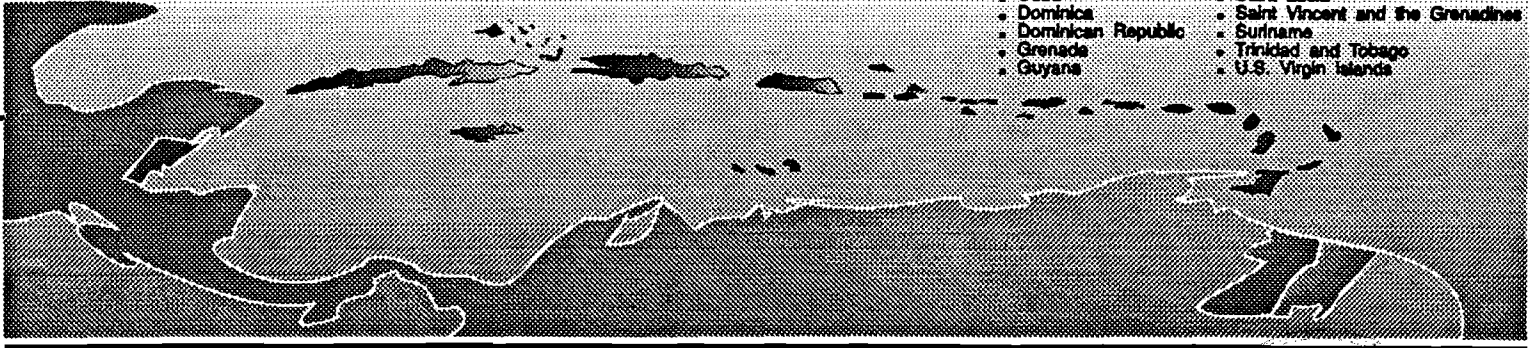




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Presentation

The subregional headquarters for the Caribbean of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will continue to analyse issues of special relevance to the economic and social development of the countries members of the CDCC with a view to providing technical assistance and advisory services geared to their specific needs. However, to a greater extent than was done under previous work programmes, the work programme for the 1994-1995 biennium seeks to take account explicitly of the needs and priorities of the countries covered as clearly articulated by their representatives at sessions of CDCC and meetings of its Monitoring Committee. The work programme reflects much of the outcome of recent discussions on the role and function of CDCC, and the intention to continue the process of revitalizing it, the beginnings of which process were evident at its thirteenth session.

In keeping with the wishes of the CDCC, the 1994-1995 work programme accords high priority to the promotion of cooperation in functional and sectoral areas both among the member countries of the Caribbean and between them and the countries of Latin America. The Caribbean subregional headquarters will work together with ECLAC, Santiago, and other Caribbean organizations in pursuing cooperation with Latin America within a framework developed during the previous biennium. As part of the policy to promote intra-CDCC cooperation, the high priority accorded by member countries to development of a programme for the removal of language barriers to such cooperation, will be reflected in the work programme. With the same goal in mind, the subregional headquarters will pay attention to the special circumstances and needs of the non-independent Caribbean countries, within the framework of the United Nations system, and will convene a workshop of CDCC focal points with a view to promoting awareness of the functions and aims of CDCC and providing a firmer basis for collaboration with, and among, the member countries.

The issue of island developing countries, has been elevated to the status of a separate subject area in direct response to the repeated requests of the CDCC that this topic be accorded higher priority. Research will be conducted not only on the objective development circumstances of island developing countries but also on their relations with the international community.

In the context of the structural adjustment measures adopted by a number of countries in recent years, social aspects of development will be explored, with consideration given to the role of non-governmental organizations in the development process.

Emphasis will continue to be placed on issues affecting women in Caribbean development and this will include assistance to member countries in preparing for the 1995 World Conference on Women. In relation to the environment, the subregional headquarters will be updating its database on environmental statistics and continuing its examination of environmental implications of development in the Caribbean. Activities relating to science and technology are expected to be assumed by the permanent secretariat of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) which was scheduled to be established during the 1992-1993 biennium. With regard to population it is not certain whether extrabudgetary funding will be available beyond December 1992 for work in this area, but it is hoped that some means will be found to enable it to continue as an integral component of the work programme.

The subregional headquarters for the Caribbean will continue its annual summaries of the economic performance of the countries of the subregion. It is extremely important to analyse the implications for small Caribbean countries of the far-reaching economic developments which have been taking place internationally. It is proposed to organize and provide substantive servicing for a meeting of economic planners of the subregion to deal with issues of economic and social planning, and with the effects of global and regional economic developments. The implications for member countries of global and regional economic developments will be reviewed and studies will be carried out on economic integration and on the financial aspects of Caribbean development. A newsletter on international economic developments will be produced for the benefit of the smaller countries members of the CDCC in particular. The industrial sectors of Caribbean economies have received rather less attention than other sectors, particularly in terms of linkages with trade policies, and within the context of policies for economic integration in the Caribbean. Study of the industrial sector will continue in 1994-1995, and the mandate to pay attention to the tourism sector will also be respected.

The subregional headquarters for the Caribbean will continue to service the Caribbean Information System, in terms both of its own work programme and of the needs of the member countries. It will also continue to provide statistical support for the delivery of its approved work programme and will provide assistance aimed at the improvement of the national statistical capabilities of the member countries.

With regard to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), activities will be undertaken to provide technical support to its secretariat mainly through the services of an adviser.

All the activities planned for the period 1994-1995 will be undertaken in close collaboration with ECLAC headquarters and the relevant United Nations agencies and regional organizations.

Programme element 13.1: Promotion of cooperation among member countries of CDCC and between the Caribbean and Latin America

Objectives

In keeping with the objectives and purposes of the CDCC, promote cooperation among CDCC member countries, and between the Caribbean and Latin America, in economic and non-economic areas, as a means of contributing to the development of the countries involved.

Activities

a) Non-recurrent publications

i) Study on exploration of possibilities for increased cooperation in economic and non-economic areas between the Caribbean and Latin America.

ii) Study on selected issues of economic and other relationships among the countries members of CDCC.

b) Intermediate activities

i) Report on action taken on decisions and recommendations of CDCC and other United Nations bodies.

ii) Report on participation of member countries in the work of CDCC.

c) Operational activities

i) Assistance in the process of the removal of language barriers to increased cooperation among the countries members of CDCC.

ii) Convening of a meeting of CDCC focal points and report on same.

iii) Provision of support to the non-independent Caribbean countries on matters of particular interest to this group of countries within the framework of the CDCC.

iv) Dissemination of information to the public in countries in the subregion concerning the purposes and activities of CDCC.

The performance of operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

d) Information materials and services

Publication of an information bulletin on the removal of language barriers.

Programme element 13.2: Island Developing CountriesObjectives

Keep under continuous review the special circumstances and needs of island developing countries, and assist member countries to obtain the support of the international community in regard to this issue.

Activitiesa) Organization and substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings

Ad hoc expert group meeting on development issues affecting island developing countries.

b) Non-recurrent publications

Analysis of development issues of particular importance to island developing countries.

c) Operational activities

Assistance to countries members of CDCC, at their request, with a view to their intervening effectively in international negotiations on development issues affecting island developing countries. (continuous)

Performance of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.3: Social development issuesObjectives

Review and evaluate social aspects of development in the Caribbean, within the context of linkages between social and economic development, and arrange for an exchange of perspectives on this issue.

Activitiesa) Non-recurrent publication

Evaluation of and recommendations relating to social aspects of the overall economic performance of the Caribbean countries.

b) Operational Activities

Examination of issues of economic and social development in the CDCC subregion, with particular attention paid to the role of non-governmental organizations in the development process.

The performance of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.4: Women in DevelopmentObjectives

Assist in the representation of the interests of Caribbean women's organizations in international forums, and in regard to regional and international development issues; analyse and evaluate specific issues relating to women in the Caribbean.

Activitiesa) Organization and substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings

i) Subregional meeting on issues of particular relevance to women in the Caribbean.

ii) Ad hoc meeting of experts on research in connection with women.

b) Non-recurrent publications

A document on the advancement of women in the Caribbean in the period 1985-1994.

c) Operational activities

i) A document on the technical assistance requirements of selected countries members of CDCC in priority areas within the scope of the women-in-development programme themes addressed by ECLAC/CDCC.

ii) Provision of assistance to member countries, at their request, in the preparation of background documentation for purposes of the 1995 World Conference on Women.

The performance of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.5: Economic analysis and planning

Objectives

Carry out analytical reviews of the performance of the economies of the Caribbean countries; provide a forum for development planners to review economic and social development, to discuss approaches to the planning of development, and to discuss implications for the Caribbean of global and regional economic developments.

Activities

a) Organization and substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings

i) Meeting of economic and social planners in the Caribbean to study issues related to economic and social planning, and with implications of global and regional developments on member countries of the subregion.

ii) Seminar on selected issues relevant to economic and social planning in countries in the subregion.

b) Non-recurrent publications

Two annual summaries of economic performance of countries members of CDCC.

c) Operational activities

Provision of training and advisory services, at the request of governments, in the area of economic analysis and planning.

The performance of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.6: International trade and finance

Objectives

Provide member countries with information on, and analyses of global economic issues, including developments in international trade and finance.

Activities

a) Non-recurrent publications

i) Updating of the Trade Procedures Guide (English only).

ii) Study evaluating economic integration processes in the Caribbean.

iii) Study reviewing and analyzing aspects of financial development in the Caribbean.

iv) Study on global and regional developments and their impact on countries in the subregion.

b) Information materials and services

Newsletter on international trade developments.

Programme element 13.7: Development of industry and tourism

Objectives

Analyse the industrial sectors of member countries of the subregion with a view to formulating proposals for improvement in the performance of these sectors. Evaluate tourism policies of member countries.

Activities

a) Non-recurrent publication

i) Study of industrial policy in the countries of the subregion.

ii) Report on the performance of and prospects for tourism in Caribbean countries.

b) Operational activities

i) Provision of advisory services to member governments, at their request, in connection with the development of industry and tourism.

ii) Provision of technical assistance, at the request of Governments, in the formulation of projects designed to mobilize extrabudgetary resources for studies and technical cooperation related to various aspects of the development of industry in the subregion.

The performance of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.8: Environment and development

Objectives

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

Activities

a) Non-recurrent publications

i) Update of environmental statistics of Caribbean countries.

ii) Study on environmental implications of economic and social development in countries of the Caribbean subregion.

b) Technical material

Updating of a computerized environmental database, which will provide on-line access to environmental data.

c) Operational activities

i) Provision of advisory services, at the request of Governments, in the area of environment and development.

ii) Provision of assistance to member countries, at their request, in the implementation of decisions and recommendations adopted at the 1992 Conference on Environment and Development.

The performance of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.9: Science and technology

N.B. It is expected that all of the activities under this programme element will have been transferred to the permanent secretariat of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST).

Objectives

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

Activities

a) Organization and substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings

i) Two plenary sessions of the CCST.

ii) Meetings of the Executive Committee of CCST.

b) Operational activities

A project on science and technology is expected to be in implementation during the biennium.

The performance of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.10: Technical support to integration efforts of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)Operational activities

Provision of advisory services, through the OECS Secretariat, to member States in priority areas of the integration process of OECS.

The performance of these operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

**Programme element 13.11: Information, documentation and statistics
for economic and social development**

1. Caribbean Information System

Objectives

Facilitate the work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat by providing necessary bibliographic material. Maintain and service the Caribbean Information System. Provide technical information services to member countries, and assist the development of computerized databases. Assist in developing the capabilities of member countries to develop and maintain computerized information and documentation systems.

Activities

a) Information materials and services

i) Collection, organization and dissemination of documents in support of the work programme of the secretariat of the subregional headquarters for the Caribbean.

ii) Twenty issues of Current Awareness Bulletin (English only).

iii) Maintenance and hosting of bibliographic and full-text databases for remote access.

iv) Four issues of CARISPLAN Abstracts (English only)

b) Operational activities

Projects in this programme area may be in implementation during this biennium.

The performance of operational activities will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

2. Patent information and documentation

Objectives

Assist the strengthening of the industrial property system within the subregion, with emphasis on patents. Provide a patent information service to users in industry, research and development institutions, inventors and others.

Activities

- a) Organization and substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings

Meetings of the Advisory Committee on the Caribbean Patent Information Network.

- b) Non-recurrent publication

Report on the meetings of the Advisory Committee on the Caribbean Patents Information Network.

Performance of the activities noted above will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

C. Statistical Data Bank

Objectives

Develop and maintain statistical data bases to facilitate the work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat and for use of member countries; provide assistance to member countries in the development of national statistical capabilities; provide statistical information for publications of ECLAC and other United Nations organizations.

Activities

- a) Non-recurrent publications

Document containing time series of major economic indicators of Caribbean countries.

- b) Technical material

Updating and expansion of database on intra-CDCC trade.

- c) Information material and services

i) Dissemination of the REDATAM (Retrieval of Census Data for Small areas by Microcomputer) software and administration of REDATAM databases from the 1990-1991 round of population and housing censuses.

ii) Increased dissemination through diskette and through remote access to an on-line database.

- d) Intermediate activity

Provision of statistical support for the work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat and for other United Nations organizations.

e) Operational activity

Provision of training and advisory services to countries members of CDCC, at their request, in modernizing their statistical services and in organizing their databases for increased general and remote access.

Performance of the activities noted above will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Programme element 13.12: Substantive servicing of meetings of CDCCOrganization and substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings

Sessions of CDCC and meetings of its Monitoring Committee.

Programme element 13.13: Population

All of the activities under this programme element are subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Objectives

Assist member countries to develop their capabilities to integrate population into developmental planning and policy formulation; provide and analyse population data for the purpose of informing social and economic planning.

Activitiesa) Non-recurrent publications

i) Two documents containing analyses of census data in the Caribbean.

ii) A digest of socio-economic statistics.

b) Operational activities

i) Provision of training and advisory services to countries members of CDCC, at their request, 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 at their request, in the execution of their national censuses.

ii) Execution of a multi-country project on the integration of population considerations in development planning.

c) Intermediate activities

i) Expansion and maintenance of the socio-demographic data base.

ii) Expansion and maintenance of the vital statistics computerized system.

The execution of the operational activities referred to above will be subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

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