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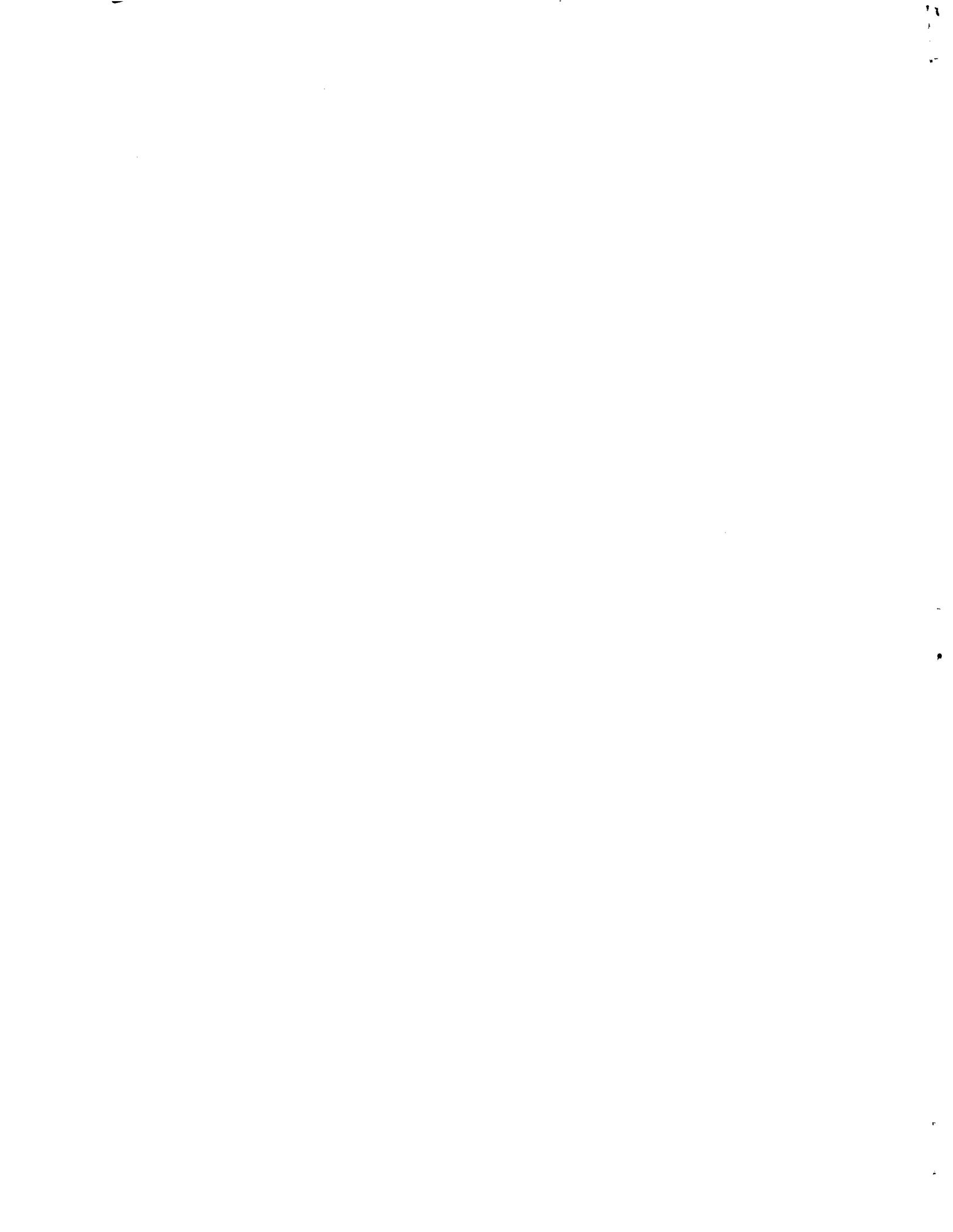
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This eighth Annual Report describes the activities of the CCST during the period December 1988 (when the Eighth Plenary Session was held) to September 1990. It was not possible to hold a plenary session in 1989 because of a lack of finances.

Officers of the Council 1988-1990

The officer of the Executive Committee for 1988-1990 remained those elected at the seventh Plenary Session in 1987:

Chairman:	Jamaica	Gladstone Taylor
Vice-Chairman:	Cuba	Tirso Saenz
Honorary Treasurer:	Saint Lucia	Aloysius Barthelmy
Member:	Trinidad and Tobago	Desmond Ali

Membership

The membership of the Council remains:

Antigua and Barbuda	Jamaica
Belize	Saint Christopher and Nevis
Cuba	Saint Lucia
Dominica	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Grenada	Suriname
Guyana	Trinidad and Tobago
Haiti	

Funding

During the period under review only two countries, Dominica and Saint Lucia, paid contributions to the Council for 1989 while for 1990 no contributions have been received.

Meetings of the Council

Two Executive Committee meetings were held: one on 20 / 21 November 1989 in Trinidad and Tobago and another on 11 / 12 April 1990 in Jamaica.

Secretariat

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean continued to supply interim secretariat services. ECLAC financed both Executive Committee meetings and has budgeted the sum of US\$10,000 for two plenary session per biennium. The Council wishes to record its sincere appreciation for providing these services.

Discussions have been held at both the levels of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) and CCST on a permanent secretariat for CCST. At the Executive Committee level it was decided that decisions regarding a permanent secretariat be made by the full Council. Two papers on the subject were prepared for the tenth Executive Committee meeting.

Publications

1. Minutes of the Eighth Plenary Session of CCST
2. CCST Newsletter, Vol. 4 Nos. 1,2,3,4,5, and 6; Vol. 5 Nos. 1,2,3,4,5, and 6, and Vol. 6 Nos. 1,2,3, and 4.
3. Report of the Tenth Executive Committee Meeting (LC/CAR/G.286).
4. Report to the Eleventh Executive Committee Meeting (LC/CAR/G.295-CCST/90/2).
5. Report on CCST Achievements (LC/CAR/G.294-CCST/90/1).
6. Consultant's Report: Proposal for Improving Secretariat Service Level of the CCST (CONS/90/1).
7. Report of the Eleventh Executive Committee Meeting (LC/CAR/G.302-CCST/90/3).

Meetings at which the Council was represented

1. First COMMANSAT/RANDEVAL meeting on issues of science and technology management for strategic integration into national planning in small states (Caribbean region) organized by the Commonwealth Science Council (CSC) and the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) (Grenada, 30 January-3 February 1989).
2. Latin America and Caribbean regional meeting to assess the implementation of the Vienna Plan of Action (VPA) with respect to science and technology for development (Costa Rica, 11-13 April 1989).
3. Expert Group Meeting on Science and Technology Organization and Management, (Antigua and Barbuda, 3-9 March 1990).
4. Workshop on Agricultural Extension Training (Saint Lucia, 18-23 March 1990).
5. Meeting of Ministries and Institutions in charge of Science and Technology (Caracas, Venezuela, 22-23 June 1990).

Work programme

The work programme as approved by the Eighth Plenary Session was amended at both the tenth and eleventh Executive Committee meetings. Progress on the implementation of the work programme is given below.

CCST newsletter

The CCST newsletter continues to be published despite in-house publishing problems. It relies heavily on reprinted materials because original submissions from members have not been forthcoming. Council members are urged to submit material for publication.

National Consultations on Science and Technology

The national consultation for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines was held 13-15 September 1989, bringing the number of consultations

held so far to five. Consultations have been held in Saint Lucia, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda and Dominica.

The national consultation for Saint Christopher and Nevis, scheduled for April had to be postponed at the request of that country. No new dates have yet been proposed. The Government of Belize has not yet decided when that country's consultation will be held. When these two are completed, a regional workshop on the outcome of all the consultations will be held.

Report on CCST achievements

At the request of the Executive Committee at its tenth meeting, the secretariat produced a report on CCST achievements. This document will also be presented to the CARICOM Ministers responsible for Science and Technology.

Permanent Secretariat for CCST

Two papers on the subject were prepared - one by the secretariat and the other by a consultant. These were presented to the Executive Committee who decided that decisions on this should be made by the full Council.

The Committee also requested the CDCC Secretary to prepare guidelines for the requirements for hosting the secretariat and to transmit these as well as any request or formal communication from member countries which have expressed a willingness to host the secretariat. This has been done.

Inputs to the CARICOM national and regional economic conferences

The secretariat, through correspondence, has urged member countries to make inputs into their national consultations. The guidelines for the conference relating to the section on science and technology policies were forwarded to member countries.

Project on the history of science and technology in the Caribbean

At the eleventh Executive Committee Meeting in April 1990, the Committee decided that a document on the history of science and technology must be produced. This document will highlight the achievements of all member countries in science and technology. The methodology for the project was received from Cuba and forwarded to the other four core members of the network for the project. Feedback has so far been received from one member.

Science and technology extension service

The secretariat prepared a draft proposal for such a service with the objectives of facilitating small business development programmes in the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) in keeping with the objectives of OECS governments' Country Action Plans (CAPs); as well as establishing collaboration with the Industrial Development Corporations (IDCs) and Produce Chemists Laboratories (PCLs) of those countries. The proposal has been submitted for comments to a number of agencies.

The Council continues to work closely with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat and the UNESCO Subregional Advisor in Science and Technology on matters pertaining to science and technology in the region.

