Lake Hodge Comprehensive School  
**Toasmaster club** meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 6.45 p.m. at La Vue, South Hill

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# Saba residents most positive about constitutional change

SABA--Saba is the most positive island in the Caribbean Netherlands about the changes following October 10, 2010, according to the results of an opinion survey held on all three islands by Royal Netherlands Institute of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies KITLV.

Between Bonaire (63 per cent), St. Eustatius (51 per cent) and Saba (73 per cent), Saba had the highest percentage of participation in this survey, which focused on six points: constitutional status; relationship with the Netherlands; Government Service Caribbean Netherlands RCN; local politics; identity and media. The research showed that although most participants



KITLV researcher Wouter Veenendaal presenting the research results at Eugenius Johnson Centre in Windwardside. (Caribisch Netwerk/Hazel Durand photo)

said they see improvements in education and health-care on their islands as a result of more investments by the Dutch government,

there are many areas where the system is failing, mainly where purchasing power is concerned.

"The participants indi-

cated their satisfaction with the money that has been invested in education and healthcare, but they pointed out the areas that are lacking attention. Therefore, clearly something is not right. We hope to show Dutch politicians that it is not just about the money. Policy makers need to understand this. We have the feeling that the Dutch politicians do want to know what is going on," said Professor Gert Oostindie, according to Caribisch Netwerk.

The majority of participants on all three islands said they felt that Dutch politicians have no respect for local culture. A majority said they feel that Dutch politicians do not know much about their islands.

"The feeling that we are worlds apart is as strong today as in 1998 when the last survey of this nature was conducted," Oostindie was quoted as saying.

In contrast, the majority of participants on all three islands said they feel it is a good thing that the islands have Dutch supervision.

On Saba and Bonaire, participants were optimistic about an improvement of the relationship between their islands and the Netherlands over the next two years, while Statia was the most negative about this.

While most respondents said it is good that the Dutch Government is rep-

resented by local RCN offices, a large percentage did not immediately know what RCN was. It was also deemed "alarming" that a majority of participants on all three islands did not know that Gilbert Isabella is the Dutch Government's Representative.

Saba is the most positive about local politics, with a mere 32.9 percentage rate. Bonaireans said they were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with local politics, while a majority on Statia said they were dissatisfied.

Moreover, a majority on all three islands said they do not trust their local politicians. It was noted that many persons expressed their "anger" with their local politicians. They, therefore, refused to participate in the survey.

On the issue of migration, most Bonaireans feel there are too many Dutch immigrants on their island, while a majority of Sabans and Stadians think the opposite. Overall, all three islands are of the opinion that there are too many immigrants on their island.

The next step in the survey is to compare the results with other islands. Unlike the recent evaluation report, this survey was carried out independently for academic research and funded by Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research NWO.

## Klijnsma visits Job Programme

SABA--During her visit to Saba, State Secretary of Social Affairs and Employment Jetta Klijnsma met Monday with Project Manager Ginno Romero to discuss the progress of the Job Programme.

Romero is working on Saba since 2013, and has had approximately 25 participants in various Job Programmes.

Klijnsma also spoke briefly with two participants, who have successfully completed the programme. Cleo Hassell is now employed at Laura Linzey day care centre and Jevon Weeks is working at the Department of Agriculture and Pest Control.

The Job Programme is an initiative of the Public Entity of Saba to provide training and employment opportunities for young job-seekers and is funded by several ministries, including the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.

State Secretary Klijnsma and a delegation of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment are currently on a working visit to Saba, St. Eustatius and Bonaire.



State Secretary of Social Affairs and Employment Jetta Klijnsma (second left) with, from left: Job Programme Project Manager Ginno Romero and participants Jevon Weeks and Cleo Hassell.

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