

NWC Sweeps Regional Awards

The National Women's Commission "Women in Politics" Project is the recipient of the prestigious Caribbean Population Awards 2010 (non-media category). The Commission took home the largest award of the evening from among eight other regional Caribbean project entries.

Executive Director, Ann-Marie Williams, accepted on behalf of the NCW the U.S.\$10,000 cheque from Daniel Baker, UNFPAs Director a.i. for the Sub-Regional Office, in the Caribbean during ceremonies at the Hilton Hotel in Trinidad, W.I. on November 30, 2010.

Sponsored by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the awards pay tribute to regional journalists and organizations who through their work help to advance the goal of creating a better quality of life for people of the region as it relates to population and development.

Guest Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Rhoda Reddock, Deputy Principal, St. Augustine Campus, UWI who spoke on the theme "Eliminating Gender-Based Violence: Changing Culture, Protecting the Human Rights of Women".

Dr. Reddock reminded the gathering that once again in 2010 the United Nations Secretary General had to launch the UNITE Campaign to End Violence Against Women to reinstate once again as an international priority an issue that we thought we had addressed at least two decades ago. At the regional meeting to launch this campaign last month in Barbados, there was a feeling of *déjà vu*. Many of us were thinking to ourselves, something seems familiar here, haven't we done this already. What went wrong? Why are we here once again?

[See the full text of her speech in News & Events](#)