

# *Eastern Caribbean States Undertake Initiative to Provide Jobs for Young People*

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Roseau, April 28 (NNN-RHC)-- The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States is working on a plan to reduce young people unemployment, the Dominica government said Monday. Throughout the world, the young people unemployment rate is twice that for adults, the government said in a statement.

“A young person leaving school having spent five years without a job begins to feel hopeless in the society,” said the OECS director-general, Didacus Jules. The Dominica government did not provide details as to when the plan will be ready or what it will include.

Unemployment in Dominica stood at 20 percent in 2000, when the country’s current Dominica Labor Party administration took office. Since then, according to the statement, the government has pursued an initiative “to assist potential and active young business people.”

OECS comprises Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Montserrat, with Martinique, Anguilla and British Virgin Islands as associate members.

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