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## INTRODUCTION

The Committee is requested to note the document on the proposed work programme output for the biennium 1992-1993 (LC/CAR/G.284). This document is a reproduction of the programme of work submitted to the appropriate United Nations Secretariat machinery for the approval of the United Nations General Assembly. It should be noted that the document indicates the main areas of work and activities in which the secretariat will be engaged during the biennium. Copies of the draft work programme document from the CDCC secretariat were circulated to all CDCC Member Governments requesting their comments.

This document will be incorporated into the work programme of the Commission for submission to Headquarters in order that the necessary budgetary processes can be prepared and approved. The contributions of Member countries are, therefore, essential to ensure complementarity between national and regional development efforts.



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SUBPROGRAMME 16.5: ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND CO-OPERATION AMONG  
THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

Programme element 16.5.1: Economic survey of Caribbean  
countries

1. Output

Technical publications

(a) Review of the impact of the Lomé conventions on Caribbean countries and prospects for the traditional exports consequent upon the creation of the European Community consolidated market. (Fourth quarter 1992)

(b) Evaluation of savings and investment performance in the decade of the eighties and policy proposals on their determinants. (Third quarter 1993)

(c) Yearly and half-yearly summaries of economic performance of CDCC countries with annual ten-year reviews relative to selected sectors or issues (1992-1993).

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Regular and formal consultation with sectoral specialists in the ECLAC system, particularly the ECLAC Mexico Subregional Office, with regard to inputs relating to Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

Users will be CDCC Member Governments (particularly ministries of planning, finance and trade); university personnel, teachers and students; international and interregional bodies in the CDCC countries; Caribbean professionals (particularly economists), and the media.

Users will be reached through mailing lists, dissemination through the Caribbean Documentation Centre, presentation at the annual meetings of Caribbean economists, and dissemination through press, radio and television.

Programme element 16.5.2: Economic and social planning in the Caribbean

1. Output

(a) Technical publications

(i) Measures to achieve a more harmonious interaction between capital, labour and the public sector. (Third quarter 1992)

(ii) Economic and Technical Co-operation with the Pacific Rim countries: An evaluation of ongoing activities and proposals for further action. (Fourth quarter 1992)

(b) Operational activities

(i) Provision of training and advisory services at the request of governments and in collaboration with the Latin America and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), UNDP and other intergovernmental bodies (1990-1991).

(ii) Convening an ad hoc expert group meeting of planners to discuss issues related to the impact of technical and economic co-operation with the Pacific Rim countries. This is an interdisciplinary activity and will involve co-operation with subregional, regional and international agencies and organizations involved in planning and external trade (fourth quarter 1992).

(iii) Convening an ad hoc expert group meeting to enhance the interaction between the private sector, the public sector and organized labour. This meeting will involve private sector organizations as well as government ministries of planning and representatives of the trade unions.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

While overall co-ordination responsibility will rest with the Joint ECLAC/ILPES Planning Unit for the Caribbean at the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, collaboration will be sought within ECLAC and other United Nations system agencies.

Co-sponsorship will be sought from among United Nations agencies and other institutions for the execution of some of these activities.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

Users will be primarily planning officials; policy-makers on socio-economic planning matters in both the private and public sectors; regional and subregional institutions and agencies involved in Caribbean planning issues; decision makers in the field

of external trade services and finance; individuals on trade boards; manufacturers and individuals concerned with export development and promotion. Secondary users include university researchers and libraries.

Users will be reached through group discussions, mailing lists, and dissemination of information through focal points in respective countries.

Programme element 16.5.3:      **Science and technology in the Caribbean**

1. Output

(a) Organization and substantive servicing of

(i) Two plenary sessions of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST). (Third quarter 1992 and third quarter 1993)

(ii) Four meetings of the Executive Committee of CCST. (Second and fourth quarters of each year).

(iii) One meeting of science and technology institutions in the region for programme and project co-ordination. (Second quarter 1992)

(b) Technical publications

(i) CCST newsletter (12 issues published every other month, 1992-1993).

(ii) Review of CCST activities for the period 1985-1990. (First quarter 1992)

c) Operational activities

(i) Provision of training and advisory services to member States, upon request, in the field of project preparation and assistance in project implementation, especially in the area of TCDC (1992-1993).

(ii) Assistance in the preparation of national science and technology plans.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Regular formal consultation with sectoral specialists. Collaboration will be maintained with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), the Caribbean Development Bank's (CDB) Technology and Energy Unit, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), UNDP, UNESCO, the United Nations Centre for Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD) and all United Nations bodies in the field of science and technology, as well as with organizations not in the United Nations system, such as the Organization of American States (OAS), Commonwealth Science Council, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC), and with institutions engaged in science and technology activities at the national level. CARICOM, UNESCO and OECS/East Caribbean Centre (ECC) are expected to join with CCST in the execution of the programmes on newly emerging technologies and science teaching by financing workshops and seminars.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

The intended primary users will mainly be residents of the CDCC countries, more specifically the decision-makers, and the scientific and industrial community. It is expected that schoolteachers will find some outputs of this programme element useful for classroom work.

Users will mostly be reached through the Science and Technology Newsletter, through dissemination of audiovisual materials and through practical workshop sessions. There will also be direct contact through mailing of reports on seminars, workshops, etc., to focal points or other ministries.

Programme element 16.5.4: Social development in the Caribbean

A. Social aspects of structural adjustment measures and

1. Output

Technical publications

Human resource development and structural transformation. The link between skills and productivity within the context of social and economic development. (Third quarter 1993)

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Regular and formal consultation with sectoral specialists in education, human resource development and economic planning in ECLAC and the wider United Nations system.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

Users will be CDCC member governments (particularly ministries of planning, education and industry); university personnel, teachers and students; international and interregional bodies in the CDCC countries; Caribbean professionals (particularly economists, educators and sociologists), and the media.

Users will be reached through mailing lists, dissemination through the Caribbean Documentation Centre, presentation at the annual meetings of Caribbean economists, and dissemination through press, radio and television.

B. Socio-cultural development issues

1. Output

(a) Technical publications

(i) Bulletin of the Caribbean Language Institute (CLI) in collaboration with the Language Institute of the Netherlands Antilles. (Four issues - second and fourth quarters 1992 and 1993).

(ii) Studies on social, cultural, political and economic aspects of Caribbean migration. (First quarter 1992, first quarter 1993)

b) Operational activities

(i) Assistance in implementation of the removal of language barriers project, provision of interim secretariat services and service to the co-ordinating committee of the Caribbean Language Institute (CLI).

(ii) Continuing the development of a data bank within the CLI, linked to the Caribbean Information System.

(iii) Development of a data bank on aspects of Caribbean migration (1992-1993).

(iv) Assistance in the implementation of projects in collaboration with the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC).

(v) Initiate and participate in research activities in Caribbean rural development.

Many of the above activities are subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Activities will be carried out in collaboration with UNESCO, UNFDAC, the universities within the subregion, as well as directly with other relevant United Nations agencies and regional organizations.

The work on language-related activities will be carried out in close collaboration with the CLI and UNESCO.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

The primary users will be government officials responsible for economic and social planning and national government ministries of education and culture, health and labour.

Users will be reached by means of the distribution of documents and educational material.

C. Integration of women into development (WID)

1. Output

(a) Organization and substantive servicing of

(i) Subregional preparatory meeting to the 1995 World Conference on the Integration of Women into Development. (Third quarter 1993)

(ii) Convening of a subregional meeting on the issue of violence against women and in relation to child abuse. (Third quarter 1992)

The above meetings are subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

(b) Technical publications

(i) Computerized update of the Bibliography on Women as produced in 1989 from relevant bibliographical resources of the Caribbean Documentation Center. (Fourth quarter 1992)

(ii) Document on selected basic indicators for constructing Data Bases on women engaged in selected activities in the Caribbean. (Fourth quarter 1993)

(c) Operational activities

(i) Advisory assistance to governments, women's bureaux and various women's organizations on the formation of institutions project preparation and on issues related to Women in Development Programmes.

(ii) Assistance to and collaboration in the work of various international and subregional organizations, including the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), ECLAC Headquarters' Integration of Women into Development Unit and the Women's Units of the CARICOM Secretariat and the University of the West Indies.

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

All the above activities are subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Regular formal consultation will be held with the Social Development Division of ECLAC and the ECLAC Subregional Office in Mexico City, especially in activities relating to Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Consultations will also be held with the Caribbean offices of the ILO and UNESCO.

Various other parties will be consulted on several aspects of the work programme, particularly the Integration of Women into Development Unit, ECLAC/Santiago; the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW); regional women's organizations in the Caribbean, and United Nations agencies engaged in related activities (UNIDO), UNICEF, ILO and UNIFEM).

Consultations will take place with national government ministries for women's affairs and with the CARICOM and OECS secretariats.

The Caribbean Documentation Centre will co-operate directly through linkages designed to seek the systematic compilation and dissemination of bibliographical information on the integration of women in development.

### 3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

Primary users will be national member government and non-governmental women's organizations. Important secondary users are the ministries of community development, health, planning, finance and education; United Nations agencies and national and international funding agencies.

The output will serve as background material for the formulation of women's programmes and projects.

Users will be reached through distribution by mail, through major collaborators such as focal points in the region, distribution at regional and international meetings, seminars and workshops, entry into the Caribbean Information System for Economic and Social Planning (CARISPLAN), and through linkages with information dissemination networks on "Women into Development" issues in the Caribbean.

#### Programme element 16.5.5: Population

##### 1. Output

###### (a) Technical publications

(i) Preparation of population projections based on 1990 Census of Caribbean countries. (Third quarter 1993)

(ii) Publication of a regional digest of socio-demographic statistics. (Second quarter 1993)

(iii) Reports on population policy implementation in the Caribbean. (Fourth quarter 1992-1993)

(iv) Studies on population/development interrelation. (First quarter 1992)

(v) Mortality patterns in the Caribbean. (First quarter 1992)

All the above publications are subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

###### (b) Operational activities

(i) Provision of training and advisory services to member States in the fields of population policy implementation and evaluation; integration of population in development planning; techniques of demographic analysis; and evaluation and analysis of census data and vital statistics. Overall assistance to countries,

as requested, in the undertaking of their national census (1992-1993).

All the above activities are subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

(ii) Execution of a multi-country project on integration of population in development planning (1992-1993) subject to the availability of extra-budgetary funding.

(c) Intermediate activity

Expansion and maintenance of the socio-demographic data base (1992-1993).

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Activities will be carried out in collaboration with the ECLAC/CELADE Demography Unit, as well as directly with other relevant United Nations agencies and regional organizations.

Co-sponsors will be the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Co-operation from other institutions such as the University of the West Indies and CARICOM will be sought.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

The primary users will be national planning institutes, ministries of health and education, statistical offices, and other government bodies responsible for planning and policy formulation. Secondary users include universities and private family planning agencies, subregional regional and international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other bodies interested in various aspects of the Caribbean population situation.

The final output will be used as background material for policy formulation and as an input into programmes for the integration of population in development planning.

Users will be reached through dissemination of publications, training programmes, missions to countries, and participation at subregional, regional and international meetings.

Programme element 16.5.6:      **Natural resources, environmental management and tourism in the Caribbean**

1.    Output

(a)   Technical publications

(i)    Environmental Statistics of Caribbean Countries. (Third quarter 1992).

(ii)   Report on evaluation techniques incorporating environmental considerations in project analysis. (Third quarter 1993)

(b)   Operational activities

(i)    Collaboration with the work of various international and subregional organizations, specifically assistance to and collaboration with UNEP.

(ii)   Establishment of a computerized environmental database which will provide on-line access of environmental data to CDCC member states.

(iii)   Provision of training and advisory services at the request of governments.

(iv)   Formulation and promotion of concrete projects, programmes and proposals for the development of tourism, natural resources and environmental management.

2.    Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Activities will be carried out in co-ordination with units of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, and the Joint ECLAC/UNEP Development and Environment Unit. Co-ordination will also be maintained with UNEP, UNESCO, UNCTAD and other organizational units of the United Nations. It is anticipated that co-ordination will include joint execution of activities and participation and consultation. It is also anticipated that collaboration and consultation will be maintained with subregional institutions such as CARICOM, the OECS, CDB and Caribbean Conservation Association (CCA).

3.    Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

The primary users will be government ministries or departments concerned with the development and conservation of natural resources, economic planning and physical or town and country planning. Important secondary users will include relevant

subregional institutions, public sector authorities, non-governmental organizations and private sector institutions.

The material produced will serve as inputs for the formulation of national, sectoral or regional development plans, and as criteria for the evaluation of investment alternatives at the national, regional or sectoral levels, for the implementation of TCDC projects, and for governmental policy-making and strategy formulation and other interregional deliberations.

Users will be reached by mail distribution of technical and other reports to CDCC focal points and to identify primary and secondary users, and through participation in national, subregional and regional meetings.

Programme element 16.5.7:           **Information and documentation for economic and social development**

**A. Caribbean Information System**

**1. Output**

**(a) Technical publications**

(i) Four issues of **CARISPLAN Abstracts**. (Second and fourth quarters, 1992 and 1993)

(ii) Twenty-four issues of **Current Awareness Bulletin**. (Three in each quarter 1992 and 1993)

(iii) Twenty-four issues of **Current Contents**. (Three in each quarter 1992 and 1993)

**(b) Operational activities**

(i) Substantive support to consultant mission to evaluate the development of a computer-based communication network, on-line access to databases and a **Selected Dissemination of Information Service (SID)**.

(ii) Organization and servicing of periodic computer conferencing among members of the **Caribbean Consultative Committee on Regional Information Systems**.

(iii) Trouble shooting and backstopping for computer-based communication development, on-line database searching and the use of micro CDS/ISIS for database creation and maintenance.

(iv) Assistance in the development of additional databases relevant to various programme elements of the CDCC work programme.

(c) Public information services

Distribution, upon request, of printouts and photocopies, provision of retrieval services (including specialized bibliographies and a Selected Dissemination Service (SDI)), and direct on-line access to the computerized data base (1992-1993).

(d) Intermediate activity

Maintenance and development of a computerized data base.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Collaboration with UNESCO, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), regional universities and other academic institutions, regional integration secretariats (CARICOM, SELA, OECS, etc.), United Nations system agencies and other entities which provide on-lines access to their data bases.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

The information system for CARISPLAN is intended for use as an instrument for support and co-operation for persons and institutions involved in economic and social planning.

With respect to the use of data bases, the main users will comprise both public and private sector bodies, the media and individuals with interest in the specific areas covered.

B. Patents information and documentation

1. Output

(a) Technical publications

Supplements to the:

(i) Caribbean Patents Index (1992-1993). (One in each quarter)

(ii) Quarterly Patents Newsletter (4 issues per year). (One each quarter)

(b) Operational activities

Follow-up to the project on the strengthening of the Patents Information and Documentation Unit (PIDU). This would include:

(i) Activities in the area of harmonization of patent laws and the formulation of concrete conditions for the formation of an industrial property system for the subregion.

(ii) Continued provision of an information service on technological information from patents.

(iii) Identification of strategies for more productive methods of transferring technology and to address licensing as a specific issue.

(iv) Formulation of basic policy and strategy for the development of a modern intellectual property system.

(v) Expansion of activities in the area of copyright.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Collaboration and co-operation will be sought with WIPO, especially through its regional project on intellectual property for Latin America and the Caribbean, and also with SELA with respect to its activities in intellectual property.

Co-operation with CARICOM is also envisaged as it pertains specifically to the English-speaking Caribbean.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

Primary users will be government ministries, registrars departments, business sector, research institutes and non-governmental organizations.

Users identified from survey missions and others will be reached through publications and training missions.

The above activities are subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

C. Statistical data bank

1. Output

(a) Technical publications

(i) Time series of major economic indicators of Caribbean countries. (Two issues, fourth quarter 1992 and fourth quarter 1993)

(ii) Agricultural Statistics of Caribbean Countries Volumes X and XI. (Third quarters 1992 and 1993)

(b) Operational activities

(i) Provision of training and advisory services to member States, upon request, in the development and management of statistical data bases (1992-1993).

(ii) Continued dissemination of the REDATAM (Retrieval of Census Data for Small Areas by Microcomputer) Software and promoting its use among Caribbean countries.

(c) Public information services

To governments and organizations, upon request (1992-1993).

(d) Intermediate activity

Statistical support for ECLAC/CDCC studies, programmes and projects (1992-1993).

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Direct inputs are provided by the countries in the form of publications or tables.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

Users will be government officials wishing to perform comparative analysis or to access the data sets that would assist in the planning process, researchers (including universities), and international or regional agencies needing to access statistical data.

Users will be reached directly through personal contacts or indirectly through distribution in accordance with updated mailing lists.

Programme element 16.5.8: International trade and development finance

1. Output

(a) Technical publications

- (i) Trade Procedures Guide. (Fourth quarter 1992)
- (ii) Export Trends and Performance for selected CDCC member countries. (Third quarter 1992)
- (iii) Developments in the European Community and the external sector in general and the potential for new Caribbean exports. (Second quarter 1993)
- (iv) Evaluation of the growth of trade within CARICOM and prospects for expansion in the wider Caribbean region. (Fourth quarter 1993)
- (v) An evaluation of selected models of trade information with a view to increasing the access of regional producers to external markets. (Fourth quarter 1992)

(b) Operational activities

- (i) Provision of training and advisory services to member States, upon request, in the areas of export promotion and trade information systems; trade in services; and in finance;
- (ii) Monitoring and reporting to Governments on events and issues within the external sector which impact on Caribbean commodity and service trade.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Overall co-ordination will rest with ECLAC. Collaboration will be established with other United Nations agencies and regional organizations.

Co-sponsors will be UNCTAD, the United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DIESA), the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (UNCTC), UNDP, IMF, World Bank, the International Trade Centre, GATT, CARICOM, CDB, SELA, OECS, OAS, IDB (in particular the Latin American Institute for Integration (INTAL)).

Collaborating agencies and organizations will provide or prepare documents, training material, lecturers and such other administrative and financial support as may be required.

Consultations will be held with the agencies collaborating in the implementation of the specified activities.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

The primary users will be mainly government officials responsible for trade and financial matters, personnel in the private sector, regional and subregional institutions responsible for trade, money and finance, and individuals responsible for export development, planning and research. Secondary users will be commercial and financial institutions, universities and research bodies and libraries.

Programme element 16.5.9: Support to OECS countries

1. Output

(a) Operational activities

Advisory services through the OECS Secretariat to member states on international trade matters, export development, trade negotiations, customs and tariff administration and double taxation treaties, and on the strengthening of ECDC and TCDC relations between the countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and Latin American countries within the scope of activities being pursued by ECLAC/CDCC. Assistance to the OECS Secretariat as requested relative to the establishment of the OECS' unification programmes; support to national and subregional programmes in science and technology.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

This programme element is executed in regular and formal consultation with the OECS Secretariat. Activities usually reflect high priorities of the OECS Authority, the intergovernmental body comprising the heads of OECS member States.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

Users will be the OECS Secretariat, the Authority and the individual member governments of OECS countries.

Users will be reached through direct contact. Recommendations are communicated directly to users.

Programme element 16.5.10:      General information services

1.    Output

Technical publications

    Focus: Newsletters of the CDCC secretariat. (8 issues, 1 in each quarter, 1992 and 1993)

2.    Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

    The newsletter is currently prepared as a joint effort of the ECLAC/Port-of-Spain substantive staff. It is proposed, however, to incorporate inputs from member countries and organizations with which the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat collaborates.

3.    Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

    Users will be Librarians and officials of Ministries of Economic Development and Planning.

    Users will be reached through distribution in accordance with updated mailing lists.

Programme element 16.5.11:      Organization of sessions of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC)

1.    Output

    Substantive servicing of annual sessions and committee meetings of the CDCC (periodicity to be determined).

2.    Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

    Co-ordination will be maintained with ECLAC Headquarters.

3.    Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

    Intergovernmental regional/subregional and other subsidiary bodies of the Commission.

