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MEDIA RELEASE

CARPHA Zeros in on Zika

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. January 22, 2016: Zika is a new mosquito-borne virus to the Caribbean region. It arrived in the Americas in 2015 and has since spread to several Caribbean territories. While the disease is considered to be mild, recent occurrences suggest a possible link between Zika infection in pregnant women and birth defects. This has caused great concern among health professionals and the general public.

During a media conference scheduled for Monday 25th January 2016, Executive Director, Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), Dr. C. James Hospedales and other senior technical officers will ***Zero in on Zika***.

Topics for discussion will include:

- Zika in the Caribbean
- Zika: the Disease
- Tourism and Health Working Together
- Strengthening the Health Sector Response
- The Ethical issues

Presentations delivered at the Conference will be available on the CARPHA website.



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