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## **CIESS 'HEALTHY AGING' WORKSHOP COMING TO BVI IN FEBRUARY**

Workshop to be held from February 25 to March 1

**Road Town, Tortola, January 15, 2019**– The Social Security Board invites health and wellness professionals to participate in an upcoming workshop titled: *“Building Workforce Capacity to Promote Healthy Aging and Limit Non-Communicable Disease Related Harm”* from February 25 to March 1, 2019.

The workshop is being organized by the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS), in conjunction with the Social Security Board (SSB) and NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing.

The goal of the workshop is to have participants understand the regional populational aging trends; understand the relationship between aging and non-communicable disease (NCD) development; understand the changes in health status associated with aging; calculate the cost of NCDs and pinpoint the most costly NCDs regionally; develop strategies for self-care which promote healthy aging and to reduce cost and human burden.

SSB Deputy Director and local event coordinator Mrs. Jeanette Scatliffe-Boynes said, “The topics are very relevant to the Caribbean Region, as we learn more about the impacts of aging populations. The event provides an excellent learning opportunity for medical and health professionals along with members of the various health related organizations in the Territory.”

“A number of persons throughout the Region have already registered and we anticipate many more will take advantage of this opportunity. Interested persons are encouraged to visit the CIESS website ([www.ciess.org](http://www.ciess.org)) to learn more about the workshop and register online,” said Mrs. Scatliffe-Boynes.

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Mrs. Scatliffe-Boynes added, “We are looking forward to a high level of participation and substantial contribution to the discussions and decision making.”

For more information about the workshop, interested persons can visit the CIESS website ([www.ciess.org](http://www.ciess.org)) or can copy and paste the following link in a web browser: <http://www.ciess.org/course-workshop-building-workforce-capacity-to-promote-healthy-aging-and-limit-non-communicable-disease-related-harm/>.

CIESS was established to strengthen social security institutions in the Americas. The BVI Social Security Board has been a member of CIESS since 1991.

The BVI Social Security Board’s mission is to provide appropriate social security benefits to contributors and their families, through strong leadership, prudent investments and the sustained efforts of a highly motivated, committed and professional staff.

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**Notes to Editor(s): Flier, photograph and audio clips are attached.**

Mrs. Jeanette Scatliffe-Boynes. **(Photo credit: April Glasgow)**

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**Audio Clips:**

**Mrs. Jeanette Scatliffe-Boynes**