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In the following pages are reproduced the subprogramme of work for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean for the 1988-1989 biennium. The official source is Section 12 of the Programme Budget, as approved by the United Nations General Assembly and will appear in Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-Second Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/42/6/Rev.1). This subprogramme was first drafted in 1985 and following the consideration and modifications requested by the various United Nations offices involved in the programme and budget approval process now appears in its final form.

Ordinarily, the original draft document would have been submitted to the session of CDCC originally planned for early 1986. Since a meeting was not convened last year the draft subprogramme of work was sent to the 21st Session of the ECLAC held from 17-25 April 1986 in Mexico City, Mexico. Prior to this, however, the draft document LC/CAR/G.170 was sent to member and associate member countries of CDCC for comment.

It will be noted that the document follows the usual format showing the main areas of activity, the "programme elements", the specific outputs and an outline of operational activities including training and advisory assistance to member countries and plans for implementation of projects funded from extra-budgetary sources.

The Committee is being asked to take note of the subprogramme in as much as all decisions and required legislative action have been completed.

Subprogramme 5. Economic integration and co-operation
among Caribbean countries

Programme elements:

5.1 Economic survey of Caribbean countries

Output: Technical publication: (a) Economic Survey of Caribbean Countries (one each in fourth quarter 1988 and 1989).

5.2 Food and agriculture in the Caribbean

Output: Technical publications: (a) Agricultural Statistics of Caribbean Countries, Vol. VIII - 1988 (biennial publication) (fourth quarter 1988); (b) report on the performance of the agricultural sector in the CDCC countries (third quarter 1989); (c) report on policies and programmes for food security in the CDCC countries (second quarter 1989); and (d) studies of the current situation as regards post-production losses (third quarter 1988).

Operational activities: Identifying areas for priority technical and developmental assistance to Governments with the objective of promotion of production and trade in agricultural products (1988-1989) (XB).

5.3 Economic and social planning in the Caribbean

Output:

(a) Substantive servicing of an intergovernmental meeting of Caribbean Heads of Planning (third quarter 1988);

(b) Technical publications: Four reports to the Meeting of Caribbean Heads of Planning, to member Governments and to CDCC on studies of global and sectoral economic performance as a guide to national economic planning and management policies (two each in 1988 and 1989).

Operational activities

(a) Provision of training and advisory services to member States, upon request, in collaboration with ILPES, to promote economic development and co-operation efforts (1988-1989).

(b) Two training seminars/workshops on basic principles of planning and data collection, planning methodologies appropriate to small island developing economies and project planning (one each in third quarter 1988 and 1989).

5.4 Science and technology in the Caribbean

Output: Technical publication: CCST Newsletter

Operational activities

(a) Substantive servicing of a meeting of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST).

(b) Substantive servicing of two plenary sessions of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology and of four meetings of the Executive Committee of CCST.

5.5 Social development in the Caribbean

Output: Technical publications: (a) report on human resources development plans within the framework of the structural adjustment process (fourth quarter 1988); (b) report on intraregional and extra-regional migration patterns (fourth quarter 1989); (c) report on possible areas of Caribbean culture that could be utilized as a basis for the structural adjustment process (second quarter 1988); (d) report on social structural changes in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, including abridged version for schools (fourth quarter 1988); (e) report on the process of women's participation in development (fourth quarter 1988); and (f) promotion of the development of skills and educational upgrading of Caribbean women.

Operational activities:

(a) Provision of training and advisory services to member States, upon request, on creole languages and development, information, creative writing, research and development; development of linguistic forms and vocabularies suitable for the dissemination of applied science and technology; development of guidelines and handbooks to facilitate rural development programmes, including literacy and post-literacy campaigns in the areas of vocational and co-operative education, public health and environmental protection (XB);

(b) Provision of training and advisory services to member States, upon request, on project preparation, contribution to programmes, workshops and seminars and other activities in collaboration with regional organizations concerned with women's participation in social and economic development (XB);

(c) It is expected that three inter-country projects will be in process on integration of women in development (XB).

5.6 Natural resources, environmental management and development in the Caribbean

Output: Technical publication: a manual on evaluation techniques to facilitate the choice between potentially conflicting uses of natural resources (first quarter 1989).

Operational activities: Provision of training and advisory services to member States in the (a) formulation and promotion of concrete projects, programmes and proposals for the development of natural resources and environmental management; and (b) the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC) activities among Caribbean countries and between Caribbean and other Latin American countries (XB).

5.7 Information and documentation for economic and social development

Output:

(a) Technical publications: (a) CARISPLAN Abstracts (four issues each in 1988 and 1989) (XB); (b) Current Awareness Bulletins (12 issues in 1988 and 1989) (XB); (c) database of experts and of science and technology research in progress (second quarter 1988) (XB); and (d) report on major indicators of the economic performance of the Caribbean countries (fourth quarter 1989) (XB);

(b) Public information services: distribution, upon request, of print-outs and photocopies, and provision of retrieval services in various forms, including specialized bibliographies and Selected Dissemination of Information (SDI); and direct online access.

Operational activities: Provision of training and advisory services to member states in classifying and organizing their patent documents for easy access to areas of technological information (XB).

5.8 International trade and development finance

Output: Technical publication: Supplement updating the Trade Procedures Guide (one in 1988, 1989).

Operational activities: Provision of training and advisory services to member States upon request, in support of the development efforts of small island developing countries (1988-1989) (XB).

5.9 Transport and communications

Output: Technical publications: (a) report on the maritime sector to CDCC governments (fourth quarter, 1989); and (b) reports on multinational transport problems with specific reference to small island developing countries (one each in third quarter, 1988 and 1989).

Operational activities: Provision of training and advisory services to member States upon request: (a) with a view to encouraging accession to the Multimodal Transport Convention; (b) in finding solutions to urban congestion; (c) in the area of facilitation; (d) in the investigation of alternative sources of fuel for road vehicles as part of the "Regional Energy Action Plan"; (e) in respect of re-implementation of the recommendations of the proposed ITU/CDCC Caribbean satellite system; and (f) assistance to Caribbean Governments and subregional intergovernmental organizations in formulating a development plan for maritime transport (XB).

5.10 Population

Output: Technical publications: (a) report to the Government of Guyana on the retrospective demographic survey, including analysis of indirect estimates of fertility, mortality, and international and internal migration (second quarter, 1988) (XB); (b) three studies on determinants and consequences of components of population change (one each third quarter, 1988; second and fourth quarters, 1989) (XB); (c) three country monographs (Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, British Virgin Islands) analysing data from the 1980 Census Programme (one in each in second and fourth quarter, 1988 and one in second quarter, 1989) (XB); and (d) a technical paper on population and household projections (second quarter, 1988).

Operational activities: Provision of training and advisory services to member States, upon request, in: (a) population policy implementation and evaluation (1988-1989) (XB); and (b) population policy implementation and population development planning (1988-1989) (XB).

5.11 ECLAC support to East Caribbean countries

Operational activities: Provision of training and advisory services to member states, upon request, on international trade law matters, particularly in the areas of export development and global trade negotiations; and on strengthening of ECDC and TCDC relations between the countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and relevant Latin American countries within the scope of activities being pursued by ECLAC/CDCC. Training courses and workshops will be offered (1988-1989) (KB).