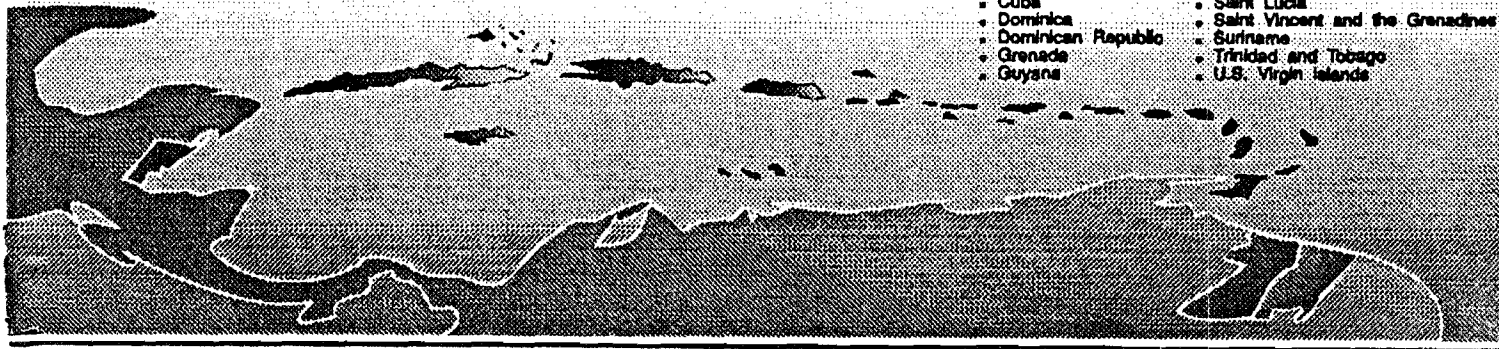


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Introduction

The Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) will continue to analyse and make recommendations on issues of special relevance to the economic and social development of the member countries of the CDCC, and, as appropriate, provide technical assistance and advisory services geared to their specific needs, within the limits of staff and financial resources of the Office. The work programme for the 1998-1999 biennium takes into account the needs and priorities of the member countries as articulated by their representatives at sessions of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) and meetings on substantive work areas which have taken place over the past few years.

The work programme reflects the pressing development concerns of our time, one of which is the Caribbean countries' **Linkages with the Global Economy**, and with other countries of the hemisphere, taking particular account of recent global and hemispheric economic developments, including the formation of economic blocs, such as the North American Free Trade Area (NAFTA) and the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA), developments relating to the Caribbean's relationship with Europe, and the recent establishment of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS). Caribbean countries are highly sensitive to international economic developments because of the openness of their economies. The evolving changes in the global economy including increasing trade liberalisation under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade/World Trade Organization (GATT/WTO) will have implications for production and trade, and economic and social development in the Caribbean. Analysis of these developments will contribute to a better understanding of their implications for the Caribbean and assist the countries to position themselves to benefit as much as possible from them. These issues, including the related issue of the competitiveness of Caribbean economies, will be addressed in the 1998-1999 biennium, with a view to assisting policy makers to identify and assess the policy options which may be open to them. A newsletter on international economic developments will continue to be produced, especially for the benefit of the smaller member countries of the CDCC.

Under the second thematic area, **Integration and Regionalism**, the secretariat will examine ways in which the commitment of Caribbean countries to regionalism can be compatible with the new demands being placed on its policy makers to integrate into wider hemispheric and global economic cooperation imperatives. It is proposed, in this respect, to examine both the economic cooperation arrangements of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). The 1998-1999 work programme includes activities relating to the promotion of cooperation both among the member countries of the CDCC and between them and the countries of Latin America; and takes into account the need to broaden these activities to include the members of the ACS. The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat will continue to work with ECLAC's offices in Santiago

and Mexico City and with other Caribbean organizations in the public and private sectors in pursuing cooperation with the countries of Latin America. Consistent with the high priority accorded by member countries to a programme for the reduction of language barriers to such cooperation, it is proposed to continue work in this area; it is also proposed to convene the biennial meeting of national focal points of the CDCC with a view to promoting awareness of the functions and purposes of the CDCC and discussing issues of development cooperation.

The third thematic area, **Productive and Technological Development**, includes the CDCC's involvement in science and technology, through the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), and the secretariat's activities in industry. During the 1998-1999 biennium, through its continued substantial support to the CCST, the secretariat will contribute to the development of a science and technology capability in the subregion, and the promotion of greater awareness of the potential contribution of technology to the sustainable development of the countries. In this connection, attention will also be given to issues of renewable energy in the context of Caribbean development. ECLAC/CCST will seek to explore technology dimensions of economic and social development in the Caribbean, will produce papers on the manufacturing and tourism sectors.

Under the fourth thematic area, **Macroeconomic Equilibria, Investment and Financing**, the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat will continue its annual summaries of the economic performance of the countries of the subregion, by way of providing a wide subregional perspective on such performance. It is proposed to organize and provide substantive servicing to a biennial expert group meeting to deal with issues of national economic management and planning in the context of global and regional economic developments. In line with the objective of promoting comprehensive case studies of export-driven development, with a view to informing development policy in the subregion, it is proposed to carry out a study of macroeconomic and sectoral policies in Singapore and Mauritius -- two small islands, at different stages of development, with export driven models of development.

The secretariat's work in Statistics and Statistical Development runs through all of the six thematic areas of the ECLAC/CDCC work programme, and constitutes an important support service to all of its activities. In addition, it is proposed to continue publication of, "Selected Statistical Indicators of Caribbean Countries" and "Social Indicators of Development in the Caribbean". It is also proposed to conduct studies of methodologies used in Caribbean countries for compiling national accounts, and on the effective use of information technology and information systems. The secretariat's Documentation Centre will, similarly, continue to provide a support service to its substantive work, and to assist in enhancing the capabilities of member countries to develop and maintain computerized documentation systems.

The secretariat's activities in population and development, women and development and social development, constitute the elements of the fifth thematic area, **Human and Social Development**. These issues continue to assume a large degree of importance, especially in the context of continuing measures of economic adjustment, and will be given serious attention in the 1998-1999 work programme, which will take particular account of the need to ensure follow-up to the programmes of action agreed at recent global conferences on each of the three subject areas. It is proposed to

convene expert group meetings in each of these areas and to prepare documents on selected topics of priority concern to the Caribbean. Additional documents will be prepared with a view to facilitating the implementation of actions agreed at the global conferences.

The sixth and final thematic area, **Environmental Sustainability**, includes the secretariat's activities in environment and development and the issues related to the sustainable development of small island developing States. In addition to the updating of the environmental database, the work programme provides for studies on implementation of the SIDS programme of action, on transboundary issues of environment and development in the Caribbean, and on issues of sustainable development of particular importance to Caribbean island developing States. Other aspects of the sustainable economic and social development of the small island States of the Caribbean will be dealt with under the other thematic areas of the work programme.

The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat will continue to service the Caribbean Information System, in terms both of its own work programme and of the needs of the member countries; and consistent with mandates from the member governments, every effort will be made to work in close collaboration with other ECLAC Offices, other United Nations organizations, and with Caribbean regional governmental and non-governmental organizations.

**Sub-programme 1: Linkages with the global economy and competitiveness****Activities****a) Servicing of inter-governmental meetings**

Meeting of experts to consider the implications for Caribbean economic integration, of hemispheric and world economic developments; (Fourth quarter, 1998);

**b) Documents and publications****1) Recurrent publications**

Paper on global economic developments; (Second quarter, 1998);

**2) Non-recurrent publications**

i) Study on global and hemispheric economic developments and their implications for economic policy in the Caribbean; (Third quarter, 1998);

ii) Study on considerations relating to further development of the services sector in the Caribbean; (Fourth quarter, 1998);

iii) Paper on the progress of international trade negotiations for the further liberalization of world trade and implications for the Caribbean; (First quarter, 1999);

iv) Paper on globalisation of financial markets and the implications for the Caribbean; (First quarter, 1999);

v) Study on competitiveness of selected Caribbean economies in the context of global and hemispheric developments; (Fourth quarter, 1998);

vi) Evaluation of CARICOM's trade, investment and payments policies in the context of global and hemispheric economic development; (Fourth quarter, 1999);

vii) Study on developments in hemispheric economic cooperation and their significance for Caribbean economies; (Third quarter, 1999);

viii) Publication on trade statistics in the Caribbean, to include analysis of trade between the Caribbean and Latin America, with a view to identifying traditional and emerging markets; (Second quarter, 1998);

c) Information materials and services

Production of newsletter, External Sector Briefing Notes; (eight issues);

d) Inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Preparation of documentation will require collaboration with, and, in particular, the provision of data and information from, regional organizations such as the OECS, CARICOM, SELA, and SIECA secretariats, regional central banks and member governments of the ACS;

e) Users and anticipated uses of the output

Reports on global economic developments are prepared, initially, for annual meetings of Foreign Ministers of the Caribbean Community. These documents will also be circulated to all CDCC member governments, (departments of foreign affairs and economic and social planning), regional central banks, the Caribbean Development Bank, regional universities, and United Nations offices in the Caribbean. The trade statistics publication will be of direct use, and will be circulated to, regional organizations including the OECS, CARICOM, ACS secretariats, and private sector organizations. The outputs will provide useful up-to-date information on and analysis, and will contribute to policy formulation in the Caribbean on economic issues and linkages with the global economy.

**Sub-programme 2:                   Integration and regional cooperation**

Activities

a) Servicing of inter-governmental meetings

i) One session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), and one meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC; ((1998);

ii) Intergovernmental meeting to analyse issues of development cooperation of interest to the member countries of the CDCC; (Fourth quarter, 1998);

b) Documents and publications

1) Recurrent publications

i) Updated study on trade among the member countries of the CDCC and between the CDCC countries and other countries of the hemisphere; (Third quarter, 1998);

2) Non-recurrent publications

- i) Study on economic cooperation between the Caribbean and other member countries of the ACS; (First quarter, 1999);
- ii) Study of Caribbean economic integration within the context of hemispheric and world trade development; (Fourth quarter, 1998);
- iii) Reports of CDCC meetings (1998-1999, to be determined);
- iv) Report on the implementation of the work programme of the CDCC for the 1998-1999 biennium.

3) Technical materials

Updated database of statistics on trade among the member countries of the ACS and between the ACS and the rest of the world; (First quarter, 1999);

c) Information materials and services

Publication of newsletter, Focus, on activities of the CDCC; (eight issues);

d) Inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Collaboration is anticipated with regional governmental and non-governmental organizations in the Caribbean, and Central and South America, and with member governments of the ACS;

e) Users and anticipated uses of the output

Outputs will be directly useful to the ACS, CARICOM and OECS secretariats for purposes of their work in forging closer economic and functional cooperation among the members of the ACS and between the countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. Inputs will be expected from these said organizations. Outputs will also be directly useful to member governments of the ACS for purposes of strategy formulation in regard to their participation in regional and hemispheric groupings. Users will be reached through publications, meetings and consultations.



**Sub-programme 3: Productive and technological development**

**Activities**

**a) Servicing of intergovernmental meetings**

i) Two plenary sessions and four executive committee meetings of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST); (1998-1999);

ii) Meeting of experts to discuss aspects of technology and its relation to economic and social development in the Caribbean; (Second quarter, 1999);

**b) Documents and publications**

**1) Non-recurrent publications**

i) Paper on the operations and management of Science and Technology units and institutions within CCST member countries; (Second quarter, 1998);

ii) Study on evaluation of efficiency of renewable energy projects undertaken in the Caribbean; (Third quarter, 1999);

iii) Study on promotion and adoption of new technologies within the context of sustainable development; (First quarter, 1999);

iv) Paper on evaluation of Science and Technology networks operating in the sub-region and their effectiveness; (Fourth quarter, 1998);

v) Study on technology dimensions of economic development and diversification; (Third quarter, 1998);

vi) Paper evaluating possibilities for further development of industrial sectors in selected Caribbean countries; (Second quarter, 1998);

vii) Study on the contribution of the tourism sector to economic development in selected Caribbean countries; (Third quarter, 1999);

viii) Paper on recent trends and developments in the manufacturing sector of selected Caribbean countries; (Fourth quarter, 1998);

**c) Information materials and services**

Publication of the quarterly CCST Newsletter, (eight issues);

d) Operational activities

Provision of advisory services to governmental and non-governmental organizations, on request.

e) Inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Regular consultations will be held with sector specialists in a number of Caribbean and international organizations. Collaboration at the subregional level will be maintained with CARICOM, OECS and the CDB Technology and Energy Unit. At the international level, working relationships will continue with UNESCO, UNDP, UNCSTD and other United Nations and non-United Nations bodies, as appropriate. At the national level there will be close operational relationships with institutions engaged in science and technology activities.

f) Users and anticipated uses of the outputs

Users will be science and technology, industry ministries, development corporations, and development planning departments of member countries; the private sector; universities and subregional and international bodies engaged in science and technology activities and industry and development. Users will be reached through dissemination of the CCST Newsletter, documents, consultative missions, and participation in regional and subregional meetings. It is anticipated that the outputs will serve to foster science and technology development in the countries of the subregion and will contribute to a better understanding of linkages between technology and development.

**Sub-programme 4:                    Macroeconomic equilibria, investment and financing**

Activities

a) Servicing of intergovernmental meetings

One meeting of experts to demonstrate and introduce to Caribbean countries a non-traditional analysis of trade statistics, which throws light on gain or loss of market share, competitiveness and emergence of new markets; (Third quarter, 1998);

b) Documents and publications

1) Recurrent publications

i) Two issues of "Selected Statistical Indicators of Caribbean Countries"; (Third quarter, 1998 and third quarter, 1999);

ii) Evolution of Economic Performance of CDCC countries for 1997; (Third quarter, 1998);

- iii) Caribbean economic performance - Synopsis for 1998; (Fourth quarter, 1998);
- iv) Evolution of Economic Performance of CDCC countries for 1998; (Third quarter, 1999);
- v) Caribbean economic performance - Synopsis for 1999; (Fourth quarter, 1999);

2) Non-recurrent publications

i) An evaluation of macroeconomic policies in two small island countries, Mauritius and Singapore -- Lessons for the Caribbean; (Third quarter, 1998);

ii) A study on the contribution of foreign investment to economic development in the Caribbean; (Second quarter, 1998);

iii) Paper on an evaluation of approaches and methodologies used in making economic projections in the Caribbean; (Fourth quarter, 1998);

iv) Study on issues of economic development and diversification in monocrop economies of the Caribbean; (Third quarter, 1998);

v) Study evaluating methodologies used in Caribbean countries for compiling national accounts; (Fourth quarter, 1999);

vi) Study on the effective use of information technology and information systems in the Caribbean; (Fourth quarter, 1998);

c) Operational activities

Advisory services and other services, on request, to governments, and regional institutions, on economic planning and policy formulation; and in database construction and organization of statistical departments;

d) Inter-agency cooperation and liaison

The annual document is prepared, in the first instance, as an input into the ECLAC publication entitled "Overview of Economic developments in Latin America and the Caribbean". It is also used by the CARICOM Secretariat as an input into its annual Heads of Government meeting, held in early July of each year. The half-yearly publication provides a summary of developments in the Caribbean as an input into the end of year statement by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC. Both documents are also published by the CDCC as they will be of interest to all CDCC countries, mainly to ministries of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Finance and to Central Banks and Departments of Planning.

e) Users and anticipated uses of the output

These documents will provide the target audience with timely and comprehensive information on the economic performance of CDCC countries. They will seek to link policy with performance and draw lessons as to what might or might not be appropriate in the current circumstances. They also provide information to the secretariat on economic developments in the member countries, with a view to assisting it to provide advisory services.

**Sub-programme 5: Human and Social development**

Activities

a) Servicing of intergovernmental meetings

i) Meeting of experts on implementation of the Plan of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development; (Fourth quarter, 1998);

ii) Meeting of experts on implementation of the Programme of Action of the World Summit on Social Development; (Third quarter, 1998);

iii) Meeting of experts on implementation of the Platform for Action of the World Conference on Women; (Third quarter, 1998);

iv) Meeting of experts on issues of poverty and income distribution in the Caribbean; (Third quarter, 1999);

b) Documents and publications

1) Recurrent publications

i) Publication of updated socio-demographic database; (First quarter, 1999);

ii) Summary of social development indicators in the Caribbean; (First quarter, 1998);

2) Non-recurrent publications

i) A study of recent trends in population growth in member countries of the CDCC; (Third quarter, 1998);

ii) A study on appraisal of the efforts of Caribbean governments to include population considerations in development planning; (First quarter, 1999);

iii) A document examining mechanisms and modalities for the implementation of aspects of the ICPD Programme of Action; (Third quarter, 1998);

iv) A document on aspects of gender planning and equality in the Caribbean; (Second quarter, 1998);

v) A document on aspects of the implementation of the Platform for Action of the World Conference on Women, taking into account the Regional Programme of Action for Women of Latin America and the Caribbean; (Second quarter, 1998);

vi) Document on expansion of employment opportunities for women; (First quarter, 1999);

vii) Document on implementation of the Copenhagen Plan of Action on social development issues; (Second quarter, 1998);

viii) Two documents on aspects of social integration in the Caribbean; (Second quarter, 1998 and Second quarter, 1999);

ix) Paper on issues of poverty and income distribution in the Caribbean; (Second quarter, 1999);

3) Technical materials

i) Updated and expanded socio-demographic database; (Third quarter, 1999);

ii) Updated and expanded data systems on vital statistics (Fourth quarter, 1999);

iii) Updated computerized bibliographic database on women in development in the Caribbean; (First quarter, 1999);

iv) Updated database on indicators of social development; (First quarter, 1999);

c) Information materials and services

Publication of quarterly Population and Development Newsletter; (eight issues);

d) Operational activities

i) Provision of training and advisory services, upon request, to member countries of CDCC in the fields of population policy implementation and evaluation, integration of population information into development planning, demographic analysis techniques and evaluation and analysis of census data and vital statistics (1998 - 1999);

ii) Provision of advisory services, upon request, to governmental and non-governmental organizations in aspects the integration of women in development and in the promotion of social development issues;

iii) Provision of advisory services, upon request, to governmental and non-governmental organizations in implementation of follow-up activities to the International Conference on Population and Development; the Social Development Summit and the International Conference on Women;

e) Inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Collaboration is envisaged with the various regional and international organizations with interest in population and development, women and development and issues of social development. These include non-governmental organizations, inter-governmental organizations of the Caribbean as well as United Nations agencies operating in the Caribbean; and in particular the CARICOM and OECS secretariats, UNFPA, UNIFEM, UNICEF, the UNDP and the ILO.

f) Users and anticipated uses of the outputs

Users will be the member governments' development planning, population, women's and social development departments. The outputs will also be of direct interest to all of the subregional and international organizations, including non-governmental, with an interest in better understanding human and social development dynamics in the Caribbean and in planning and policy formulation in these areas. Users will be reached through documents, technical assistance and consultations. The outputs will contribute to a better understanding of the human and social development issues in the Caribbean and are expected to contribute to policy formulation in the areas indicated.

**Sub-programme 6: Environmental sustainability**

Activities

a) Servicing of intergovernmental meetings

One experts meeting on issues of sustainable development affecting the countries of the Caribbean; (Second quarter, 1999);

b) Documents and publications

1) Non-recurrent publications

a) Study analyzing development issues of sustainable development of particular importance to island developing States in the context of the SIDS Programme of Action; (Second quarter, 1998);

b) Study on transboundary issues of environment and development; (Third quarter, 1998);

c) Study on implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; (Second quarter, 1999);

2) Technical materials

Updated and expanded environmental database; (Fourth quarter, 1998);

c) Operational activities

The provision of technical advisory services, upon request, to CDCC member countries in aspects of environment and development, and in the implementation of follow-up activities related to the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

d) Inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Activities will be carried out with cooperation from other units of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, from UNEP, UNDP and other United Nations agencies, and from regional organizations of the Caribbean, such as the CARICOM and OECS secretariats. Collaboration may include joint execution of projects and programmes.

e) Users and anticipated uses of the output

Users will include national development departments, subregional development institutions, international agencies and non-governmental organizations with an interest in sustainable development. Users will be reached through meetings, consultations and dissemination of documents and other information. The outputs will contribute to the availability of statistical information and to a better appreciation of environmental aspects of sustainable development.

