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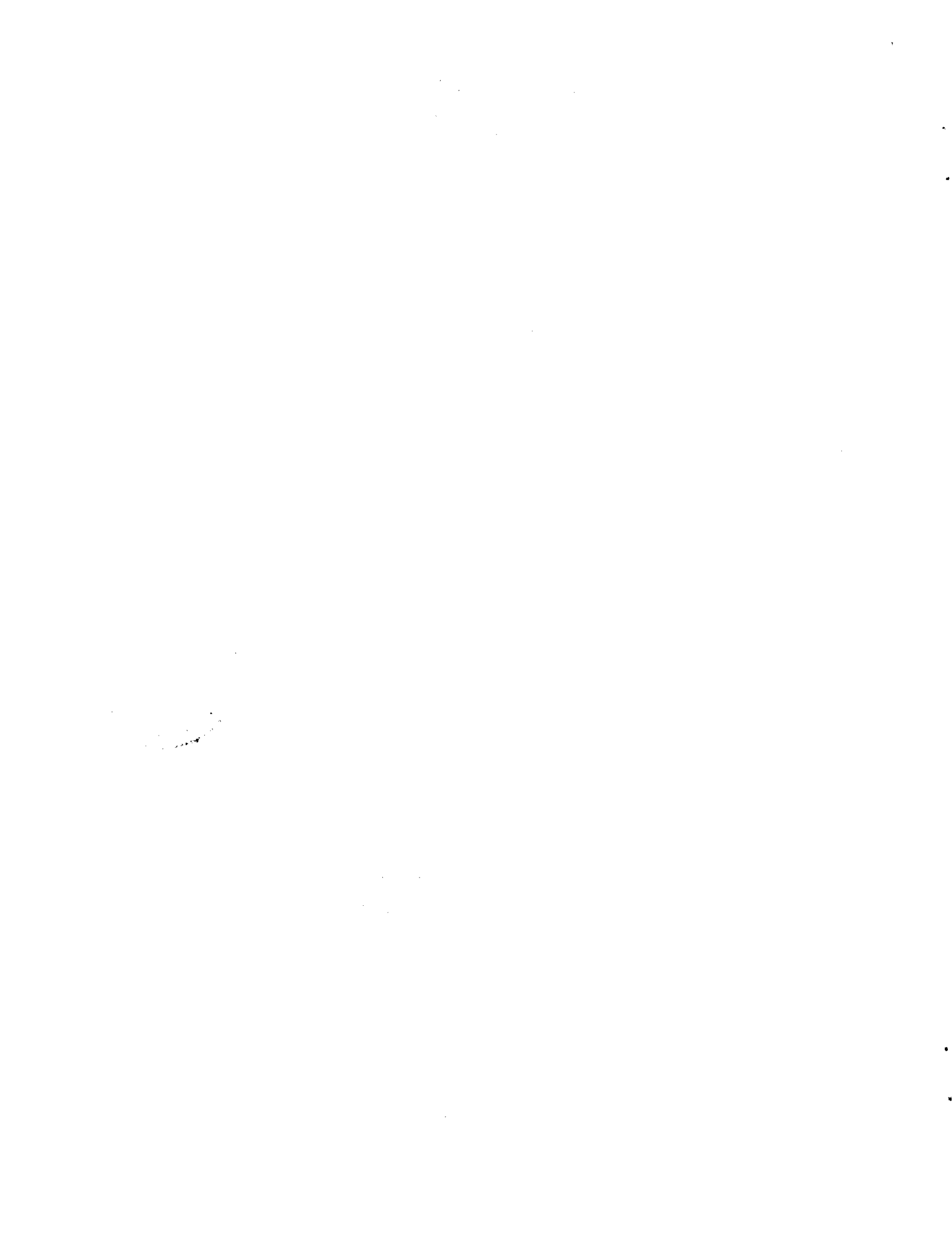


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At the tenth session of the CDCC held from 28 September - October 1987, the work programme for the biennium 1988-89 was presented to the Committee in document LC/CAR/G.231.

It should be noted that the work programme was submitted to the twenty-first session of ECLAC held in Mexico before substantive discussion had taken place on the document at the level of CDCC. This was due to the fact that the proposed CDCC meeting was not held in 1986.

This document presents elements of the work programme which were earmarked for implementation in 1988 and includes those activities which were not implemented in 1988. The document however follows the format required by the United Nations but is supplemented by additional information on each programme.

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

Programme elements:

5.1 Evaluation of economic performance of Caribbean countries

Output: Technical publications: (a) "Economic Survey of CDCC countries with Special Emphasis on the Growth of Services" a continuation of the series of ten-year surveys on specific economic and social sectors similar to that prepared on the External Debt for presentation at this meeting; and (b) Two short-term economic reviews of economic performance for the first six months of 1988 and the full twelve months of 1988, respectively.

Operational activities:

(a) Evaluation of developments in the social sector, including collaboration with the PAHO/WHO/CARICOM project to evaluate the impact of adjustment policies on the delivery of health services; and

(b) Linkages will be maintained with the planning activities of the secretariat in the provision of research papers and advisory services.

5.2 Food and agriculture in the Caribbean

Output: Technical publications - (a) Report on the performance of the agricultural sector in the CDCC countries (third quarter 1989); (b) Report on policies and programmes for food security in the CDCC countries (second quarter 1989); and (c) Studies of the current situation as regards post-production losses (third quarter 1988).

Operational activities: Areas for priority technical and developmental assistance to governments will be identified, with the objective of promoting production and trade in agricultural products (1988-1989) (XB)¹.

Follow-up work on the agro-industrial sector will continue particularly with respect to banana by-products, following the training of four technicians in Brazil.

The secretariat will also maintain its linkages with other agencies in agriculture and agricultural development in the region.

5.3 Economic and social planning in the Caribbean

Output:

(a) Substantive servicing of an intergovernmental meeting of Caribbean Heads of Planning (first quarter 1989);

(b) Technical publications: Two studies of global and sectoral economic performance will be prepared as inputs to the Meeting of Caribbean Heads of Planning, they will also be submitted to Member Governments and to the CDCC, and are intended to provide an input into national economic planning and management policies (1989).

Operational activities:

(a) Training and advisory services will be provided to Member States, upon request, and in collaboration with ILPES, to promote economic development and co-operation efforts (1989); and

(b) One training seminar/workshop will be conducted dealing with the basic principles of planning and data collection; planning methodologies appropriate to small island developing economies; and, project planning (second quarter 1989).

The secretariat will continue to explore with ILPES the possibilities for a replacement to fill the vacant post of co-ordinator in the Joint ECLAC/ILPES Planning Unit.

¹ Denotes funding provided from Extra-budgetary sources.

The Secretariat will continue to explore and encourage the possibilities for technical co-operation and will continue to provide advisory services and training upon the request of CDCC Member Governments.

5.4 Science and technology in the Caribbean

Output: Technical publication: Publication of the CCST Newsletter will continue.

Operational activities:

- (a) Substantive servicing of two meetings of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST);
- (b) Substantive participation in National Consultations/Seminars in Saint Christopher and Nevis, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;
- (c) Promotion of technical assistance and information exchange among member states;
- (d) Continued collaboration with other science and technology agencies;
- (e) Substantive servicing of one plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology and of two meetings of the Executive Committee of CCST; and
- (f) The secretariat will continue to implement project proposals in the current work programme, as appears in document CCST/88/2, as well as those activities approved at the forthcoming meeting of CCST, scheduled for December in Trinidad and Tobago.

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 intra-regional and extraregional migration patterns (fourth quarter 1989); and (c) Report on possible areas of Caribbean culture that could be utilized as a basis for the structural adjustment process (second quarter 1988).

Women in development

Output: Technical publications: (a) Report on the process of women's participation in development (fourth quarter 1988); (b) Promotion of the development of skills and educational upgrading of Caribbean women; (c) Completion of a bibliography on women; and (d) Completion of the Database on Selected Areas of Women's Participation in Social and Economic Change.

Operational activities:

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

(b) Three inter-country projects will be initiated, relating to the integration of women in development;

(c) Training for women traders in priority areas such as skills development and human resource management as a follow-up to the first phase of the project on Women in Development and Trade; and

(d) Preparation of a survey and publication of baseline data on relevant aspects of women's participation in export-oriented industries in the Caribbean.

Removal of language barriers

Operational activities:

(a) A mission is planned for the first quarter of 1989 to further sensitize CDCC member countries to the proposals for foreign language planning at the national and regional levels and the creation of the Caribbean Language Institute (CLI). It will also collect data on foreign language training in CDCC member countries. The European Economic Community has been approached for financial assistance for the project;

(b) Preparation of the meeting to prepare a common Caribbean language plan which is proposed for 1990; and

(c) The project co-ordinators will co-sponsor training of interpreters and translators in collaboration with national language training institutions.

5.6 Natural resources, environmental management and development in the Caribbean

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

Operational activities:

(a) Provision of training and advisory services to Member States in:

- (i) the formulation and promotion of projects, programmes and proposals for the development of natural resources and environmental management; and
- (ii) the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC), activities among Caribbean countries and between Caribbean and other Latin American countries (XB).

(b) Collaboration with regional and international agencies in the development and implementation of the following joint project activities:

- (i) Regional Sewage Disposal and Coastal Conservation Studies. In collaboration with the CARICOM Secretariat, CDB and PAHO it is proposed to convene a meeting in 1989 which is intended to mobilize resources, and will have as its theme "Developing and Financing of the Sewage Disposal Sector". The meeting will be attended by both country representatives and donor agencies;
- (ii) Socio-cultural and Environmental Management issues in Caribbean tourism. This project will continue in 1989 and activities will include:
 - a. Co-ordination and execution of the case studies and preparation of the country reports;
 - b. Distribution of country reports and case studies;
 - c. National workshops;
 - d. Preparation and distribution of comparative documents;
 - e. Regional training seminar; and
 - f. Preparation of seminar report and specific conclusions and recommendations.

- (iii) Preparation of a project proposal entitled "Development/Economic Growth/Environment" with the objective of resolving the apparent conflict between economic growth and the environment through the identification of revenue-generating and development-oriented projects which are environmentally sound.

5.7 Information and documentation for economic and social development

Output: Technical publications: (a) CARISPLAN Abstracts (two issues in 1989) (XB); (b) Current Awareness Bulletins (6 issues in 1989) (XB); and (c) database of experts and of science and technology research in progress (second quarter 1989) (XB).

Operational activities:

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

Statistical Data Bank

Output: Technical publications: (a) Report on major indicators of the economic performance of the Caribbean countries (fourth quarter 1989) (XB); and (b) Publication of the Agricultural Statistics of Caribbean Countries - Vol.VIII with several changes in format. The appropriate questionnaire will also be amended to facilitate a more accurate response.

Operational activities: (a) Updating of statistical data; and (b) Continued support for the establishment of Project Data Banks including the provision of training.

REDATAM²

Operational activities:

(a) Continued dissemination of the REDATAM software and encouraging its use among Caribbean countries; and, (b) census preparatory work including training in the use of REDATAM.

² The acronym REDATAM refers to the Retrieval of Census Data for Small Areas by Microcomputer.

Patent Unit

Operational activities:

(a) Provision of a patent information service to industry, researchers, inventors and entrepreneurs, with support from the Canadian Patent Office; (b) Maintenance of the computerized patent data base, a Canadian Patent Index and industrial property newsletter; (c) Conducting users' seminars in those countries not covered in the first year of the project; (d) Technical assistance within the framework of WIPO's regional project RLA/87/005 by providing documentation, and facilitating expert missions and consultants aimed at strengthening the overall development of intellectual property in the Caribbean; and (e) 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 (1989).

Operational activities:

(a) Provision of training and advisory services to Member States upon request, in support of the development efforts of small island developing countries (1988-89). (XB);

(b) The project "A Study on Trade-in-Services using Saint Lucia as a Model" is being withdrawn. The OECS will consult with CARICOM on the future of a services project for the OECS countries;

(c) The workshop on real estate, educational and tourism services will now be held early in 1989 subject to the approval of funds by UNDP to the value of \$30,000. This amount was originally requested in the trade-in-services project (1986). UNDP has indicated its willingness to make resources available for the project;

(d) The report of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on Trade Finance, Transnational Banks and External Finance, is submitted to the CDCC for their consideration and members might wish to recommend what specialised areas of work on trade finance the Secretariat could undertake;

(e) The results of the proposed meeting on countertrade planned for the end of the year 1988 will indicate the extent to which work on countertrade should continue;

(f) Work on co-operation among state trading organizations has been completed. Work envisaged in the previous biennium

1986/87 - co-operation among multinational production enterprises - was not undertaken. The Committee might wish to advise the Secretariat on the next phase of work it wishes it to pursue; and

(g) A mission has recently been undertaken to discuss the possibility of an EMPRETCH³ programme being undertaken for the Caribbean in conjunction with the UNCTC. Information was obtained on the pilot programme that was started in Argentina eight months ago. The UNCTC has requested the secretariat to prepare a programme for the region. This is currently being done, and after consultations, will be submitted to UNCTC.

5.9 Transport and communications

Output: Technical publications: (a) Report on the maritime sector (fourth quarter 1989); (b) Reports on multinational transport problems with specific reference to small island developing countries (third quarter 1989); and (c) A manual on Road Repairs will be published in conjunction with the Asphalt Institute of Trinidad and Tobago (second quarter).

Operational activities: Assistance in the 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) In formulating a development plan for maritime transport (XB).

5.10 Population

Output: Technical publications: (a) Two studies on determinants and consequences of components of population change (second and fourth quarters, 1989) (XB); (b) Three country monographs (Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the British Virgin Islands) analysing data from the 1980 Census Programme (second quarter 1989) (XB); and (c) A technical paper on population and household projections.

³ The EMPRETCH programme has been developed by the UN Centre on Transnational Corporations. It aims to create a permanent infrastructure for the identification, selection, training, financing and ongoing support of promising new manufacturing and service industries in developing countries. The programme draws on transnational corporations expertise to help starting companies to get underway, guided by UNCTC research on transnational corporations activities in developing countries.

Operational activities:

(a) Provision of training and advisory services to member States, upon request, in:

- (i) population policy implementation and evaluation (1988-1989) (XB); and
- (ii) population policy implementation and population development planning (1988-1989) (XB).

(b) Three two-week regional seminars, for approximately twenty persons on the following subjects:

- (i) Methods of analysis of demographic and socio-economic data for planning, using microcomputers;
- (ii) Theory and methods of demographic analysis for planning; and
- (iii) Techniques of integrating population in development planning.

(c) Four three-day national training seminars on population policy implementation will be conducted and a five-day workshop for policy formulation will be conducted in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The seminars are intended to establish and strengthen the national institutional system required for population policy implementation and the transition of policy strategies into concrete socio-economic programmes.

(d) The following activities will continue through the next period:

- (i) Integrated research studies on population and development;
- (ii) Establishment of the Socio-demographic Data Bank and Population Information System;
- (iii) Intercensal and post-censal population estimates for Caribbean countries;
- (iv) Retrieval of census data for small areas by microcomputer (REDATAM);
- (v) In-depth census analysis;
- (vi) Population projections;
- (vii) Digest of socio-demographic statistics in Caribbean countries. It will consider in greater detail special

areas related to population issues such as women, youth and the aged.

5.11 ECLAC support to East Caribbean countries

Operational activities: Provision of training and advisory services to member States, upon request, in the following areas: (a) International trade law matters, particularly in the areas of export development and global trade negotiations; (b) 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 LCLAC/CDCC. (XB); and (c) Collaborative activities aimed at strengthening the statistical infrastructure in the OECS Member States will continue through 1989.

PROGRAMME FOR SMALL ISLAND STATES

The secretariat's work for the coming period will be determined by the adoption of the Plan of Action for Small Island States, called for in CDCC Resolution 18(IX) and United Nations General Assembly Resolution 41/63. Resolution 41/63 requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations to undertake a review of the problems of Small Island Developing States with a view to rendering assistance to their needs. It is expected that the Commission will be called upon to play a more meaningful role in the developmental efforts of these states.

Nevertheless, the problem of acceptance by the international community that small island states are deserving of special assistance is still to be overcome.

The Secretariat therefore, as a first priority, will undertake studies in collaboration with other agencies, such as CARICAD, CARICOM, OECS and the Pacific Forum of ESCAP, with the objective of strengthening the case of the Small Island Developing States.

Additionally, the secretariat was mandated at the tenth session of CDCC to undertake discussions on aspects of political unity for the OECS and these will be undertaken in the forthcoming work programme in collaboration with the OECS Secretariat.



