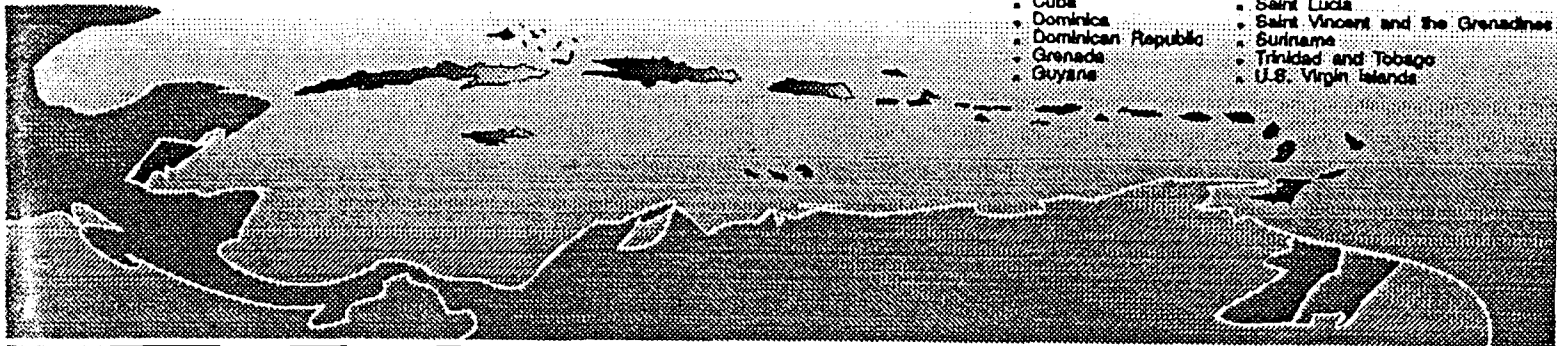




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The nineteenth Executive Committee Meeting of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST) was held on 17 December 1996 in St. George's, Grenada.

Members of the Executive Committee present were:

Mr. Navin Chandarpal, Guyana, Chairman
Sr. José Ramiro Mas Camacho, Cuba
Dr. Dorothy Byfield, Jamaica
Mrs. Maureen Manchouck, Trinidad and Tobago
Dr. Henry Smith, United States Virgin Islands

Absent was Mr. Bishnaurine Tulsie, Saint Lucia.

Staff of the CCST secretariat: Mr. Donatus St. Aimée, Secretary, and Ms. Ramona Harbajan, Research Assistant.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

Agenda item 1: Opening of Meeting

The Secretary of the Council opened the meeting and welcomed the other members of the Executive Committee. He noted that given the constraints for time he would dispense with any opening statement. He then presented the draft agenda for consideration, which was approved.

Agenda item 2: Consideration of issues from Thirteenth Plenary Session

The members of the Executive Committee suggested that given the mandate of the Prime Minister of Grenada in CARICOM, arrangements should be made to have Grenada as a member on the Executive Committee. Also, having recognized the role Guyana plays in greater hemispheric activity, the Executive Committee recommended that this be used as an opportunity for the region to interact on science and technology with the larger hemisphere.

The members of the Executive Committee requested that Jamaica which represented the

Caribbean at the World Solar Summit inform them on the outcomes of the meeting.

The Secretary of the Council pointed out that six Solar Energy Projects were presented at the Preliminary Meeting of the World Solar Summit in Costa Rica and were submitted to Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) for consideration. He suggested that the representative of Jamaica look into the matter and provide the secretariat with any relevant information.

The Secretary of the Council urged the members of the Executive Committee to take advantage of every opportunity to gain political support for the promotion for science and technology in their countries and the region.

The Chairman of the Council pointed out that five member countries of OLADE were reconsidering their membership, he also indicated that being part of OLADE had not provided the benefits that were anticipated.

Agenda item 3: Issues recommended for discussion at Fourteenth Plenary Session

The meeting suggested that an approach to energy matters be discussed as part of the 1997 work programme bearing in mind the fact that the CCST and OLADE have signed an agreement.

The Executive Committee decided that the CCST be recognized as the implementing agency for energy and energy-related projects in the Caribbean.

The Secretary highlighted the importance of the structure of the Council. He went on to state that the structure and functions of the CCST secretariat needs to be looked at critically in order to allow greater efficiency of resources.

The Executive Committee accepted the agenda presented for discussion at the Fourteenth Plenary Session.