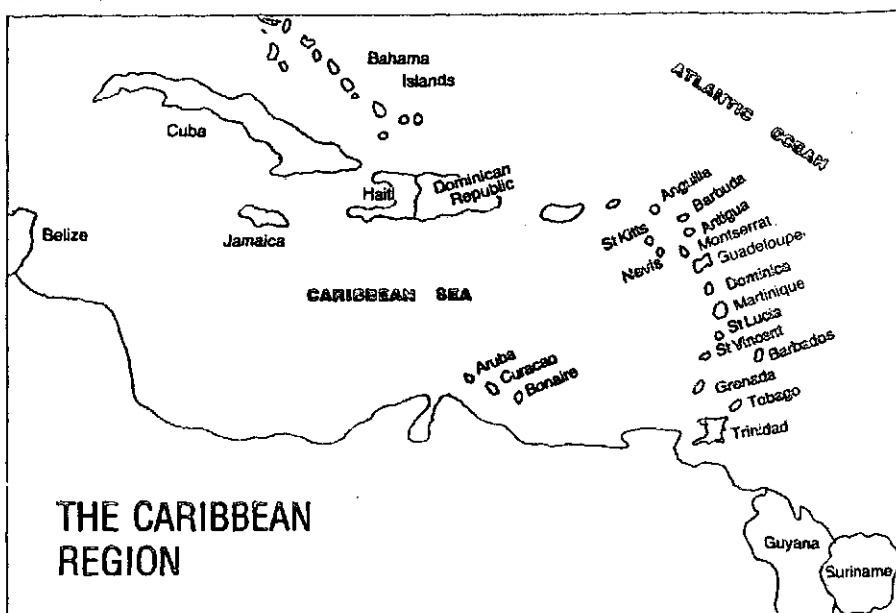


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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA



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Opening Session

Conference will be declared open during a formal inaugural ceremony which will include an Opening Address by the Minister responsible for Science and Technology.

Item 1: Approval of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda proposed by the Secretariat in Document CDCC/CCST/82/6 subject to the changes which may be introduced by the delegates will be discussed and adopted.

ITEM 2: Chairman's Report 1981 - 82

The CCST held its Inaugural Meeting in Barbados from 29 June to 2 July 1981 at which Officers were elected and a full programme of activity was identified. The Chairman's Report will highlight progress in all the priority areas during the past year.

ITEM 3:

(i) Report of First Plenary Meeting

The report of the First Plenary Meeting is contained in Document E/CEPAL/CDCC/83 which will be discussed.

(ii) Report of the First Executive Committee Meeting

The report of the First Executive Committee Meeting is contained in Document CDCC/CCST/81/10 which will be discussed.

(iii) Report of the Second Executive Committee Meeting

The report of the Second Executive Committee Meeting is contained in Document CDCC/CCST/82/4 which will be discussed.

Item 4: Annual Report and Balance Sheet

Article 17 of CCST statutes provides that the Council draw up an Annual Report and Article 27 requires the preparation of an Annual Balance Sheet which should be properly audited.

Council will be asked to approve the Annual Report and Balance Sheet before transmission to the CDCC and to CDCC Member States as required by Article 20.

Item 5: Review of Work Programme 1981 - 82

At the First Plenary Meeting of Council, a Programme of S+T activity was identified. This was subsequently redesigned and priorities were assigned to certain activities. Under this item the progress achieved in the following areas will be discussed:

Projects: Specialised Committees and working groups :

- (i) Assessment of National Science and Technology capabilities.
- (ii) Establishment of a Science and Technology Journal for CCST.
- (iii) Development of Agro-Industries and Employment Opportunities particularly at Rural levels.
- (iv) Preparation and exchange of audio-visual material for education in Science and Technology.
- (v) Conservation and Exchange of Germplasm of Crop Plants.
- (vi) Study of the consequences of the development of energy crops on food supplies in the Region.

Item 6:

(i) Report of Agency Meeting

Several Agencies which traditionally support S+T initiatives within the Caribbean are scheduled to meet immediately prior to the Second Plenary. The report and any recommendations emanating from the Agency Meeting will be discussed under this item.

(ii) Sensitising decision makers on the value of Science and Technology economic development

At the workshop on the Assessment of National Science and Technology capabilities, it was suggested that a major constraint in effective collection and utilisation of S+T data was that many decision makers at national level did not readily appreciate the importance of S+T in economic development. CCST was asked to prepare a short working paper which will be discussed under this item, and is presented here as CDCC/CCST/82/5.

Item 7: Future Role of CCST

As the Council moves through the embryonic stages of its development it is very important that its operational mechanisms be reviewed periodically to ensure that they are effectively coordinated to take advantage of new opportunities being presented in S+T whilst maintaining the objectives of Council as set out in Article 3 of its statutes.

Under this item members of Council will be asked to adumbrate and endorse constructive suggestions for enhancing cooperation and mutual assistance in Science and Technology.

Item 8: CCST Programme 1983 - 85

Under this item the CCST Programme for the next biennium will be discussed and subsequent to its acceptance will be transmitted to CDCC and to CDCC Member States as required by Article 20 of the statutes.

Item 9: CCST Budget 1983 - 1985

Under this item the CCST Budget for the next biennium will be discussed and subsequent to its acceptance will be transmitted to CDCC and to CDCC Member States as required by Article 20 of the statutes.

Item 10: Membership of the Netherlands Antilles

The Netherlands Antilles was admitted as an associate member of CEPAL on 14th May 1981 and an associate member of CDCC on 4th February 1982. The Government of the Netherlands Antilles now requests membership of CCST and the request will be discussed under this item. Background information is contained in document

Item 11: Election of Officers to Council for 1982 - 83

Articles 9 and 10 of the CCST statutes stipulate that, subject to the principle of equitable geographic distribution,

- (i) the Officers of Council shall be
 - The Chairman: elected annually at the end of the Plenary Session
 - The Vice Chairman: elected annually at the end of the Plenary Session
 - The Honorary Treasurer: elected for a period of three years

AND

- (ii) the Executive Committee of Council shall comprise the three (3) officials identified above and one (1) other Council member elected annually at the end of the Plenary Session. The Treasurer has only completed one year of the three year period and under this item Council will be asked to elect
 - (a) A Chairman for 1982 - 83
 - (b) A Vice Chairman for 1982 - 83
 - (c) One other Council Member to complete the Executive Committee

Item 12:

- (i) Executive Committee Meetings - Dates, Venues, Agenda

Under Article 11 of the Council's statutes the Executive Committee is empowered to meet at least twice between Regular Plenary Sessions to review the Council's activities and to consider the draft Annual Report, the Agenda and the working documents of the next Regular (Third) Plenary Session. Council is asked to identify and approve dates, venue and Agenda for these meetings.

Item 12 : cont'd ...

(ii) Third Plenary Meeting - Date, Venue, Agenda

Article 19 of the statutes requires the Council to meet annually in Regular Plenary Session in a different member country, and under this Item Council is asked to consider and approve the date, venue and Agenda for the Third Plenary Meeting.

Item 13: Any Other Business

Under this item Members of Council may wish to suggest other items or topics for consideration.

Item 14: Consideration of Draft Report and Recommendations

A record of the discussions and decisions taken during the Meeting will be maintained by the Secretariat and will be used as the basis of the Draft Report (with relevant recommendations and financial implications if any) which will be tabled under this item.

Item 15: Remarks from Agency Representatives

Representatives from Agencies present at the Meeting will be given an opportunity to make "statements of intent" on behalf of their Agencies.

Item 16: Chairman's Remarks

The new Chairman will be given an opportunity to set broad guidelines for Council's activities during the ensuing year.

Item 17: Vote of Thanks

One of the delegates will be asked to move a Vote of Thanks to the Host Government, the Minister responsible for S+T and other Officials who assisted in providing infrastructural support for the Meeting.

