



Sint Maarten

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Membre de l'AICESIS

**Conseil Social Économique**

**Présidente**: Mrs. Oldine Bryson-Pantophlet    
**Secrétaire Général :** Monsieur Gerard Richardson

**Establishment**

* Date of creation                     May 2011
* Year operational                    2011
* Nature of the texts that create the ESC

<http://www.sersxm.org/Publications/SERSXM%20documents/National%20Ordinance%20Social%20Economic%20Council%20AB%202010,%20GT%20No.%2019.pdf>

<http://www.sersxm.org/Publications/SERSXM%20documents/Constitution%20of%20country%20Sint%20Maarten%202010,%20GT%20no.%201.pdf>

<http://www.sersxm.org/Publications/SERSXM%20documents/Reglement%20van%20Orde%20Sociaal-Economische%20Raad%20AB%2034.pdf>

**Composition**

* **Number of members of the ESC**:   9 permanent and 9 substitute members
* **Membership structure / Process of designating the members (election, nomination, by whom, etc.)**

The SER comprises three representatives of employers’ organizations,  three  representatives  of  employees’  organizations and   three   independent   expert   members.   In   appointing   an independent expert in the SER, special attention is being paid to preserve  a  careful  balance  among  the  fields  of  expertise  in the SER. Board members are appointed by decree on the request of the Prime Minister of Sint Maarten.

Each  board  member  has  a  substitute.  The  Social  Economic Council  therefore  consists of  9  board members  and  9  substitute members.

* **Duration of the term**

Board members are appointed by decree on the request of the Prime Minister for a term of three years. One of the nine board members serves as the Chair of the Council.

**Mission and attributions**

The Social Economic Council Sint Maarten (in Dutch: “Sociaal Economische   Raad   (SER)   Sint   Maarten”)   is   an   independent advisory  body  of  country  of  Sint  Maarten,  established  by  law. Upon request or at its own initiative, the SER advises government on issues of social and economic policy. Thus, the SER provides a forum where consultation takes place among social and economic partners in order to ensure sound public policy. This consultation results in public advisory reports, supported by data, analyses, arguments and recommendations.

The advice  government   receives  from  the  SER  allows   it   to determine whether there is sufficient support among the various representative members for a particular policy initiative. Unanimous advice clearly indicates broad support, whereas minority opinions show   government   how   opinions   are   divided   among   certain important sectors of society.

**Administrative organization of the ESC**

The board is assisted by the secretariat of the  Social Economic Council. The secretariat consists of five staff members and is managed by the Secretary-General.

**Functioning of the ESC**

The board and secretariat functions good. The board meets twice every month. The Secretariat is open 5 days a week.

**Achievements of the ESC**

* Established in May 2011
* First meeting of the Social Economic Council June 23, 2011
* Attended AICESIS/ILO meeting November 10 -11, 2011
* Submitted its first advice “Emancipation day celebration for Sint Maarten” in December 2011
* Appointment of full time Secretary-general January 1, 2012
* Secretariat staff complete March 2012
* Visited SER Netherlands and regional SER’s in May, 2012
* Attained membership of AICESIS in June 2012
* Attended SER Aruba 25 year celebration ceremony in September 2012
* Relocated to new office in June 2013
* Organized its first symposium in June 2013
* Held its “expert meeting” with various businesses in June 2013
* Held meeting with Dutch businesses and government institution in July 2013
* Appointed to the board of ACESIS in September 2013
* Main publications/studies
* Advice liberation day
* Advice Short term labor contracts
* Advice Crime prevention
* Advice National library
* Advice Motor vehicle tax
* Advice minimum wage
* Advice AOV
* Advice Stepping out the monetary union/ Dollarization
* Advice guest accommodation tax Sint Maarten
* Advice increase AOV amount and age
* Advice Balance of payments

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* Best practices
* Preparing and recording Council meetings.
* Ensuring the implementation of decisions by the Council including conducting

preparatory research, collecting data for the meetings, providing members with information, preparing minutes and taking care of the final editing of the advices.

* Maintaining a working relationship with, among others, government and its

      departments, Parliament, NGO’s and other elements of civil society.

* Maintaining ties with the Social Economic Councils within Dutch kingdom.

**Affiliations**

* AICESIS, ESC Netherlands, Aruba, Curacao. Government and parliament of

      Sint Maarten. NGO’s, business community.

* [Note on Social Dialogue (April 2014)](http://www.aicesis.org/files/organizations/83/140401_Social_dialogue_in_Sint_Maarten.docx) (407 Kb) [Télécharger](http://www.aicesis.org/files/organizations/83/140401_Social_dialogue_in_Sint_Maarten.docx)

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