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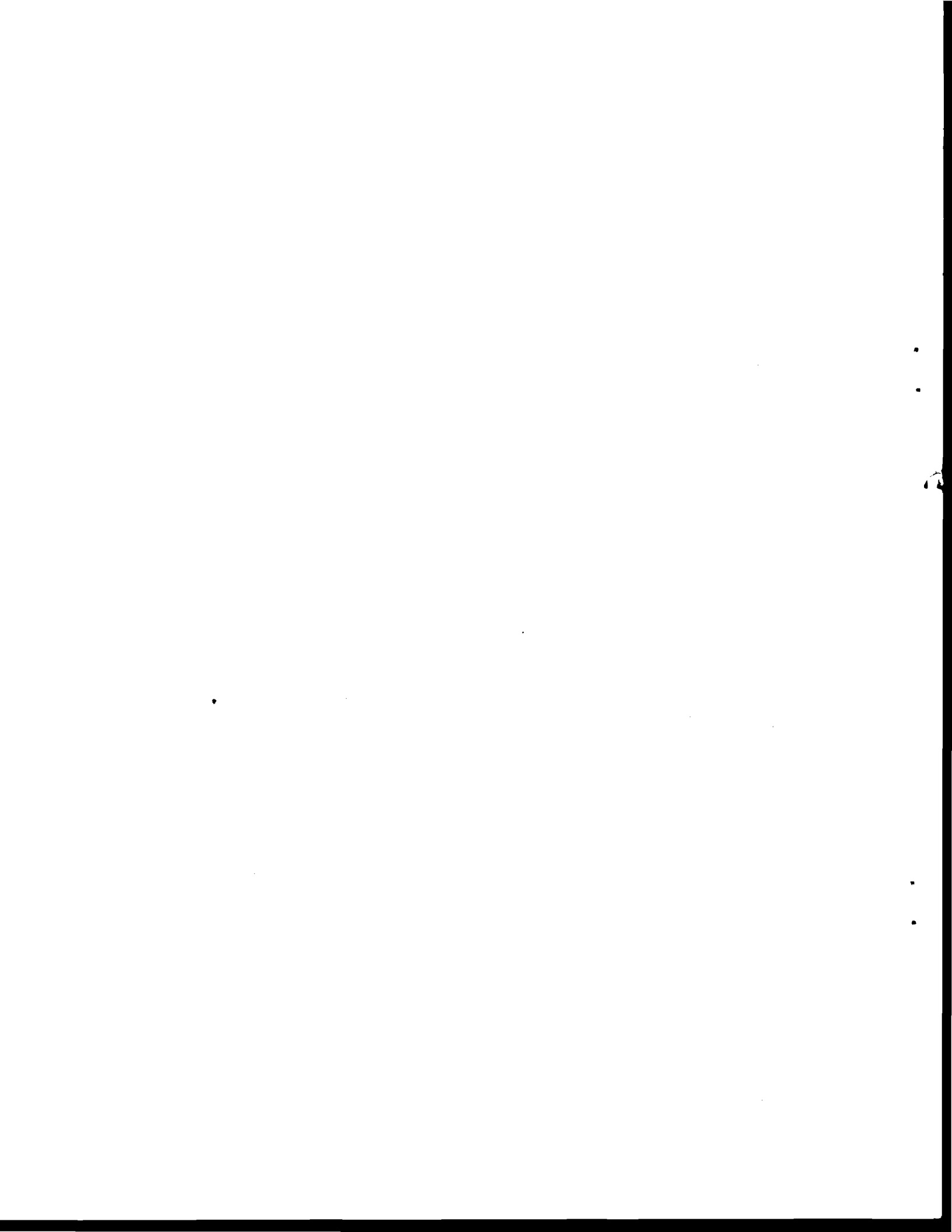


DRAFT SUMMARY OF PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME OUTPUT
FOR THE 1990-1991 BIENNIUM



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INTRODUCTION

The following pages contain the list of outputs and main activities proposed by the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean for inclusion in the United Nations Programme Budget for the 1990-1991 biennium. Accordingly, the draft document follows the format and guidelines established by the Office of Programme Planning Budgeting Monitoring and Evaluation (OPBME) of the United Nations Secretariat. The subprogramme is based on the regular budget resources foreseen (in the light of the proposed across-the-board reduction of 15 percent of all posts in the United Nations) and extrabudgetary resources already approved or with a reasonable chance of being approved.

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to convene its 22nd Session in April of 1988. The agenda for that session will include consideration of the Proposed Programme of Work for ECLAC for the biennium 1990-1991. As it is unlikely that the CDCC will meet again before the beginning of the Commission's 22nd session, the Committee is being asked to comment on the draft output and activities proposed by the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean prior to submission to the ECLAC Secretariat. This Caribbean subprogramme will then be incorporated into a combined proposed Work Programme for submission to the Commission (in April) and eventual transmission to the United Nations programme and budgetary machinery.

This is the first biennium of the 1990-1995 Medium-Term Plan. It may be noted that in accordance with the strategy outlined in the Medium-Term Plan document^{1/} there is increased emphasis on operational activities (some financed from extrabudgetary resources), and modalities such as linkages with both subregional, regional and international organizations and utilization of multisectoral and interdisciplinary approaches in addressing problems and implementing activities.

^{1/} Medium-Term Plan 1990-95 /of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean/ (LC/CAR/G.236).

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1. Economic Development Issues, Policies and Trends

Output

Technical publications

(a) Evaluation of economic performance of CDCC member countries with special emphasis on the tourism sector (4th quarter 1990);

(b) Evaluation of economic performance of CDCC member countries with special emphasis on the agricultural sector (4th quarter 1991).

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
IN THE CARIBBEAN

Output^{2/}

1. Technical publications

(a) Development Planning Newsletter (four issues, 2nd and 4th quarters of each year);

(b) Paper on the importance of bibliographical and statistical information in the planning process, Caribbean information systems and how the interaction between planners and information bodies can enhance the development process (1st quarter 1990);

(c) "The External Sector in the Economic Development Process of Caribbean Countries: Prospects and Strategies" (4th quarter 1991);

(d) "Socio-economic Development Planning and the Private Sector". This is intended as an input into the expert group meeting proposed in 2(c) below (2nd quarter 1991).

2. Operational activities

(a) Convening a seminar on information for social and economic planning. This will be an interdisciplinary/multisectoral activity of the secretariat and will involve planning and information personnel at both policy and technician levels in the Caribbean (2nd quarter 1990);

^{2/} Output partly dependent on provision of an ECLAC/ILPES Co-ordinator.

(b) Convening an ad hoc expert group meeting on planning for the external sector. This is an interdisciplinary activity and will involve co-operation with subregional, regional and international agencies and organizations involved in external trade (4th quarter 1990);

(c) Convening an ad hoc expert group meeting on enhancing the participation of the private sector in the public sector planning process. This meeting will involve private sector organizations as well as government ministries of planning and the co-operation of regional and subregional organizations involved in development planning (3rd quarter 1991);

(d) Co-ordinating the activities of the joint ECLAC/ILPES Planning Unit in the Caribbean including co-operation in the activities of ILPES in the Caribbean (continuous);

(e) Provision of training and advisory assistance at the request of governments and in collaboration with the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) EDI, UNDP and other inter-governmental bodies (continuous).

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE CARIBBEAN

Output

1. Technical publications

Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) Newsletter, (12 issues published every other month, 1990-1991).

2. Operational activities

(a) Substantive servicing of two plenary sessions of CCST (one each in 1990 and 1991);

(b) Substantive servicing of four meetings of the Executive Committee of CCST (two in the 2nd and 4th quarters of each year);

(c) Projects preparation and assistance in project implementation especially in the area of TCDC. (continuous).

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN

A. Socio-cultural development issues

Output

1. Technical publications

(a) Bulletin of the Caribbean Language Institute (CLI) in collaboration with the Language Institute of the Netherlands Antilles (four issues, 2nd and 4th quarter each year);

(b) Report on aspects of the social impact of the economic adjustment process (3rd quarter 1990). The precise topic will be determined during the previous biennium as the results of data collection and preliminary research become available;

(c) Production of a documentary (video) on language-related activities in the subregion (4th quarter 1990); (XB)

(d) A technical publication dealing with the impact of the structural adjustment policies on the rate of unemployments in the Caribbean (3rd quarter 1990);

(e) A technical publication dealing with the informal sector in the context of the structural adjustment programme (3rd quarter 1991).

2. Operational activities

(a) Assist in implementation of the removal of language barriers project, interim secretariat services and serving on the co-ordinating committee of the CLI;

(b) Servicing biennial meeting of the co-ordinating committee of CLI (3rd quarter 1990);

(c) Development of a data bank within the CLI linked to the Caribbean Information System (4th quarter 1991).

B. Women in development

Output

1. Technical publications

(a) Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies in the Caribbean 1985-1990 (1st quarter 1990);

(b) Methodology for the selection of basic indicators for use in constructing data bases on women in the Caribbean engaged in selected activities (4th quarter 1990);

(c) The Caribbean family as an agent in the economic development process (4th quarter 1991).

2. Operational activities

(a) Convening a subregional meeting preparatory to the 1990 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Implementation of the Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies. This meeting will formulate a common position on issues of relevance to the Caribbean (1st quarter 1990); (XB)

(b) Convening a subregional meeting on the issue of Violence Against Women and the relation to child abuse (4th quarter 1991); (XB)

(c) Advisory assistance to governments women's bureaux and various women's organizations on a range of topics including formation of organizations and project preparation;

(d) Assistance to and collaboration in the work of various international and subregional organizations including UNIFEM, INSTRAW, ECLAC Headquarters' WID Unit and the Women's Units of the CARICOM Secretariat and the University of the West Indies;

(e) It is expected that three inter-country projects will be in progress on integration of women in development during the biennium. (XB)

POPULATION

Output

1. Technical publications

(a) Four national studies on determinants and consequences of population change (2nd and 4th quarters of each year); (XB)

(b) Review of population policy implementation in the Caribbean (4th quarter 1991); (XB)

(c) Three papers on population development interrelation (1st and 3rd quarters 1990, 3rd quarter 1991); (XB)

(d) Mortality patterns in the Caribbean (2nd quarter 1990); (XB)

(e) Evaluation of census data and vital statistics (4th quarter 1990); (XB)

2. Operational activities

(a) Establishment and maintenance of a socio-demography data base (1990-1991);

(b) Provision of training and advisory services to member states upon request in: (i) population policy implementation and evaluation; (ii) integration of population in development planning; (iii) techniques of demographic analysis; and (iv) evaluation and analysis of census data and vital statistics (1990-1991); (XB)

(c) It is expected that a multi-country project will be in progress on Integration of Population in Development Planning (1990-1991); (XB).

NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT
AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN

Output

Operational activities

(a) Formulation and promotion of concrete projects, programmes and proposals for the development of natural resources and environmental management (1990-1991);

(b) Assistance to and collaboration in the work of the UNEP Regional Co-ordinating Unit for the Caribbean Action Plan (1990-1991);

(c) It is expected that two inter-country projects will be in progress during the biennium (1990-1991).

INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION FOR
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

A. Caribbean information system

Output

1. Technical publications

(a) "CARISPLAN Abstracts" indexed material from the bibliographical information database (two issues, 2nd and 4th quarters of each year);

(b) "Current Awareness Bulletin" a listing of selected recent acquisitions of the Caribbean Documentation Centre (12 issues each year);

(c) Published updates of the Authority files of the Caribbean Documentation Centre (two issues, 4th quarter 1990 and 1991).

2. Public information services

Distribution, upon request, of printouts and photocopies and provision of retrieval services including specialized bibliographies and a Selected Dissemination Service (SDI) and direct online access to the computerized data base (continuous).

3. Operational activities

- (a) Maintenance, development, etc., of a computerized database;
- (b) Provision of training and advisory services to CDCC member states in the development of computerized information systems; (XB)
- (c) Substantive support to the co-ordinating machinery for the Caribbean Subregional Information Systems; and
- (d) Formulation and promotion of projects for the development and strengthening of the CARISPLAN Network.

B. Patents information and documentation

Output

1. Technical publications

- (a) "Caribbean Patents Index" (1990); (XB)
- (b) "Supplement" to the Index (1991); (XB)
- (c) Quarterly patent newsletter (4 issues each year). (XB)

2. Public information service

Maintenance of a computerized technical information service. Provision of information to the public on request. (XB)

3. Operational activities

Execution of the project on strengthening of the Patent Information and Documentation Unit (PIDU) including computerization of patent information. (1990). (XB)

C. Statistical databank

Output

1. Technical publications

(a) Time series of major economic indicators of Caribbean countries (two issues, 4th quarter 1990 and 4th quarter 1991);

(b) "Agricultural Statistics of Caribbean Countries" Volume IX (3rd quarter 1990);

(c) Public Information Service to governments and organizations via online service of the statistical databank as well as by more traditional means (1990-1991).

2. Operational activities

(a) Development and management of a statistical database; statistical support for ECLAC/CDCC studies and projects; (continuous)

(b) Advisory assistance with computerized data banking to government departments on request.

ECLAC SUPPORT TO EAST CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

Output

Operational activities

Advisory services to member states, upon request, on international trade matters, export development, trade negotiations, customs and tariff administration and double taxation treaties; and on strengthening of ECDC and TCDC relations between the countries of the OECS and Latin American countries within the scope of activities being pursued by ECLAC/CDCC.

GENERAL INFORMATION SERVICES

Output

Preparation and dissemination of the newsletter of the CDCC Secretariat "FOCUS" (eight issues, one in each quarter of 1990 and 1991).

SERVICING OF CDCC SESSIONS

Output

Provision of substantive and general conference services to CDCC sessions (periodicity to be determined).

