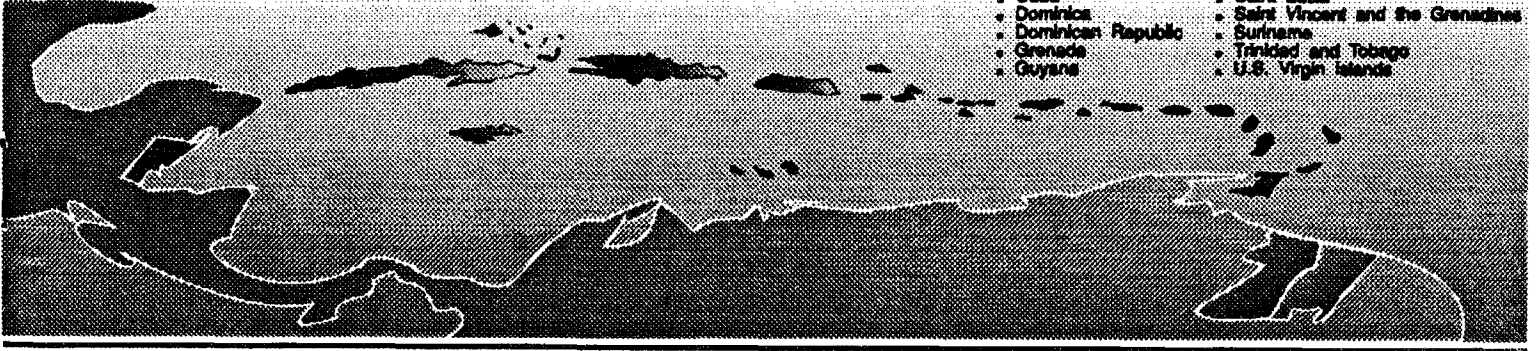




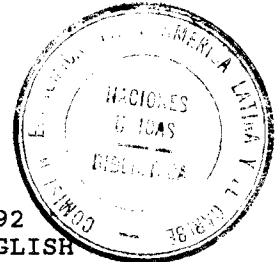
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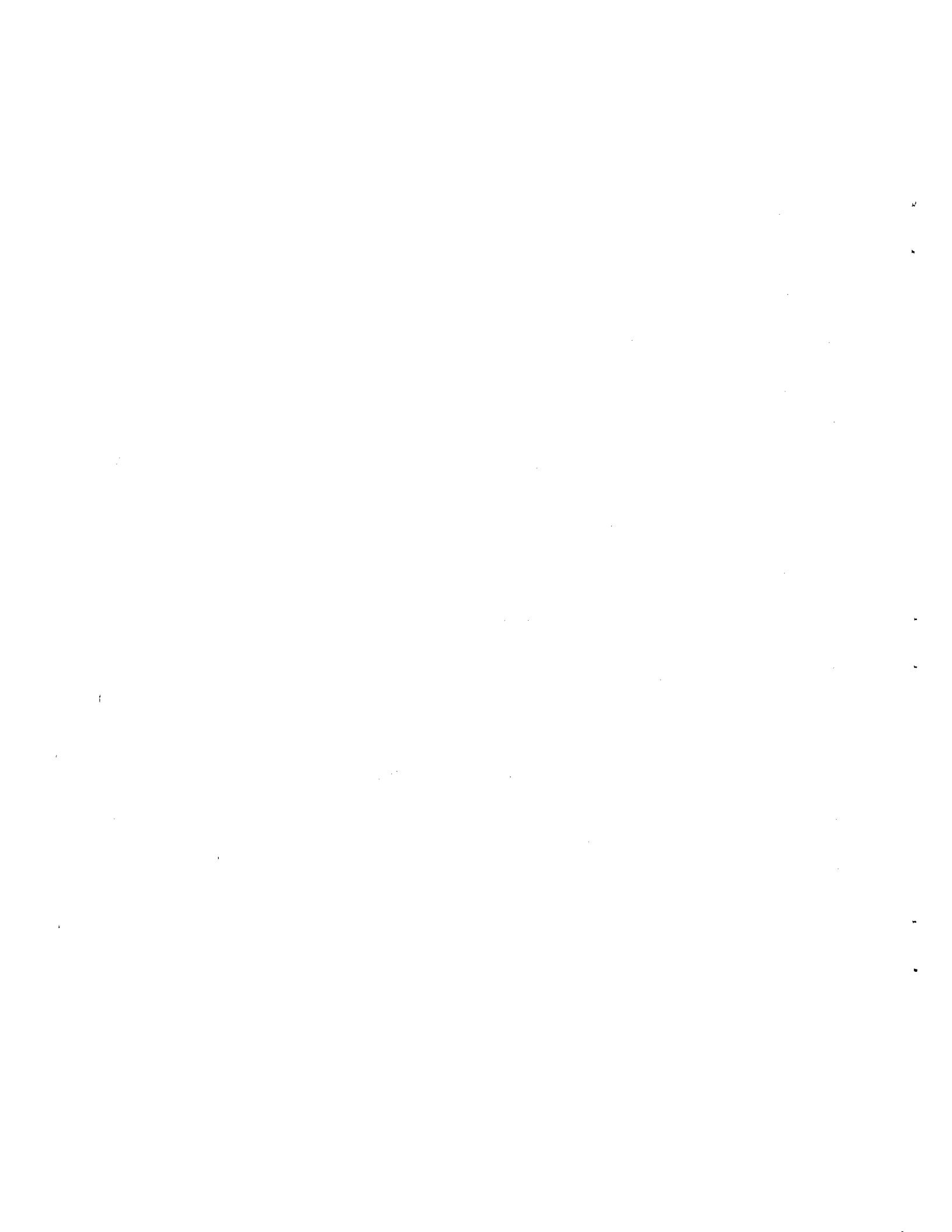


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INTRODUCTION

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), continued to assist the processes of economic and social development in the Caribbean subregion, through its multisectoral and interdisciplinary capability. During 1992, the activities of the secretariat were carried out within the framework of the approved work programme of the Office for the 1992-1993 biennium.

This work programme was first considered by the CDCC at its twelfth session in Curacao, in December 1989, and subsequently approved by ECLAC at its twenty-third session in Caracas, in May 1990. At the thirteenth session of the CDCC, which took place in Kingston in July 1991, the member governments proposed a number of modifications to the work programme. These proposals received further consideration at the fifth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee which took place in Port-of-Spain in January 1992.

On the basis of the recommendations of the Monitoring Committee, the secretariat obtained approval for the revised work programme for the 1992-1993 biennium (LC/CAR/G.284/Rev.1) This revision goes some way towards accommodating the concerns of member governments regarding the work programme of the Organization. (The work programme for the 1994-1995 biennium, LC/CAR/G.378, accommodates these concerns to a greater extent.)

Given that the revision to the 1992-1993 work programme took place within the constraint of a fixed pool of resources available for its execution, it was necessary to exclude certain activities in the original programme in order to include others. Certain activities were excluded because of their "operational" nature, or because extrabudgetary financing was not expected to be available for their execution; it being understood that these activities could be implemented if such funding were obtained. The table at Annex 1 to this report indicates the revisions which were made to the original work programme for the 1992-1993 biennium.

In addition to activities carried out by the secretariat during 1992, in accordance with the 1992-1993 work programme, this document also reports on activities carried out during the period, July-December 1991.

The secretariat continued to seek the collaboration of other United Nations offices and of other Caribbean regional organizations, in the execution of its work programme. It also sought to promote technical cooperation among the countries of the Caribbean through its various activities, where it was possible to do so.

A list of meetings in which the secretariat participated during the period under review, is provided at Annex 2 to this document.

The number headings used in this document correspond to those used in the overall work programme of ECLAC.

Copies of all documents referred to may be obtained from the secretariat.

SUBPROGRAMME 13.1: ECONOMIC SURVEYS AND ANALYSES OF CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

Subprogramme objectives

To provide member governments, institutional and other users with periodic analytical reviews of the performance of the economies of Caribbean countries, and of selected economic and social sectors.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat continued to prepare economic analyses of Caribbean countries and carried out overviews of economic activities in the Caribbean for 1990 and 1991, (documents LC/CAR/G.343 and LC/CAR/G.376) respectively. These documents also served as inputs into the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, published by ECLAC, Santiago.

The secretariat collaborated with a number of regional and international organizations, providing technical assistance through the preparation of documents and technical papers for use as resource material at regional conferences. These included:

(a) A paper entitled "Caribbean integration in the changing global context" (document WP/91/3) which was presented at a meeting of the West Indian Commission, held at SELA Headquarters, Caracas, Venezuela, April 1992, to consider the issue of cooperation between the Caribbean Community, the wider Caribbean and Latin America.

(b) A presentation on preliminary indicators of economic performance of Caribbean countries, at a meeting of the Association of Caribbean Economists (ACE), held in April 1992 at the University of the Netherlands Antilles in Curacao.

(c) A technical evaluation, "Macroeconomic and structural adjustment policies for Grenada" (document WP/91/2). This document which was prepared at the request of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Office in Barbados, consisted of a critique of the National Development Plan and proposals for technical assistance to Grenada.

(d) A monograph, "Caribbean economic performance and prospects - Towards sustainable development policies" (WP/92/2). This document, which is a revision of a previous paper "Sustained development in the 1990s" (LC/CAR/G.290), is to be included as one chapter in a publication, "The Caribbean and Central America: Economic and security issues" to be published by the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division of the Library of Congress.

(e) The document, "Economic performance of CARICOM countries - 1991" (WP/92/3) was prepared for purposes of the thirteenth CARICOM Heads of Government Conference.

(f) The paper, "The financial services sector - Its current contribution and future potential for regional development" (WP/92/5), was prepared at the request of the Commonwealth Secretariat for presentation at the Workshop on Economic Crime, which was to be convened in Barbados, 10-13 November 1992. This workshop has subsequently been cancelled.

In addition to the above activities, the secretariat continued to provide technical assistance and participate in a number of workshops and seminars organized by ECLAC/CDCC and other international and regional organizations.

SUBPROGRAMME 13.2: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNINGSubprogramme objectives

To assist member countries to review economic and social development, to review approaches to the planning of development, and to consider the impact of regional and global economic issues on the economies of CDCC member countries.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat collaborated with the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) in the following activities:

(a) Convening of a seminar on information for social and economic planning which took place in Kingston in August 1991.

(b) Organization and conduct of an Ad-Hoc Expert Group Meeting of Planners on Project Data Banks and Public Sector Investment Programming, which took place in Tortola in April 1992.

(c) Assistance to ILPES in follow-up activities related to the programme, "Project Data Banks and Public Sector Investment Programming".

(d) Preparation of a paper, "Project Data Banks and Public Sector Investment Programming: Issues, Ideas, Conclusions and Recommendations from EDI/ECLAC/ILPES Seminar on Project Data Banks and Public Sector Investment Programming".

SUBPROGRAMME 13.3: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE CARIBBEANSubprogramme objectives

To provide substantive servicing of meetings of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST); coordination of the work of the CCST; and to improve mechanisms for technology transfer and development in CDCC member countries.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat continued to provide support to the activities of the CCST, serving as its interim secretariat.

The secretariat organized and serviced the tenth Plenary Session of the CCST, (Jamaica, September 1991), and the twelfth Executive Committee Meeting, (Jamaica, September 1991). It convened the thirteenth Executive Committee Meeting in Puerto Rico in March 1992; the fourteenth Executive Committee Meeting, and the eleventh Plenary Session in Saint Lucia in September 1992. A report on the work of the CCST for 1991-1992 (LC/CAR/G.365; CCST/92/5) was presented to member States at the eleventh meeting of the Council.

The secretariat organized and convened the Regional Seminar/Workshop on the Development of a Plan of Action for Science and Technology in the Caribbean, in Saint Lucia immediately prior to the eleventh Plenary Session.

The secretariat has obtained funding for the execution of the project "Technology Extension Service", the immediate objective of which is the establishment of industrial extension services within the countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

Following a decision of the Council to undertake a project on the "History of scientific and technological development in the Caribbean", a project proposal was prepared and submitted for funding. It is expected that the funds would be obtained in time for the project to commence in January 1993.

The secretariat provided technical assistance to Antigua and Barbuda and the United States Virgin Islands in convening workshops in science teaching. The secretariat also provided assistance to Belize, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Saint Lucia in preparing for their national consultations on science and technology. Saint Lucia and Saint Kitts and Nevis also received assistance in the drafting of policy proposals on science and technology.

The secretariat prepared a project proposal aimed at the development of a pilot programme which would enhance the teaching of science and technology at the primary school level.

The secretariat produced and distributed Volumes 7 and 8 of the CCST Newsletter; and also produced the following documents:

(a) Problems and prospects of south-south cooperation in science and technology. Paper submitted to the Conference on Trends in the International Economy and their Implications for Caribbean Policy: Issues arising from the South Commission Report.

(b) Financing of science and technology in industry. Paper presented to the Fifth Annual National Conference on Science and Technology, Jamaica, 12-14 December 1991.

(c) Problems of the organization of science and technology in the small States of the Caribbean. Paper presented to the Advisory Committee on Science and Technology for the Least Developed Countries and other Small Developing Countries, Jamaica, 16-20 December 1991.

(d) Report of the thirteenth Executive Committee Meeting of the CCST, (LC/CAR/G.355; CCST/92/3).

(e) Revised compendium of institutions and agencies with activities or interests in science and technology, (LC/CAR/G.332/Rev.1; CCST/91/1/Rev.1).

(f) Report to the thirteenth Executive Committee Meeting on the work programme 1991-1992 of the CCST, (LC/CAR/G.357; CCST/92/2).

The secretariat held discussions with the Corporation for Technological Transformation (CTT) of Puerto Rico and the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) with a view to undertaking joint activities.

Discussions with various members, pointed to a need for training in project preparation and analysis, and in immersion-type foreign language capability. With regard to project preparation, the Council held discussions with the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) with a view to assisting in developing a training programme, "Project preparation and implementation for the scientific community of the Caribbean". Discussions took place with Cuba, Venezuela and Colombia with respect to Spanish language immersion intensive courses.

Following a request from the Government of Saint Lucia, the Council facilitated the participation of a speaker, at the Saint Lucia National Science Consultation on Science Education held in 1992.

The secretariat provided advisory services to Saint Kitts and Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda and Saint Lucia on their national science and technology work programmes and with the science and technology components of their national plans.

In addition to the above activities, the secretariat continued to collaborate with other international and regional organizations in furthering science and technology awareness in the region and strengthening ties among agencies in science and technology, primarily by participation in a number of regional and international meetings. (These are indicated at Annex 2 to this report).

SUBPROGRAMME 13.4: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN

Subprogramme objectives

To contribute to the development of Caribbean countries by carrying out research and making policy proposals on social aspects of development; and to facilitate arrangements for an exchange of perspectives and proposals on these issues.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat provided assistance in the organization of, and preparations for, the Subregional Conference on Poverty in the Caribbean held in Santo Domingo, 30 September-2 October 1992. The conference was convened by ECLAC Headquarters. The secretariat selected consultants to prepare papers on the poverty situation in Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Lucia and Guyana. The conference was attended by representatives from 10 Caribbean countries. The subregional conference is considered to be an important input into the Third Regional Conference on Poverty to be held in Santiago, in November 1992.

The secretariat collaborated with ECLAC Headquarters in preparations for the Third Regional Conference on Poverty to be held in Santiago in November 1992. Consultants were identified to prepare studies on social expenditure in Trinidad and Tobago, and on productivity among the rural poor in Dominica and among the urban poor in Jamaica. A questionnaire was sent to the governments in the Caribbean region to obtain information on the poverty situations in the countries.

The secretariat prepared a document entitled "Adjustment, transition, transformation and the social sector: A framework for continuing analysis and policy formulation", (LC/CAR/G.350). This document has been distributed to member countries of the CDCC.

The secretariat conducted research into the contribution of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to development in the Caribbean, and provided technical assistance to non-governmental groups in the subregion as requested.

The secretariat carried out a review of the ECLAC document, "Social equity and changing production patterns - An integrated approach", in order to allow for a fuller appreciation of this document on the part of Caribbean officials, and to comment on its applicability to the Caribbean. This review is intended as a background document for purposes of an ad hoc expert group meeting of Caribbean economic planners scheduled to be held in Port-of-Spain early in 1993.

Women in development

Subprogramme objectives

To coordinate representation of the interests of Caribbean women's organizations in international forums and on regional and international development issues; to analyse and evaluate specific issues relating to women in development in the Caribbean.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat prepared the "Report on the ad hoc expert group meeting on changing production patterns with social equity relative to women in the Caribbean" (LC/CAR/G.339). This report consisted of a review and appraisal of the implementation in the Caribbean of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies, 1985-1990.

The secretariat prepared a document entitled "Indicators for research on women - Methodological concerns in the Caribbean", (LC/CAR/G.348). This document attempts to provide information for use in the selection of basic indicators for constructing databases on women in the Caribbean engaged in selected activities.

The secretariat consulted with women's bureaux, NGOs and other women's organizations in the Caribbean prior to its attendance at the fourteenth Meeting of Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, in Curacao, in June 1992.

Human resources development

Subprogramme objectives

To include considerations relating to human resources development in the overall work programme of ECLAC/CDCC and in development planning processes of CDCC member countries. To foster cooperation among tertiary-level planning institutions in CDCC member countries.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat concluded the regional project HOL/89/S104: "Promotion of training policies in the Caribbean subregion". The developmental objective of the project was to increase the technical knowledge and capabilities of staff of the public administration, research and other academic centres of the Caribbean subregion. The project is expected to produce the results which would enable these institutions to more effectively address the political, economic and social challenges which they are encountering.

Removal of language barriers

Subprogramme objectives

To support development cooperation among the member countries of the CDCC through the promotion of language communication.

Activities during reporting period

In July 1992 a prefeasibility study was undertaken by a team of consultants contracted by the European Community. This was in response to initiatives of the Government of the Netherlands Antilles during the past few years. This prefeasibility study was intended to inform further elaboration of proposals for the promotion of language capabilities in the member countries of the CDCC.

The CDCC secretariat collaborated in the exercise and undertook responsibility for the logistics, including official communication to most of the countries selected to be visited by the consultants.

The consultants' report is expected in November 1992.

SUBPROGRAMME 13.5: POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Subprogramme objectives

To assist member countries of the CDCC to develop capabilities to integrate population considerations into development planning, and to formulate and implement population policies and related operational activities; to generate and analyse population data for the purposes of informing social and economic planning.

Activities during reporting period

Most of the activities under this programme were implemented with financial assistance from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), under the regional project "Integration of population in development planning for the Caribbean". However, funding for this project ended in December 1991 although UNFPA has continued to provide some assistance for the completion of national level project activities as well as continuation of the post in the Demography Unit up to the end of 1992. The result has been a reduction in the initiation of new activities on the 1992 work programme, especially regional level activities. Some assistance was also provided by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Other programmes were implemented in collaboration with the following international and regional agencies: the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation (CFPA).

Data generation and evaluation

The secretariat assisted in a review of systems for collection of data on census, vital statistics and migration. It contributed to the building of the central store of data, at the regional and national levels, and produced a number of publications through the following projects:

(a) Socio-demographic data bank - expansion of the socio-demographic database which provided inputs into several of the publications on the work programme. Data was also disseminated in response to requests from governments as well as regional and international organizations.

(b) "Regional digest of selected social and demographic indicators, 1960-1990". Production of this book was completed early 1992. The objective was to strengthen the fund of socio-demographic statistics in the region. A chapter containing a comparative analysis of the data was also included.

(c) "Intercensal estimates 1960-1980". Production of this book was completed mid-1991. The book is useful to planners and policy makers in the calculation of demographic as well as social and economic indicators.

(d) Vital statistics. Development of software programme for computerisation of data. At the request of several governments, this software programme was developed to help expedite quality control checks, ensure speedy access to data as well as facilitate construction of tables for analysis. Four missions were conducted to Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada to develop, install and test the software programme as well as train personnel in its application. In addition, a training manual, "Vital statistics software training manual", was prepared for publication. Following the testing and successful completion of this project, plans are underway for the creation of similar databases for other Caribbean countries.

Research

With the main objective of identifying the relevance of population linkages to development planning, the following activities were pursued and research documents and publications completed:

(a) "Teens in a changing society, Saint Lucia, 1960-1990" (CONS/91/4), an in-depth study on teenage pregnancy and the socio-economic implications for policy formulation. This book was prepared and published at the request of the Government of Saint Lucia.

(b) "Caribbean population and development trends and interrelations: A 1990-1991 assessment" (LC/CAR/G.352). This document was prepared as part of the programme to provide information on the interrelationships between population and development and to identify further research for improved planning.

(c) "Caribbean population and development trends: Summary of findings and recommendations" (LC/CAR/G.353). A follow-up to (b) which provides policy-relevant recommendations based on the findings, with special emphasis on migration.

(d) Production of booklet on adolescent pregnancy, in collaboration with the CFFPA, UNFPA and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The booklet will contain twelve short stories written by Caribbean adolescents, which would serve as a reference point for discussion in schools and other forums on the perspectives, experiences and solutions related to adolescent pregnancy in the Caribbean. Publication is expected by end of 1992.

(e) "A national population policy for Saint Lucia", (LC/CAR/G.351) prepared in collaboration with the Government as part of its population policy implementation programme.

(f) "Population policy and fertility in the Caribbean", a research paper prepared for the Symposium on Fertility and Insularity, Reunion, May 11 - 15, 1992, organized by the Conseil General of the Government of France.

(g) "Population policy and planning - Changing needs in research and training for the 21st Century", a research paper prepared for the University of the West Indies (UWI) "George Roberts Symposium", UWI, Jamaica, June 1992.

(h) "Demographic trends in the Caribbean: An overview", a comparative analysis of the Caribbean population data prepared for Chapter 1 of ECLAC/CELADE's "Regional digest of demographic and social indicators, 1960-1990".

(i) "Population and development planning in the Caribbean", a research paper prepared for the USAID/UNFPA Regional Meeting on Population and Development, Antigua and Barbuda, July 1992.

(j) "Population dynamics and planning, with special emphasis on adolescent fertility, migration and population policy", a background document prepared for the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting of Government Experts on Population and Development, preparatory to the 1994 United Nations World Population Conference, Saint Lucia, October 1992.

Training

The main aim of the training undertaken has been to develop skills in understanding population-development interrelationships; projecting population changes and evaluating their consequences and feedback in relation to various social and economic sectors; formulating social and economic programmes which have demographic considerations incorporated into them and communicating the results to planners and policy makers. Training conducted included:

(a) National Training Programme on Improvement of Vital Registration and Statistics System. A series of training seminars on improvement of the vital registration and statistics system were conducted in Grenada, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. In addition, three follow-up workshops for district registrars were carried out to improve the collection and recording of the data. The outputs from these seminars include the production of two documents "Report on recommendations and plan of action" and an "Instruction manual for district registrars".

(b) National Consultative Meeting on Population Education - Trinidad and Tobago. A national consultative meeting on population education was conducted in Trinidad and Tobago, December 1991. The aim was to strengthen capabilities for the development of a comprehensive population education strategy for inclusion in the national population policy which is being formulated. The seminar was held in collaboration with UNESCO and the National Population Programme Unit. The output consisted of a document containing recommendations and a plan of action.

(c) National Training Workshops on Analysis of Census Data - Netherlands Antilles and Saint Lucia. Two 1-week training workshops on analysis of census data using Retrieval of Data for Small Areas by Micro-computer (REDATAM) were conducted for Saint Lucia (October 1992) and the Netherlands Antilles (November 1992). The aim was to strengthen capabilities in the analysis of census data and the application of REDATAM and other statistical analysis software for development planning. This series of national level seminars replaced the regional seminar which had to be postponed due to shortage of funds.

(d) Regional Meeting on Population, Development and Environment. Assistance was provided in the design and conduct of a regional meeting on population and development, held in Antigua and Barbuda, July 1992, funded by USAID/UNFPA. The aim was to create awareness of the linkages between population, development and environment.

(e) United Nations International Conference on Population and Development - Latin America and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting of Government Experts, October 1992, Saint Lucia. Assistance was provided in the implementation of preparatory activities for the conduct of the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Meeting of Experts on Population and Development, which took place in October 1992, in Saint Lucia. A background paper was prepared and presented at the meeting. The aim was to strengthen awareness of population issues and its linkages to development; to review the progress made in reaching the goals of the World Population Plan of Action; and to adopt a joint position on a set of recommendations for the next decade.

Integration of population considerations in development planning

A number of governments were assisted in population policy formulation and implementation through activities under six UNFPA-funded projects: the three-year regional project, Integration of Population in Development Planning for the Caribbean; the four-year national project for Haiti, Support for National Population Council (CONAPO) approved in March 1989; and four two-year national projects, Support for National Population Coordinators for Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Population policy formulation

Under this subprogramme, the secretariat provided assistance in the execution of a UNFPA-funded Haiti national project and responded to ad hoc requests from other governments for assistance in their population policy formulation exercises as follows:

Support to the National Population Council (CONAPO) - Haiti national project

Following a series of research activities, the first draft of the population policy was completed in the third quarter of 1991. Since then, implementation of programmes within the Haiti four-year project entitled: "Support for the National Population Council (CONAPO)", funded by UNFPA, has been postponed.

Support to the Population Programme Unit and National Population Council- Trinidad and Tobago

Advisory services continued to be provided to the National Population Programme Unit and Population Council of Trinidad and Tobago in policy formulation activities. In addition, assistance was provided in the design of a seminar for the formulation of the first draft of a population policy and the preparation of a project proposal for submission to UNFPA for funding of the programme.

Population policy implementation

The secretariat provided assistance to governments under the UNFPA regional project for developing technical capabilities and strengthening institutional mechanisms for population policy implementation. This was accomplished through the establishment of population units in the planning ministries and national population councils. Countries receiving special assistance were Jamaica, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Population planning units - National population coordinators

The secretariat continued to provide technical guidelines and support to the national population units located in the ministries of finance and planning of Saint Lucia, Grenada, Jamaica and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Assistance was provided in the implementation of activities related to policy implementation and integration of population in development planning.

In the case of Dominica, however, despite the fact that approval was granted by UNFPA in January 1990 for the funding of the post of National Population Coordinator, project activities never got off the ground due to the slow recruitment process.

Jamaica - Situational analysis of Population Unit, Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ)

In response to a request from the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) the secretariat carried out a situational analysis of the Population Unit and identified activities for incorporation into a project proposal to UNFPA. Funding was provided by UNFPA.

Information, Education, Communication (IEC) programmes

A population information/education/communication subprogramme was developed at the secretariat. The activities related to the preparation of information material on population-development issues for dissemination via print, radio and television; development of a population-development video; establishment of a population reference library; development of a population bibliographic database. Owing to shortage of funds, work in this area had to be curtailed in early 1992.

SUBPROGRAMME 13.6: ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN

Subprogramme objectives

To strengthen member countries' capabilities to incorporate environmental considerations into development planning. To assist and coordinate policy formulation at the subregional level on matters relating to environment and development.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat was instrumental in coordinating the Caribbean position as part of the preparatory process for participation in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), serving as an active member of the CARICOM Taskforce for the preparation of the region for UNCED, with the objective of deciding on a "common position on matters of interest to the region". The submission of the taskforce was discussed at UNCED in the context of sustainable development of small island States. It is expected that the role of the secretariat will continue given that the CARICOM Heads of Government Meeting has decided that this taskforce should remain in operation to coordinate the regional approach to the post-UNCED imperatives.

The secretariat at the request of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and the OECS Secretariat provided technical assistance in the preparation of their respective national and regional reports for UNCED. The secretariat also assisted the Government of Barbados in a review of its national report. The secretariat participated in national consultations in Trinidad and Tobago and in Barbados.

The secretariat also provided information on the UNCED agenda, the agendas of the UNCED preparatory meetings and the substantive documentation arising from the UNCED process were made available on request. An advanced version of the final text of Agenda 21 and final versions of other UNCED documents were widely distributed throughout the region.

The secretariat's environment officer participated, as a resource person, in the training programme in the Environmental Impact Assessment Module of the Planning and Project Cycle Course organized by the Trinidad and Tobago Ministry

of Planning and Development and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and in Trinidad and Tobago's National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (NIHERST) Agricultural Research Seminar on sustainable agriculture.

The secretariat, taking into account the lack of current information in the area of environment, has initiated work towards the establishment of a computerized environmental database which will provide on-line access to environmental data to CDCC member countries. This work will be an ongoing exercise and will be complemented by the publication of a document on environmental statistics.

The secretariat is collaborating with the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the University of Miami, in a study on the implications of climate change and sealevel rise and vulnerability assessment of selected coastlines in the wider Caribbean region. The secretariat serves on a task force set up to develop a socio-economic numeric model, selection of a case study island and the specification of the data requirements for the case study.

In addition to the above activities, the secretariat collaborated with a number of regional and international agencies in the implementation of activities related to the environment. It has provided technical assistance to the IDB in the execution of a project to assess the environmental implications of agricultural credit in Trinidad and Tobago.

SUBPROGRAMME 13.7: INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Caribbean information services

Subprogramme objective

To facilitate member countries and the work of ECLAC/CDCC through the provision of relevant and up-to-date technical information services.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat continued to develop and maintain electronic databases of documents relevant to the priority areas identified by the Committee. These databases cover a range of technical studies and reports, research activities, projects, and resource persons and institutions which can assist in the provision of specific information.

In an effort to ensure that member countries can access these databases, the secretariat has been testing various approaches to computer-based communication in the region. In the first instance, the secretariat, in collaboration with the Telecommunications Services of Trinidad and Tobago (TSTT), is implementing an International Development Research Centre (IDRC)-funded pilot project, "Caribbean computer-based communication development". This project provides participants with communications equipment, training and telecommunications costs. Its primary objectives are to develop skills in the use of computer-based telematic techniques, promote greater utilization of databases and information systems, and provide more timely information exchange in the region.

A second modality adopted by the secretariat is the establishment and use of an electronic Bulletin Board Service (ECLAC/AMBIONET). This is being done jointly with UNEP and is targeted primarily at the INFOTERRA focal points of UNEP, but is open to other interested organizations and individuals.

With regard to the development and transfer of skills in informatics and the newer information technologies, the secretariat designed and demonstrated an Executive Information System, using a State enterprise as its case study. The secretariat assisted in the installation and maintenance of an electronic document imaging system which will enable the Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) to preserve its institutional memory, retrieve decisions made by the Council and its Committees, and increase the ease with which information can be gained for decision-making. If funding is secured for the project, the skills developed in this new and important area of information technology can be transferred to other countries.

As part of its ongoing programme of training in the use of microcomputer software for the storage and retrieval of information, the secretariat provided direct assistance to Suriname and Guyana. Twenty-one participants from 16 institutions in Suriname, and 12 from seven institutions in Guyana were trained in the use of micro information software. The secretariat continued to provide technical assistance to regional institutions in the organization and servicing of workshops related to informatics and conducted a workshop on computerised information services for six participants from Dominica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Belize and Trinidad and Tobago.

Substantive support was provided to the coordinating machinery for Caribbean regional information systems in the preparation of 'Guidelines for the establishment of regional information systems'. Within the framework of the Consultative Committee on Caribbean Regional Information Systems, the secretariat provided substantive inputs to the design of a project proposal to enhance and sustain the development of regional information systems in the Caribbean.

The acquisition of information technology has traditionally been a problem for countries of the south. The secretariat hopes to implement a project which seeks to create an environment in which users can incorporate other types of data structures into their CDS/ISIS databases, for example, images, sound, multimedia, etc., and will develop an application which could be more widely distributed, requiring minimal user training. A number of benefits would accrue from this project, most notably the provision of the necessary technological infrastructure with which the Caribbean information specialist can provide a more timely and increased level of service to researchers and policy makers.

There was an increase in the number of documents acquired for processing and storing in the Caribbean Information System for Economic and Social Planning (CARISPLAN). This information has been made available to member countries and other users through the quarterly publication of the CARISPLAN abstracts and the monthly preparation of Current Awareness Bulletins (CAB).

The secretariat continued to offer public information services by way of distribution, upon request, of printouts and photocopies and provision of retrieval services in various forms, including specialized bibliographies, selected dissemination services and direct on-line access.

Patent information and development

Subprogramme objectives

To assist in strengthening the industrial property systems within the region, with emphasis on patents. To provide a patent information service, in support of industrial development and the transfer of technology, to users in industry, research and development institutions, inventors and others.

Activities during reporting period

During the reporting period, 450 copies each of six issues of the quarterly journal, PATNEWS, were printed and widely distributed throughout the region. The journal PATNEWS has generated much interest among science and technology institutions, small businesses and inventors, acting to sensitize readers to the importance of patent information to the development process, and of the services offered by the Patent Information and Documentation Unit (PIDU) and other sources. Additionally, two annual supplements to the Caribbean Patent Index, an index of patents granted by Caribbean countries, have been produced and distributed regionally.

PIDU responded to approximately 33 requests for technology information searches, and 25 requests for technology packages - an increase of approximately 16 per cent over the last reporting period. The information provided has assisted some small businesses in locating new areas of manufacturing interest and in improving existing technology and products.

In the ongoing effort to determine a more permanent location for PIDU - which up to the end of June 1992 was extrabudgetarily funded, discussions have been held between ECLAC/CDCC and some Caribbean governments and research and development organizations, in a series of missions undertaken during the reporting period. There has been an indication of interest by one member country and a paper on future directions for the work of the PIDU is being prepared in response to a request of the CDCC at its thirteenth session. A project document for the third phase of PIDU's activities was prepared and submitted to IDRC. Unfortunately, there has been a delay in review of the document because of changes in emphasis of areas to be supported by IDRC following its recent restructuring and also the uncertainty of the future location of PIDU.

The technical cooperation modality of support to PIDU's operations has been explored in discussions held between the Director of the Office and officials of the National Industrial Property Office (INPI) of Brazil. Close contact is maintained between the two offices. The potential for technical cooperation with Brazil and other developing countries with a good intellectual property infrastructure remains great, and contact has been made with Mexico on the subject.

Statistical services

Subprogramme objectives

To assist the decision-making process through the development and maintenance of statistical databases to facilitate the work of the secretariat and of the member countries; to provide statistical information for studies and publications of ECLAC/CDCC and other United Nations bodies; to provide assistance to member countries in the development and modernization of national statistical capabilities and services.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat continued to amplify the country and subject matter coverage of its database. This coverage has been reflected in the latest edition of the "Selected statistical indicators". The secretariat continued to disseminate the computer version of the database to a large number of agencies requesting it. Improvements in the programming and design of the database have been made and will appear in the next version which is due shortly.

The secretariat published the fourth edition of "Selected statistical indicators of Caribbean countries, 1991" (LC/CAR/G.345). This document updates and amplifies the time series of statistical indicators of the Caribbean countries. The next edition will include coverage of social indicators.

The secretariat published the second volume of "Major statistical publications - Abstracts - Volume II, 1991" (LC/CAR/G.340). This document presents an abstracted description of the major statistical publications and is an invaluable tool in the search for statistical information. It is an occasional document since the changes from year to year do not warrant an annual revision of the document.

Despite severe difficulties in the collection of data from member countries, the secretariat published the document "Agricultural statistics - Volume IX, 1992", (LC/CAR/G.361).

In collaboration with the Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE), the secretariat continued to encourage the use of the REDATAM software package in the Caribbean.

The secretariat collaborated with ECLAC, Santiago, in the organization and conduct in Port-of-Spain, of a workshop on sample frames and sample designs. The workshop lasted three days and brought together 12 statisticians who reviewed their sampling practices and benefited from the advice of a number of experts in the field of sampling and survey work.

The secretariat collaborated with the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in the organization and conduct of a Regional Agricultural Marketing and Investment Opportunities Seminar, held in Port-of-Spain in March 1992. The secretariat presented a paper entitled "Overview of sources of information in the Caribbean - Strengths and limitations". The paper discussed the various databases available to inform the businessman interested in the agricultural sector and willing to invest therein. It addressed the problems of database design and maintenance and pointed to a simpler system to facilitate the enquiries of persons who have no formal training in informatics or statistics. The seminar attracted over 100 participants.

The secretariat provided technical support to the ECLAC subregional project "Promotion of training policies in the Caribbean subregion" (HOL/89/S104). Assistance was given to two working group meetings and the preparation and testing of a questionnaire for use in a survey of tertiary-level institutions.

SUPROGRAMME 13.8: TOURISM AND INDUSTRY

Subprogramme objectives

To provide reviews of the performance of the tourism and industrial sectors and their contribution to development in the Caribbean; and to formulate proposals relating thereto.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat developed forecasting models for 26 countries and compiled the results in the document "Forecasting tourist arrivals in the Caribbean" (LC/CAR/G.358). A number of these models were then updated at the request of government agencies. Copies of the models were provided on diskette to interested researchers so that they could generate their own forecasts of tourist arrivals on a continuing basis.

The secretariat assisted "Go South, America", which is involved in the establishment of a Latin American Tourism Authority (LATA), by providing them with estimates of the employment and income effects of tourism in the region.

The secretariat concluded the project, Incorporation of socio-cultural and environmental management issues in Caribbean tourism, which aimed to develop a plan of action through which tourism can nurture support for the development of natural and cultural attractions. Studies were undertaken to assess the socio-cultural and environmental impact of tourism on Caribbean societies with a view to building awareness of the need to incorporate social-cultural and environmental consideration in tourism development programmes and policies. This project, which was financed by the Government of the Netherlands, focused on Barbados, Curacao, Saint Lucia and Tobago.

Under this project, nine studies were carried out and national training workshops were convened in the four case study areas, which in Tobago was combined with a regional workshop. The regional workshop reviewed the findings of the studies on the impact of tourism on these islands as well as the recommendations emanating from the national workshops. The project was carried out in coordination with the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO).

The secretariat collaborated with UNIDO in the preparation of a report for use in the execution of a project on industrial restructuring in Central America (CAM/91/009).

SUBPROGRAMME 13.9: INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCE

Subprogramme objectives

To provide member countries with information on, and analysis of global economic issues, including developments in international trade and finance; to promote economic cooperation among CDCC members and between the Caribbean and Latin America; to promote international cooperation taking into account the interests of CDCC member countries.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat participated in technical meetings aimed at reviewing proposals for the Common External Tariff (CET) of the Caribbean Community. The recommendations from these meetings were submitted to the Special Meeting of CARICOM Heads of Government held in Trinidad and Tobago in October 1992.

The secretariat prepared a resource paper, "Preliminary examination of trade possibilities between CARICOM and non-CARICOM member countries" (LC/CAR/G.349) which was intended for an ad hoc expert group meeting of trade experts. The paper was also intended as the first part of an ongoing exercise to explore possibilities for promoting increased cooperation among the countries of the CDCC in economic and non-economic areas.

In its effort to improve the flow of information on trade and related activities, the secretariat has issued a quarterly document entitled "External Sector Briefing Notes". The publication which attempts to provide news of recent developments in this area has been distributed to member countries of the CDCC.

The secretariat provided assistance to the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Government of Barbados, in the preparation of models to forecast imports into that country.

The secretariat commenced an examination of the implications of the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) from the perspective of the Caribbean. This is a discussion document for the fourteenth session of the CDCC.

SUBPROGRAMME 13.10: SUPPORT TO THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES

Subprogramme objective

To provide technical support to the integration efforts of the member countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS).

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat provided technical support to the OECS in the move towards closer political union among the four Windward Islands. The Deputy Director served as Chairman of the Taskforce on Economics and Public Finance of the Regional Constituent Assembly of the Windward Islands. The report of this Taskforce constituted a basis for decisions by the Windward Islands on the question of political union.

Support to the OECS was also provided through the continuing availability of a consultant specially provided by ECLAC/CDCC under a cooperation agreement between ECLAC/CDCC and the OECS. During 1992 this consultant was also specifically involved in providing expert technical guidance to the deliberations of the Windward Islands Regional Constituent Assembly on closer political union. He served as a member of the Taskforce on Economics and Public Finance and contributed technical documents to assist its deliberations.

SUBPROGRAMME 13.11: GENERAL INFORMATION SERVICES

Subprogramme objective

To provide public information on objectives, purposes and activities of the CDCC.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat continued to provide its member States with an update of activities carried out by the CDCC through the publication of its quarterly newsletter, FOCUS. This newsletter provides an update of work being undertaken by the secretariat, and information on issues and items of interest to Caribbean researchers, planners, and policy makers. Over 700 copies each of 5 issues of FOCUS have been prepared and distributed within the subregion and beyond.

The secretariat continued to provide information to the public, via the media, on meetings and other activities.

SUBPROGRAMME 13.12: SUBSTANTIVE SERVICING OF MEETINGS OF THE CDCCSubprogramme objectives

To make arrangements and prepare documentation for, and to service and report on meetings of the CDCC.

Activities during reporting period

The secretariat convened the fifth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC in Port-of-Spain in January 1992, and prepared and distributed the report of this meeting, (LC/CAR/G.360).

The Director and Deputy Director participated in the twenty-fourth session of ECLAC which took place in Santiago in April 1992, and made a presentation to this meeting on the work programme of ECLAC/CDCC for the 1994-1995 biennium. During the course of the session, a special caucus of delegations of member countries of the CDCC was held, which was attended by the Executive Secretary and Secretary of ECLAC. A report of this meeting was prepared and distributed to member countries by the secretariat.

In July 1992 in Port-of-Spain, the secretariat convened a workshop of national focal points of the CDCC. This workshop was convened in response to a mandate from the CDCC. It was attended by national focal points from 19 member and associate member countries, and benefited from the expertise of a number of resource persons. The workshop proved to be extremely useful as a means of sensitising focal points to their roles and responsibilities, and also as an opportunity for addressing questions regarding the functioning of the CDCC, and the restructuring of the United Nations. A report of this workshop, LC/CAR/G.372, was prepared by the secretariat, and is one of the documents being presented to the fourteenth session of the CDCC.

The secretariat made arrangements, and prepared documentation for the fourteenth session of the CDCC, scheduled for 8-11 December 1992 in Grenada. Arrangements were also made for the convening, and servicing of the first meeting of the working group of non-independent Caribbean countries (NICCs), and a meeting on inter-organizational collaboration, involving United Nations and Caribbean regional organizations. Both of these meetings are scheduled for 7 December 1992 in Grenada.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The secretariat provided technical assistance to the Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD) in preparations for the convening of a Roundtable Workshop on Public Management which took place in Jamaica in February 1992. The secretariat also engaged in project formulation at the request of CARICAD in developing projects to improve the management systems in the region and to provide for training and research in public sector management in the Caribbean subregion.

The secretariat engaged in project formulation at the request of the Italian Government in the development and execution of regional projects in a number of areas.

Annex 1

**REVISIONS MADE TO THE ORIGINAL APPROVED WORK PROGRAMME
FOR THE 1992- 1993 BIENNIUM**

As indicated in the introduction to this paper, the previously approved work programme was revised subsequent to the thirteenth session of the CDCC, and the fifth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee. The table below identifies those activities which were deleted from the previously approved programme, and those which were included. New programme element numbers were adopted by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) for the revised programme.

Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been excluded from the original work programme	New Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been included in the revised work programme
16.5.1	<p>Economic surveys of Caribbean countries</p> <p>a) Review of the impact of the Lome convention on Caribbean countries and prospects for the traditional exports upon the creation of the European community consolidated market;</p> <p>b) Evaluation of savings and investment performance in the decade of the eighties and policy proposals on their determinants;</p> <p>c) Yearly and half-yearly summaries of economic performance of CDCC countries with annual ten-year reviews to selected sectors or issues.</p>	13.1	<p>Economic surveys and analyses of Caribbean Countries</p> <p>a) Evaluation of economic restructuring and privatization policies and performance in the decade of the eighties ; and policy proposals and prospects for the nineties;</p> <p>b) Yearly summaries of economic performance of CDCC countries relative to selected sectors or issues.</p>

Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been excluded from the original work programme	New Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been included in the revised work programme
16.5.2	<p>Economic and social planning in the Caribbean</p> <p>a) Measures to achieve a more harmonious interaction between capital, labour and the public sector;</p> <p>b) Economic and Technical Cooperation with the Pacific Rim countries : An evaluation of ongoing activities and proposals for further action;</p> <p>c) Provision of training and advisory services at the request of governments and in collaboration with the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), UNDP and other intergovernmental bodies;</p> <p>d) Convening an ad-hoc expert group meeting of planners to discuss issues related to the impact of technical and economic co-operation with 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;</p> <p>e) 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 .</p>	13.2	<p>Economic and social planning in the Caribbean</p> <p>a) Review of ECLAC document for twenty-first session of the Commission on aspects of Changing Patterns with Social Equity;</p> <p>b) Develop/manage projects for the replication in other interested CDCC member countries of the programme of assistance in development planning given to Jamaica by ILPES in 1990 - 1991;</p> <p>c) Meeting of economic and social planners of CDCC member countries to deal with implications of global and regional developments, to discuss ongoing operational matters and to focus on specific developments issues.</p>

Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been excluded from the original work programme	New Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been included in the revised work programme
16.5.3	<p>Science and Technology in the Caribbean</p> <p>Review of CCST activities for the period 1985-1990.</p>	13.3	<p>Science and Technology in the Caribbean</p> <p>Updates of compendium of institutions and agencies with activity or interest in science and technology.</p>
16.5.4	<p>SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN</p> <p>1) Social aspects of structural adjustment measures</p> <p>a) Human resource development and structural transformation. The link between skills and productivity within the context of social and economic development.</p> <p>2) Socio-Cultural Development Issues</p> <p>a) Bulletin of the Caribbean Language Institute (CLI) in collaboration with the Language Institute of the Netherlands Antilles;</p> <p>b) Studies on social, cultural, political and economic aspects of Caribbean migration.</p>	13.4	<p>SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN</p> <p>1) Social aspects of structural adjustment measures</p> <p>a) Evaluation of, and recommendations relating to, social aspects of economic and social development programmes in the Caribbean;</p> <p>b) Develop and execute a project to implement the Caribbean component of Latin America and Caribbean project on poverty.</p> <p>2) Removal of Language Barriers</p> <p>Develop and execute a project on the removal of language barriers as a mechanism for the promotion of closer relations among CDCC member countries, including the convening of a meeting of experts to develop effective mechanisms for review, evaluation and monitoring of the project.</p>

Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been excluded from the original work programme	New Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been included in the revised work programme
	<p>i) Assistance in implementation of the removal of languages barriers project, provision of interim secretariat services and service to the coordinating committee of the Caribbean language Institute;</p> <p>ii) Continuing the development of a data bank within the CLI, linked to the Caribbean Information System;</p> <p>iii) Development of a data bank on aspects of Caribbean migration;</p> <p>iv) Assistance in the implementation of projects in collaboration with the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;</p> <p>v) Initiate and participate in research activities in Caribbean rural development.</p> <p>3) Integration of Women into Development</p> <p>Organization and substantive servicing of:</p> <p>ii) Subregional meeting on the issue of violence against women and in relation to child abuse;</p> <p>iii) It is expected that three inter-country projects on the integration of women into development will be in progress during the biennium.</p>		<p>3) Integration of Women into Development</p> <p>Meeting of experts on specific issues related to the integration of women into development.</p> <p>4) Human Resources Development</p> <p>Develop and execute a project on human resources development strategy in the Caribbean subregion.</p>

Sub Programme Elements	Elements which have been excluded from the original work programme	New Sub programme Element	Elements which have been included in the revised work programme
16.5.5	<p>Population</p> <p>a) Studies on: Population/Development Interrelation;</p> <p>b) Mortality patterns in the Caribbean;</p> <p>Operational activities</p> <p>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.</p>	13.5	<p>Population</p> <p>(There were no substitutions.)</p>
16.5.6	<p>Natural resources, environmental management issues and tourism in the Caribbean</p> <p>Technical publications :</p> <p>Environmental Statistics of Caribbean countries</p> <p>Operational activities</p> <p>a) Collaboration with the work of various international and subregional organizations, specifically assistance to and collaboration with UNEP;</p> <p>b) Provision of training and advisory services at the request of governments;</p> <p>c) Formulation and promotion of concrete projects, programmes and proposals for the development of tourism, natural resources and environmental management.</p>	13.6	<p>Environment and development in the Caribbean</p> <p>(There were no substitutions.)</p>

Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been excluded from the original work programme	New Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been included in the revised work programme
16.5.7	<p>Information and documentation for economic and social development</p> <p>a) Caribbean Information System</p> <p>i) 24 issues of Current Awareness Bulletin;</p> <p>ii) 24 issues of Current Contents ;</p> <p>Operational activities</p> <p>i) 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;</p> <p>ii) Assistance in the development of additional databases relevant to various programme elements of the CDCC work programme.</p> <p>b) Statistical data bank</p>	13.6	<p>Information and documentation for economic and social development</p> <p>A) Caribbean Information System</p> <p>20 issues of Current Awareness Bulletin;</p> <p>8 issues of Current Contents.</p> <p>b) Statistical data bank</p> <p>Establishment of a database on intra-CDCC trade.</p>

Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been excluded from the original work programme	New Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been included in the revised work programme
	<p>Previously tourism activities were included under subprogramme under 16.5.6 (natural resources, environmental management and tourism).</p>	13.8	<p>Tourism</p> <p>A report containing an analysis of the past performance and future of tourism and assessment of the contribution tourism to economic and social development in CDCC member countries.</p> <p>Operational activities</p> <p>a) Provision of advisory services, information and documentation and other forms of technical co-operation as requested by governments and intergovernmental organizations for the promotion of tourism and the monitoring of developments in the tourism sector;</p> <p>b) Collaboration in the work of various national and subregional organizations, both in the public and private sectors, relative to the collation and analysis of data on tourism and in the dissemination of information;</p> <p>c) Formulation of projects for the mobilization of extarbudgetary support to provide for studies, technical cooperation activities, etc. on various aspects of tourism development.</p>

Sub programme Element	Elements which have been excluded from the original work programme	New Sub Programme Elements	Elements which have been included in the revised work programme
16.5.8	<p>International trade and development finance</p> <p>a) Paper on export trends and performance for selected CDCC member countries;</p> <p>b) Paper on developments in the European Community and the external sector in general and the potential for new Caribbean exports;</p> <p>c) Paper on evaluation of the growth of trade within CARICOM and prospects for expansion in the wider Caribbean region;</p> <p>d) Paper on an evaluation of selected models of trade information with a view to increasing the access of regional producers to external markets.</p> <p>Operational activities</p> <p>e) 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;</p> <p>f) Monitoring and reporting to Governments on events and issues within the external sector which impact on Caribbean commodity and service trade.</p>	13.9	<p>International trade and finance, and global economic issues</p> <p>a) Formulation of strategies for the development and promotion of trade in services in countries of the subregion;</p> <p>b) Monitoring of international trade developments; dissemination of information and analysis on international trade and economic issues which may have implications for CDCC member countries; publication of periodic newsletter on international trade and economic issues, (6 issues).</p>
		13.12	<p>Substantive servicing of meetings of the CDCC</p> <p>a) Preparatory work relating to meetings of representatives of relevant United Nations bodies, governments and Latin American and Caribbean regional organizations, to promote inter- organization collaboration;</p>

Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been excluded from the original work programme	New Sub Programme Element	Elements which have been included in the revised work programme
		13.12	<p>b) Development of a structured relationship with the CARICOM Secretariat;</p> <p>c) Report on appraisal of the strategy being adopted for focusing the attention of the international community on the special problems of island developing countries;</p> <p>d) Paper (update) on participation of member countries in the work of the CDCC;</p> <p>e) Report on action taken on decisions and resolutions of the CDCC.</p>



Annex 2**PARTICIPATION OF THE SECRETARIAT AT
MEETINGS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS**July 1991 to December 1992**13. SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN****13.1 ECONOMIC SURVEYS AND ANALYSES
OF CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES**Organized by other institutions

CARICOM Regional Meeting on Services in the Caribbean, Jamaica, 5-8 April 1992. A staff member participated as a resource person and presented a paper giving a profile on services in the Caribbean subregion.

13.2 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNINGOrganized jointly with other agencies

ILPES/EDI/ECLAC's Project Data Bank and PSIP Seminar, Jamaica, 18-23 November 1991.

The Creation of Intra-port Competition in the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago, December 1991. The secretariat provided a resource person for this meeting.

Trainmar Steering Committee Meeting, Trinidad and Tobago, 27 February 1992. The secretariat is the current chairman of this committee and provided resource persons for this meeting.

Ad-Hoc Expert Group Meeting of Planners, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, 29-30 April 1992.

Organized by other institutions

Workshop on Establishing a National Roundtable on Industry and Environment, Trinidad and Tobago, 30 July 1991.

Fifth Caribbean Basin Initiative Meeting, Puerto Rico, August 1991.

Second Meeting of the Inter-Sessional Policy Body of the Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago, 19-20 August 1991.

XXII OLADE Meeting of Ministers, Caracas, October 1991.

CARICOM Council of Ministers Meeting, Jamaica, 9 - 18 February 1992.

CEGAN meeting, Costa Rica, 3-6 March 1992.

Meeting of the Association of Caribbean Economists, Netherlands Antilles, Curacao, 2-3 April 1992. The secretariat presented a paper at this meeting. SELA's West Indian Commission's Symposium on CARICOM, the wider Caribbean and Latin America, SELA Headquarters, Caracas, 27 - 28 April 1992.

Twenty-second General Assembly of the OAS, Nassau, May 1992.

Twenty-second Annual Board of Governors Meeting of CDB, Grand Cayman, May 1992.

Regional Workshop on Non-self Governing Territories Programme, Grenada, 17-19 June 1992.

IICA Regional Agricultural Marketing and Investment Opportunities Seminar, Trinidad and Tobago, 30 March - 3 April 1992.

The Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Workers Council, Trinidad and Tobago, 22-28 November 1992, The secretariat provided a resource person at this meeting.

Island developing countries

Islands 2000: The World of Islands, What Development on the Eve of the Year 2000. This conference was organized by the International Scientific Council for Islands Development (INSULA) in collaboration with UNESCO, Italy, 19-24 June 1992. The secretariat presented a paper for discussion at this conference.

FAO Interregional Conference of Small Island Countries on Sustainable Development and Environment, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Barbados, 7 - 10 April 1992.

13.3 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Organized by the secretariat

Tenth Plenary Session of the CCST, Saint Kitts and Nevis, 24-25 September 1991.

Eleventh Plenary Session of CCST, Saint Lucia, 14-16 September 1992.

Twelfth Executive Committee Meeting of CCST, Jamaica, 23 September 1991.

Thirteenth Executive Committee Meeting of CCST, Puerto Rico, 17-19 March 1992

Seminar on Plan of Action for Science and Technology in the Caribbean, Saint Lucia, 8-11 September 1992.

Organized by other institutions

Scientific Research Council Biotechnology Conference, Tissue Culture Technology for Improved Farm Production, Jamaica, 30 September - 2 October 1991.

UWI/IICA Regional Workshop on a Caribbean Biotechnology Agenda for the Valorization of Genetic Resources, Trinidad and Tobago, 15-16 October 1991.

The Fifth Annual Agricultural Research Seminar of Trinidad and Tobago, 7-8 November 1991.

Fifth Annual National Consultation on Science and Technology, Saint Kitts and Nevis, 26-27 September 1991.

Fifth Annual National Consultation on Science and Technology, Jamaica, 12 - 14 November 1991.

Expert Group Meeting for the Establishment of the Caribbean Regional Marine Technology Centre, Caracas, 2-5 December 1991. The secretariat presented a paper at this meeting.

IICA Regional Workshop on Agricultural Development, Trinidad and Tobago, 13 December 1991.

Advisory Committee on Science and Technology for the Least Developing Countries and Other Small Developing Countries, Jamaica, 16-20 December 1991. The secretariat presented a paper entitled "Problems of the Organization of the Science and Technology in Small States of the Caribbean."

Seventh Annual Technological Literacy Conference of NASTS, Virginia, United States, February 1992

IICA Regional Agricultural Marketing and Investment Opportunities Seminar, Trinidad and Tobago, 30 March - 3 April 1992.

Saint Lucia National Science Consultation for Science Popularization, Saint Lucia, 21-24 April 1992.

Facilitation and participation in the National Science and Technology Consultation, Belize, 27 April - 1 May 1992.

IICA/UWI Latin American and the Caribbean Workshop on Food Preservation, Trinidad and Tobago, 26-29 May 1992.

Caribbean Biotechnology Network Meeting, Jamaica, 6-8 July 1992.

13.4 SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN

Social development

Organized by the secretariat

Subregional Conference on Poverty in the Caribbean, Dominican Republic, 30 September - 2 October 1992.

Organized by other institutions

Rotary Club International Conference on Poverty in the Region, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

Seminar on Survey of Living Conditions, Ministry of Planning and Mobilization, Trinidad and Tobago.

Women in development

Organized by other institutions

Ad hoc Expert Group Meeting on Changing Production Patterns and Women in the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago, 26-27 June 1991

Meeting of the Netherlands Antilles NGO Coordinating Committee, preparatory to the Fifth ECLAC Regional Conference, Curacao, 8 July 1991

Fourteenth Meeting of Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, 18-19 June 1992.

ECLAC's Fifth Regional Meeting on the Integration of Women into the Economic and Social Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, Curacao, 13 - 20 September 1991

ILO-UNDP Seminar on Research and Information on Women, Antigua and Barbuda, 28-29 August 1991.

Seminar on the Management of Women's Bureaux, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

Human resources development

Organized by other institutions

CARICAD Roundtable Workshop on Public Management, Jamaica, 16-24 February 1992.

Expert Group Meeting on Planning Support for CARICAD, Barbados, April 1992.

Roundtable Meeting on Human Resource Development Strategies, Havana, Cuba, 2-5 December 1991

Removal of language barriers

Planning Meeting of the Coordinating Committee for the Removal of Language Barriers and the Planning Meeting of Consultants re: TRANSTEC Feasibility Study, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, 17-21 July 1992.

13.5 POPULATION

Organized by the secretariat

Two National Training Workshops on Analysis of Census Data, Saint Lucia, 26-30 October 1992; Netherlands Antilles, 19-29 November 1992.

Three National Training Seminars on the Improvement of the Vital Registration and Statistics System, Grenada, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. In addition, three follow-up workshops for district registrars were carried out in these countries to improve the collection and recording of the data.

National Consultative Meeting on Population Education, Trinidad and Tobago, December 1991. This meeting was held jointly with UNESCO and the National Population Programme Unit of Trinidad and Tobago.

UNFPA/ECLAC/CELADE's Meeting of Experts on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, preparatory to the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, Saint Lucia, 6-9 October 1992

Organized by other institutions

IDRC Seminar on REDATAM Distribution, Ougadougou, 1-7 February 1992.

Symposium on Fertility and Insularity, Reunion, 11-15 May 1992. This symposium was organized by the Conseil General of the Government of France

UWI George Roberts Symposium, Jamaica, 4-5 June 1992. The secretariat presented a paper for discussion at the seminar.

USAID/UNFPA Regional Meeting on Population, Development and Environment, Antigua and Barbuda, 18-23 July 1992. The secretariat provided assistance in the design and conduct of this regional meeting.

13.6 ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN

Organized by the other institutions

Workshop of Caribbean Environmental Health Institute, Barbados, 11-13 November 1991. The secretariat provided a resource person for this meeting.

CARICOM Regional Taskforce for UNCED, Trinidad and Tobago, 8-10 January 1992.

Working Group on UNDP Capacity Building Study in preparation for UNCED, New York, 21-29 January 1992

Final Preparatory Meeting of the Caribbean Regional Taskforce for UNCED, Barbados, 26-27 May 1992.

Forum Meeting on Environment of CARICOM Officials, Barbados, 23-25 May 1992.

Meeting of the UNEP Taskforce on Climate Change, Miami, 31 May - 5 June 1992.

Attendance at the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED) Meeting, Brazil, 2-15 June 1992.

13.7 INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Caribbean information services

Organized by the secretariat

Workshop on Training in the use of CDS/ISIS, Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago, 23-29 October 1991.

Workshop on Training in the use of Mini-micro CDS/ISIS, UWI, Trinidad and Tobago, 15 January 1992.

Workshop on Training in the use of Mini-micro CDS/ISIS, CARIRI, Trinidad and Tobago, 25 May 1992

CDCC Working Group Meeting on Information Networking for Training and Research.

Organized by other institutions

Information Meeting of Database Producers and Telecommunication Authorities, Trinidad and Tobago, 1 October 1991. The secretariat collaborated with CARTIS in the planning of this meeting.

Launching of BET Information Centre, Barbados, 3-5 February 1992.

TRINCOM '92 Meeting: Caribbean Media and Telecommunications in the Information Age, Trinidad and Tobago, 13-15 January 1992

ACURIL XXII Conference: Management in Caribbean Libraries and Resource Centre, Library Association of Trinidad and Tobago, 17-23 May 1992

Fifth Caribbean Energy Information System (CEIS) Coordinators Meeting, Barbados, 15-18 June 1992.

II Meeting - National First Latin American and Caribbean CDS/ISIS Users Meeting, Argentina, 15-23 June 1992

Seminar Towards the Establishment of a National Geographical Information System (GIS), Trinidad and Tobago, 16 June 1992

AIIM Conference: Your Imaging Connection, Anaheim Conference Centre, Anaheim, California, United States, 22-25 June 1992

Statistical data bank

Organized by the secretariat

Arranged and held demonstration on PC-AXIS statistical database with the participation of the Statistics Office, Central Bank, the University of the West Indies, Ministry of Planning and consultants engaged in related activities. This demonstration was convened in Trinidad and Tobago, August 1992.

Regional Workshop on Statistical and Other Databases in the Implementation of the Human Resources Project, Trinidad and Tobago, 17-20 February 1992.

Regional Seminar on the Re-design of Sampling Frames and Sampling Designs with Data from the 1990 Census Round, Trinidad and Tobago, 29 September-1 October 1992.

Organized by other institutions

Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians' Meeting, Bahamas, October 1991. The secretariat provided a resource person for this meeting.

Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians' Meeting, Belize, November 1992. The secretariat provided a resource person for this meeting.

OECS Statisticians' Meeting, Antigua and Barbuda, 1991. The secretariat provided a resource person for this meeting.

IICA Regional Agricultural Marketing and Investment Opportunities Seminar, Trinidad and Tobago, 30 March - 3 April 1992.

13.8 TOURISM AND INDUSTRY

Organized by the secretariat

Regional Workshop on Socio-economic Management Issues in Caribbean Tourism, Tobago, 13-14 February 1992.

National Workshop on Socio-economic Management Issues in Caribbean Tourism, Barbados, 12-13 March 1992.

National Workshop on Socio-economic Management Issues in Caribbean Tourism, Saint Lucia, 18-19 March 1992.

Organized by other institutions

Seminar on Industrial Reconversion, organized by Consejo Regional de Planificacion de la Costa Atlantica (CORPES), Baranquilla, Colombia, 9-11 October 1991.

XVI Inter-American Travel Congress, Panama City, 25-28 November 1991

UNIDO Industrial Technology Meeting, Caracas, 2-6 December 1991.

Special CARICOM Heads of Government Meeting on Tourism, Jamaica, 16-18 February 1992.

First ANDINET Conference on Small Industries and Productive Restructuring, organized by the Institute of Social Studies (The Hague), Santiago, 4-8 May 1992.

13.9 INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCEOrganized by other institutions

Caribbean Basin Technical Assistance Group Meeting, Puerto Rico, 3-4 April 1992.

13.10 SUPPORT TO THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATESOrganized by other institutions

Meeting of Regional Constituent Assembly (RCA) advising on aspects of Windward Islands Political Unification. Dominica, November 1991 and Saint Lucia, April 1992. The secretariat provided a resource person for these meetings.

Advisory Group Meeting on OECS Political Unification, Saint Lucia, 26 March-28 March 1992.

13.11 GENERAL INFORMATION SERVICESOrganized by the secretariat

The Caribbean in the United Nations System with special emphasis on CDCC, Trinidad and Tobago, 14-15 July 1992. This meeting was attended by CDCC focal points representatives from 19 countries of the CDCC.

13.12 SUBSTANTIVE SERVICING OF MEETINGS OF THE CDCC

Thirteenth Session of CDCC, Jamaica, 22-26 July 1991

Caucus of Delegations of Member Countries of the CDCC, Santiago, Chile, 27 April 1992

Fifth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC, Trinidad and Tobago, 15-16 January 1992.

