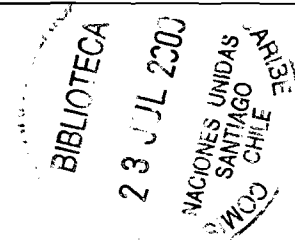




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MONITORING COMMITTEE OF THE CDCC**

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**PROGRESS REPORT
ON THE
MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS CONVENED
AND
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO MEMBER STATES AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

2002 - 2003 biennium

[Covering the period 1 January 2002 to 28 March 2003]



MEETINGS CONVENED BY THE SUBREGIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR THE CARIBBEAN, 2002-2003 BIENNIUM

Description	Duration	Venue	No.	Representatives from member States
Meeting of the Caribbean Planners Network	21 January 2002	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	21	Experts from: Antigua and Barbuda, Anguilla, BVI, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago
Nineteenth session of the CDCC	7 and 8 March 2002.	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	34	Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Aruba, BVI, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, Puerto Rico and USVI
Ad Hoc expert group meeting on the <i>development of the services sector in the Caribbean specific aspects</i>	2 - 3 September 2002	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	26	Experts from: Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago
Ad hoc expert group meeting on the development of social statistical databases and a methodological approach for a social vulnerability index for small island developing states	23 September 2002	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	13	Experts from: Barbados, Guyana, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago and UWI
Gender Socialisation and Violence: Exploring a Research Agenda	9 - 10 December 2002	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	10	Representatives from regional organisations
Regional seminar on the contribution of the yachting sector to the development of the Eastern Caribbean	12 and 13 December 2002.	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	32	Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Grenada, Netherlands Antilles, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and

				representatives from The Boca &Boaters' Directory of Trinidad and Tobago, Caribbean Tourism Organization, The Tourism and Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago, Yacht Services Association of Trinidad and Tobago.
Meeting of Caribbean Small Business Entrepreneurs, Organisations and Agencies	3-5 April 2002	Saint Lucia	41	Aruba, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Trinidad and Tobago and regional institutions
Regional conference on gender-based violence and the administration of justice, in collaboration with CIDA	3 -5 February 2003	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	84	Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, BVI, Canada, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago and regional institutions : CARICOM, CIDA, IDB and UWI

**WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS PROVIDED BY THE SUBREGIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR THE CARIBBEAN,
DURING 2002-2003 BIENNIUM**

Description	Duration	Venue	Participating countries	No. of Persons	No of Females
National training workshop on the use of the Disaster Assessment Training Manual for SIDS in assessing the Macro-economic and Social Impacts of Natural Disasters	23-25 April 2002	Jamaica	Public and Private Sector officials from Jamaica	43	15
Subregional seminar on the Trade Statistics Database, Port of Spain	14 - 15 October 2002	Trinidad and Tobago	Aruba, Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Netherlands Antilles, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago	16	5
Subregional seminar on the Trade Statistics Database	28 - 29 October 2002	St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda	Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis and Saint Lucia	16	9
Subregional seminar on Trade Statistics Database	2 - 3 December 2002	Kingston, Jamaica	Belize, BVI, Jamaica	19	11
Subregional seminar on the Social Statistical Databases	28 - 30 October 2002	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago	28	19
Subregional seminar on the Social Statistical Databases	26 - 29 November 2002	Kingston, Jamaica	Anguilla, Bahamas, Barbados, BVI, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis and USVI	21	14
National training workshop on the use of the	17-19	Castries, St	Public and Private	42	14

Disaster Assessment Training Manual for SIDS in assessing the Macro-economic and Social Impacts of Natural Disasters	December 2002	Lucia	Sector participants from Saint Lucia and officials from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)		
National training workshop on the use of the Disaster Assessment Training Manual for SIDS in assessing the Macro-economic and Social Impacts of Natural Disasters	17-19 March 2003	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago	Public Sector officials from Trinidad and Tobago	47	21
Protocol, Diplomacy and Ethics: Preparing for More Effective Participation in the Regional and Wider International Arena	5 December 2002	Montserrat	Public Sector officials from Montserrat		
The CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME): Laying the Foundations for Enhanced Productivity, Competitiveness.....and Profit.”	6 December 2002	Montserrat	Public Sector officials from Montserrat		

PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER STATES AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES

January 2002 to March 2003

Country	Description of Activity	Comments
Antigua and Barbuda	Request for training seminar on Protocols and the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas	To be carried out in 2003
Barbados	Technical Advisory Services in the area of Wage Rate Index and Trade Index numbers	Statistical office to follow up on implementation
Barbados	Support in the further development and implementation of the Caribbean Sea Proposal	Continuing discussions
Cuba	Preparation of a social policy review for Cuba	Study has been completed
Dominican Republic	Conducted an analysis of the macroeconomic impacts of regional free trade agreements focusing on the potential impacts of the tariff reduction proposal of the Dominican Republic within the framework of the FTAA	Study to be presented to the Government of the Dominican Republic
Grenada	Provided Technical Assistance to Grenada on Gender Socialization Practices and Violence, Youth and Juvenile Offenders	ECLAC/CDCC to follow up with the Ministry of Gender Affairs in Grenada
Haiti	Provided assistance to the Small and Medium Sized Enterprises sector in Haiti in the context of CARICOM.	Preparation of a video on the state of the industry. Mission to be undertaken to Haiti to present the Video and for discussions on the establishment of a micro-credit scheme
Jamaica	Assisted the Statistical Institute of Jamaica in the automation of its Trade Data System	Statistical office to follow up on implementation
Jamaica	Provision of technical assistance, at the request of the Government of Jamaica, in the preparation of a rapid disaster assessment of the damages caused by the heavy flooding over a prolonged period in May - June 2002	Assessment completed and used by the IDB in assessing the amount of financial support
Jamaica	Conduct of a three day national training workshop on the use of the Disaster Assessment Training Manual for SIDS in assessing the Macro-economic and Social Impacts of Natural Disasters, 23-25 April 2002 at the request of the Government of Jamaica	Forty persons participated in the workshop
Jamaica	Provided a resource person for the regional training workshop on Science Communication for the Small States in the Global Knowledge Society 27-31 May 2002 in Jamaica.	Presented the process involved in preparing material for media based on the experience of the SME programme
Jamaica	Support to the Third Annual Conference of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute of Social and Economic Studies on <i>'Social Policy in a Changing Economic Environment and to the Symposium on Social Protection and Employment</i>	Assisted the Panel on Measuring and Monitoring Human Development
Montserrat	Conducted two training seminars :	Seminars were conducted during the

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	1. Protocol, Diplomacy and Ethics: Preparing for More Effective Participation in the Regional and Wider International Arena; and 2. The CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME): Laying the Foundations for Enhanced Productivity, Competitiveness.....and Profit.”	period 4 -- 6 December 2002
Montserrat	A review of the operations of the Montserrat National Trust and its five-year strategic Plan	Study is being considered for implementation
Nevis	Assistance in the review of the Physical Planning Legislation of Nevis at the request of the Nevis Island Administration	Study submitted 12 July 2002 and is being reviewed by the Nevis Island Administration
Puerto Rico	At the request from the Government of Puerto Rico, the secretariat is preparing a study on trade with CARICOM countries	Study to be presented to the Government
St. Kitts and Nevis	Provision of assistance at the national poverty reduction strategy meeting, 20-22 February 2002	ECLAC/CDCC support for the elaboration of a National Human Development Agenda
St. Kitts and Nevis	Assisted in the conduct of research and convening of workshop in St. Kitts and Nevis on the Poverty Reduction Strategy Programme for St Kitts and Nevis	ECLAC to assist in the elaboration of national Human Development Agenda for St Kitts and Nevis
St. Kitts and Nevis	Assistance in the conduct of a social audit in St Kitts and Nevis. This includes the conduct of a comprehensive survey and the preparation of a report. In addition, the secretariat has completed a draft report on the adoption of a National Land Policy for St. Kitts with a summary of discussions on the proposed uses of the sugar lands.	Study has been completed and submitted to the Government for consideration
Saint Lucia	Consultations on the format and programme of Small and Medium Size Enterprise Development in the Caribbean with SEDU, NDF in Saint Lucia with respect to the workshop on SME, 3-5 April 2002.	Workshop was convened
Saint Lucia	Support to the INSULA Workshop on Sustainable Energies for Island Developing States, 30 May - 3 June 2002, Saint Lucia	Decision to establish a regional forum to pursue the renewable energy initiative
Saint Lucia	Consultations on Climate change and Food Systems Programme with the Ministry of Agriculture, Saint Lucia.	Regional Meeting held 16-19 October 2002
Saint Lucia	Operationalization of the new Physical Planning and Development Act 2001 (formulated by ECLAC) for the Physical Planning Unit in Saint Lucia	Presented for legislative review following the conduct of two workshops in Saint Lucia. September 2002
Saint Lucia	Prepared a study on the planning standards for the Rodney Bay Area in Saint Lucia	Study presented to the government for consideration
Saint Lucia	Provided support to the Euro-Caribbean Energy meeting, hosted by the Government of St Lucia, 30-31 May 2002	Completed
Saint Lucia	Provided technical assistance to the Government of Saint Lucia in the development of a policy on gender socialisation practices with the focus on violence, youth and juvenile offenders	ECLAC/CDCC to follow up with the Ministry of Gender Affairs

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Saint Lucia	Conduct of a three day national training workshop on the use of the Disaster Assessment Training Manual for SIDS in assessing the Macro-economic and Social Impacts of Natural Disasters	Forty-two persons participated in this workshop
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Technical support to the Marine Task Force in St Vincent and the Grenadines	Work is continuing
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Assistance in the development of a national gender policy and action plan for the Division of gender Affairs of the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines	ECLAC/CDCC to follow up with the relevant Ministry
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Technical Assistance to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the development of legislative reform with respect to violence against women.	ECLAC/CDCC to follow up with the relevant Ministry
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Preparation of a study on the effective management of the Tobago Cays Marine Park.	Study has been completed and submitted to the Government for consideration
Trinidad and Tobago	Provided technical assistance to the Ministry of Community Development and Gender Affairs, Government of Trinidad and Tobago in the formulation of a National Gender and Plan of Action, at the request of UNDP/POS.	This in collaboration with UNDP/POS
Trinidad and Tobago	Conduct of a three day national training workshop on the use of the Disaster Assessment Training Manual for SIDS in assessing the Macro-economic and Social Impacts of Natural Disasters	Forty-seven persons participated in the workshop
Trinidad and Tobago	Provided technical assistance to the Ministry of Community Development and Gender Affairs, Government of Trinidad and Tobago in the development of a policy on gender socialisation practices with the focus on violence, youth and juvenile offenders	ECLAC/CDCC to follow up with the relevant Ministry
Turks and Caicos	Technical assistance to Turks and Caicos on gender mainstreaming, specifically the legal approaches to domestic violence in the Turks and Caicos Islands	This was carried out at the request of the NCH Action for Children in relation to the ECSC legislative programme on "Family law and Domestic Violence Legislative Reform
Institutions/Agencies		
ACS	Support to the ACS in the preparation and review of studies prepared on the status of trade regimes in the region	The Economics Unit provides technical support in the preparation of various reports at the request of the ACS
ACURIL	Assisted as a resource person at the annual conference of the Association of Caribbean University Research and Institutional Libraries	Presented a paper on the Caribbean Information Action Group
CARICOM	Support to the conduct of the Commonwealth Youth Programme regarding the establishment of a youth database, 20-21 May 2002	To be incorporated into ECLAC's statistical databases
CARICOM	Technical support at the CARICOM Inter Agency meeting to examine issues of	Study to focus on assessing institutional

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	collaboration on youth development in the Caribbean	capacity
CARICOM	Assistance to the CARICOM Gender Mainstreaming Task Force and its proposed implementation strategy for addressing HIV/AIDS, education and labour.	ECLAC and UNIFEM will assist in training and sensitization around the Regional Women's Convention and its reporting provisions.
CARTAC (IMF)	ECLAC/CDCC supports the work of the IMF group Caribbean Technical Assistance Committee (CARTAC) which was set up to provide technical assistance in statistics to Caribbean countries.	Ongoing exercise
CEHI	Conduct of an assessment of the information technology (IT) proficiency at CEHI, St Lucia, at their request	Report submitted to CEHI for implementation
CIDA	Assisted CIDA in its work on gender and development, including the co-host of two subregional meetings on gender based violence	Meetings were convened in December 2002 and January 2003
DESA	Collaboration with DESA on the joint UNDESA - OAS project on Capacity-building in Creating Information Management Systems to Improve Decision-making for Sustainable Development for Small Island Developing States. The objective of the project is the design of a system for information management for sustainable development that could be replicated throughout the Caribbean.	Ongoing exercise
ECSC	Technical support to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court on its legislative programme on "Family law and Domestic Violence Legislative Reform	Ongoing exercise
FTAA	Support to the FTAA Consultative Group on Smaller Economies in relation to the Hemispheric Co-operation Programme, its technical co-operation exchanges and the Trade Negotiations mandates.	The secretariat has attended all meetings of the Consultative Group
ILO	Assisted an ILO Advisory Committee on researching the issue of the uneven ability on the part of countries to provide data needed for inclusion in the information system, a component of the ILO Labour Market Project (Caribbean Labour Market Information System)	This is an ongoing activity
OECS	Assistance to the OECS Steering Committee Meeting of the Caribbean Water Partnership	Formation of a Core group
OECS	Assistance in the implementation of the sustainable development and environmental management programme and on the multilateral environmental conventions	Meeting of the OECS Task Force
Regional	At the request of the Saint Lucia Permanent Representative to the United Nations, the secretariat prepared a brief to assist CARICOM countries in negotiations on the Report of the Secretary General to the Preparatory Committee for High Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development. 12-23 February 2001	This report was provided to the Permanent representatives in New York
UNDP	Support was offered to the Partners' Roundtable of the World Summit on Sustainable Development - Small Island Developing States: Capabilities to Mitigate Vulnerabilities, 9-10 May 2002. This meeting was hosted jointly by UNDP and the	Work programme agreed upon

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	Government of Jamaica. This included assistance in developing Type II Initiatives that were to be advanced at the WSSD, as being amenable to implementation by a group of partners involving, <i>inter alia</i> , governments, civil society and the private sector.	
UNDP/Barbados	Conduct of an assessment of the IT proficiency at UNDP Barbados, at their request	Report submitted to UNDP/Barbados for implementation
UNDP/Belize	Technical assistance to the Government of Belize for the elaboration of a National Human Development Agenda (NHDA)	The NHDA should be completed by June 2003
UNDP/POS	ECLAC serves as the vice chair of the UNDP Theme Group on Gender	This is an ongoing activity
UNEP CEP/RCU	Assistance provided to the Tenth Inter-Governmental meeting on the Action Plan for the Caribbean Environment Programme and the seventh meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, 6-12 May 2002.	The meeting provided an opportunity to re-sensitize countries of the Caribbean subregion, including members of the CDCC, on the Caribbean Sea proposal.
UNFPA	Support to the meeting of UNFPA on Strategy Development for the Third Programme of Assistance to the Caribbean	To work closely with ECLAC/CDCC
UNIC	ECLAC/CDCC supported the efforts of UNIC in convening a workshop on Caribbean Communication for Sustainable Development.	This event targeted journalists from the subregion in the context of preparation of the Caribbean subregion for the WSSD convened in South Africa.
UNIFEM	Assistance to UNIFEM in the development of the content and methodological approach for the preparation of a four country in depth assessment of violence against women initiatives	The methodological approach and work plan have been adopted. Work has started on the preparation of the study.
UWI	Support to the regional programme on the SEDNET's project , to be funded by the GEF, on the status of civil societies in the region and their contribution to the sustainable development agenda	The Science and Technology Unit is engaged in this activity

