Suriname’s contribution to the Caribbean Human Development Report on Citizen Security was presented the 11 of May at a stakeholders meeting organised by UNDP and conducted by professor Jack Menke, author of the National Monograph for Suriname. During the session, the preliminary findings on citizen security were presented to stakeholders, including members of the Government, the business community and representatives of the civil society.

The presentation included findings from a regional victimization survey that was conducted in Suriname during December 2010 and February 2011. The issues raised in the session included victimization of vulnerable groups, youth violence, organized crime and policy directions.

The regional Report will examine how insecurity and violence have negative impacts on human development in the English and Dutch speaking countries of the Caribbean and within the context of Caribbean Small Island Developing States. The report represents a first step to assess the situation and identify solutions and recommendations to inform public policy and the development of programmes to address citizen security issues.
The participating countries are Suriname, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and member-countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

The organizations involved in the Report include the University of West Indies, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat, CARICOM Implementation Agency for Crime and Security and the OECS Secretariat.