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Saint Lucia set to mark World Metrology Day

May 20th 2013 is World Metrology Day and Saint Lucia will commemorate the day on Tuesday May 21, 2013. This year the observance is under the theme 'Measurements in Daily Life'.

The Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards is charged with the administration, regulation and compliance of measurement, under the Metrology Act #17 of 2000 which established the SLBS as the National Metrology Institute (NMI)

In observance of World Metrology Day, the SLBS will present an initiative for discussion with the medical sector on a verification service for non-invasive mechanical and electronic blood pressure meters.

Head of the Metrology Department of the SLBS, Mr. Anselm Gittens says, while progress has been made in different areas to give assurance of accurate measurement, there is a large area in health sector services which must come under surveillance and voluntary compliance to ensure the health and safety of the Saint Lucian community.

The SLBS is hoping to meet stakeholders in the public and private sector to discuss the initiative and to agree on the way forward in this area of medicine.

Mr. Gittens says the initiative will be beneficial to service providers and consumers in that the consumer has the assurance of the integrity of the results, while the provider will have the confidence of the accuracy of measuring instruments and will be able to take corrective action when measuring instruments are not working properly.

A half-day consultation of stakeholders is planned for Tuesday 21st May 2013 at the SLBS Conference Room in Bisee at 9am.

World Metrology Day is a celebration of measurement and a chance to reflect on its importance to science, business and daily life. Metrology is the science of measurement.