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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME  
OF THE  
CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE (CDCC):

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- III. SPECIFIC AUTHORITY, ENDORSEMENT, SUPPORT AND OTHER ACTION REQUESTED FROM CDCC IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECRETARIAT'S WORK PROGRAMME



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(c) The Secretariat is seeking to define a broad-based Programme for promoting horizontal co-operation between CDECC countries in the research and development of agricultural technology, genetic materials and transfer of technology.

#### Activities not Accomplished, Postponed or Discontinued

55. The meetings of producers, exporters and specialists concerned with tropical fruits was not held. This activity is being replaced by proposed activity (b) (ii) below.

#### Activities Proposed for the Next Period

56. The following activities are foreseen:

(a) Analyses of the performance of the agricultural sector in CDECC countries within the framework of production, levels of self-sufficiency, linkages with other sectors of the economy, the contribution of the agricultural sector, overall economic and social development and indications for further development and trends in the sector.

(b) In-house research will be carried out to collect existing information and prepare projects in order to seek resources for consultants to carry out necessary field work relating to:

(i) Existing land use patterns, the implications for agricultural planning and development and possible strategies and mechanisms for alternate systems; and

(ii) The existing tropical fruit tree crops in CDECC countries, the scope for horizontal co-operation to increase production, reduction of post production losses, promotion of linkages between agro-processing and primary production and development of joint marketing strategies.

(c) It is anticipated that it will be necessary to convene two expert group meetings to assist member countries in identifying action programmes for their own development purposes and areas in which the Secretariat can assist in follow-up activities.

(d) Assistance with follow-up activities arising from the Workshop on Agricultural Research Policy and Management.

(e) Continuation of the activities related to the agro-industry project referred to above.

57. A proposal has been submitted for consideration by FAO relative to the establishment of a Joint ECLAC/FAO Agricultural Unit at the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

## D. Social Sector

### Activities Accomplished

#### (a) Social Structural Changes in Dominica

58. The Government of Dominica and the Secretariat jointly convened a workshop to assess the Monograph on Social Structural Changes in Dominica prepared by the Secretariat (see Document AHG/SEM/SSC/84/1). This was a national workshop with participants from Dominica, members of the Caribbean academic community with interest and expertise in this field, and the CARICOM Secretariat. The Report of the Meetings has been distributed for information (see Document LC/CAR/G.140).

59. The Workshop considered the document a valuable contribution to this field and made several recommendations for its revision. Inter alia, it was suggested that the Secretariat prepare for circulation an abridged and popularized version of the final document.

#### (b) Creole Discourse and Social Development

60. The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada approved in March 1985, the first phase of this project. Implementation will start in the near future and it is expected that within a year this phase will be concluded.

61. The preparatory phase envisages a survey of government policy objectives, with special reference to the role of French lexicon based Creole in the delivery of services (health, agricultural development, training, dissemination of scientific and technological knowledge...), a survey of institutions dealing with Creole languages and public agencies currently using these languages. The end product will be the design of a TCDC programme for the development of relevant regional resources, to meet the priority objectives of participating member governments.

#### (c) Other Activities

62. The Secretariat reviewed the proposed Measures for Structural Adjustment in member countries of CARICOM and formulated various project proposals aimed at carrying out the in-depth studies necessary to adequately identify the social implications of the "Measures" and to formulate alternative policy orientations for the consideration of CARICOM member states. A working paper has been prepared and is being discussed with subregional organizations.

## Activities Proposed for the Next Period

63. These include:

(a) Implementation of the recommendations of the Workshop on Social Structural Changes in Dominica.

(b) Execution of the project 'Creole Discourse and Social Development'.

(c) Collaboration with other interested United Nations agencies in assisting CARICOM member states at their request, in formulating social policy orientations for their exercise in structural adjustment.

## F. Education and Culture

(a) The Caribbean Enterprise for the Production and Distribution of Printed and Audio-visual Materials

64. An inter-governmental meeting was planned for late 1984 at which it was hoped that representatives of member governments would take decisions on the constitution of the Enterprise. The UNESCO Office for the Caribbean advised the Secretariat that, based on discussions with several Caribbean Governments:

(i) It was unlikely that favourable consideration would be given to the Feasibility Study and Draft Statutes of the Caribbean Enterprise for the Production and Distribution of Printed and Audio-visual Materials; and

(ii) The study was premature particularly in the light of several national initiatives.

UNESCO recommended that the meeting be postponed to 1985.

The Secretariat is awaiting further notice from UNESCO in this respect.

(b) Network of Centres for Cultural Retrieval and Animation

65. As part of its efforts for the advancement of this activity, the Secretariat has held discussions with the OAS, which has been working with the various national cultural centres in the Caribbean. Joint programmes oriented towards the establishment of a network for exchange of information between these centres has been proposed. Further discussions will be necessary before details of any such programme can be fully articulated.

## H. Transport and Communications

66. During the period under review, the work programme in Transport and Communications has proceeded in accordance with the programme approved at the eighth session of CDCC.

### Activities Accomplished

#### (a) Implementation of the Recommendations of the Caribbean Airports Maintenance and Operations Study (CAMOS)

67. Work continued with UNDP and ICAO in formulating a coordinating mechanism between donors. Negotiations between the Government of Canada and ICAO/UNDP/ECLAC failed to reach agreement on the establishment of a Rescue and Fire-fighting Training Facility in Barbados after the Barbados Government had agreed to provide facilities. The Canadian Government proposes to carry out such training activities in Canada. Consequently, once the Canadian Programme is completed there will be no Caribbean regional facility and no regional trainers available to provide re-trainings.

68. Preliminary discussions have been held with the EEC to seek funding for those countries and those disciplines not covered by the Canadian Programme. ICAO has prepared a proposal for such a project costing about US\$22 million to be submitted to the EEC jointly by CARICOM and the Netherlands Antilles.

#### (b) Caribbean Postal Union (CPU)

69. Following Jamaica's decision, announced at the eighth session of CDCC, to withdraw an offer of host country facilities, no other country has offered to host the Union. As the continued delay is inhibiting efforts to provide urgently needed technical assistance to postal administrations, the Secretariat has suggested that a procedure similar to that adopted in establishing the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology be followed. That is with the ECLAC/CDCC Secretariat providing support for the CPU to be located at the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean in the first instance. An aide-mémoire giving details of this proposal was circulated in March and a response is awaited from CDCC Governments at the Ninth Session.

#### (c) Caribbean Satellite System

70. Based on expressions of interest in a study of a Caribbean Satellite Communications System by CDCC Governments, a project proposal was prepared with ITU and submitted to the Italian Government for funding. A response is awaited.

#### (d) Regional Maritime Adviser

71. Arrangements have been made with the Trinidad and Tobago Government and IMO for a Regional Maritime Adviser to be appointed for a period of one year in the first instance and located at the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean.

**(e) TRAINMAR Programme (UNCTAD)**

72. A proposal has been made to UNCTAD to make the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean a focal point for training in Maritime Transport for the English-speaking Caribbean under the TRAINMAR programme. As a focal point the ECLAC/CDDC Secretariat will possess the capability of responding to requests for trainings in Port Operations and Management, Maritime Legislation, Ship Management and Multimodal Transport under this programme.

**(f) Other Activities**

73. Work has continued with co-operation from ECLAC Santiago on the problem of the Small Vessel Fleet with the aim of obtaining technical assistance from Maritime International Co-operation Centre (MICC) Japan. Close collaboration has been maintained with regional institutions on matters of mutual concern in transport and communications.

**Activities not Accomplished, Postponed or Discontinued**

74. These include the following:

**(a) Caribbean Intra-regional Maritime Transport Model**

No further progress has been made. Word is awaited from the University of ULM and UWI regarding funding.

**(b) Floating Factories**

This was a proposal for using surplus shipping as a processing plant. No funding has been identified for this proposal.

**Activities Proposed for the Next Period**

75. (a) Continued work on Transport within the CGCED with particular reference to obtaining funds for the implementation of the CAMOS study.

(b) Continuation of Transport Planners Meetings.

(c) Implementation of the Caribbean Satellite Feasibility Project.

(d) Convening initial meetings of the CPU.

(e) Continued liaison with subregional institutions on transport and communications problems.

**Specific Authority, Endorsement, Support etc., Requested from CDDC**

76. Member states are urged to accede to the IMO Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue due to enter into force in 1985.

77. Member states are asked to consider the proposal made for the establishment of the Caribbean Postal Union and indicate to the Secretariat whether it is acceptable.

## N. Energy and Natural Resources

### Activities Accomplished

#### (a) Energy

78. The Secretariat was represented at the initial consultative group meeting on New and Renewable Sources of Energy held at United Nations Headquarters in June 1984 under the sponsorship of ECLAC Santiago. Participants included representatives from the United Nations system, bilateral and multilateral donor agencies and Caribbean and Latin American regional organizations.

79. Arrangements have been made for holding a seminar/workshop on the 'Basic Elements of Quantitative Energy - Economic Analysis and Planning'. (The Seminar will be hosted by the Caribbean Development Bank in Barbados from 22-26 April 1985, and conducted by ECLAC Santiago, in collaboration with the ECLAC/CDDC Secretariat).

#### (b) Natural Resources

80. The Secretariat is co-ordinating activities in the Eastern Caribbean for the UNEP/ECLAC project 'Tourism and Environment in the Wider Caribbean'. Four case studies have been commissioned, and will include the preparation of guidelines for the incorporation of the environmental dimension in tourism planning. The case studies will be distributed to CDDC member states. As part of the project, the Secretariat prepared a monograph on Tourism and Environment which has been circulated for comments. After revision this will be distributed to CDDC member states.

81. The Secretariat provided assistance to the International Ocean Institute in connection with a training programme in Management and Conservation of Marine Resources in the Exclusive Economic Zone undertaken in Trinidad and Tobago.

82. The Secretariat is expected to participate in the Fourth Regional Intergovernmental Meeting on Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean (Cancun, Mexico, 18-20 April 1985), convened by the United Nations Environment Programme.

83. There was very little activity by the Secretariat in the fields of water and mineral resources during the year. Instead, efforts were concentrated on assisting in the work of ECLAC Santiago in these areas as it related to the Caribbean subregion.



## Activities Proposed for the Next Period

84. For the period between the ninth and tenth sessions of CDCC, the following activities are proposed:

(a) Work will continue on the Joint UNEP/ECLAC project 'Tourism and Environment in the Wider Caribbean' with the following output scheduled: convening of national workshops as a follow-up to the country case studies; formulating guidelines on environmentally sound tourism development; convening a subregional expert meeting and supporting follow-up activities arising from the above.

(b) Possible implementation of a project 'Environment Management and Development Planning in the Caribbean Island Countries'. This project would focus on the incorporation of the environmental dimension into the planning, decision-making and management process, subject to availability of extra-budgetary funds.

## Specific Authority, Endorsement, Support etc., Requested from CDCC

85. CDCC member states which have not yet done so are urged to accede to the Convention on the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region and the Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Oil Spills in the Wider Caribbean Region.

## Other Activities of the Secretariat

86. In addition to its role as functional Secretariat to the CDCC, the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean implements certain activities which are not explicitly within the CDCC mandated work programme. Major items in this category during the period are mentioned below:

### Economic Survey of Caribbean Countries

87. The Secretariat prepares annual economic surveys for ECLAC member or associate member countries within the responsibility of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean. In addition to the individual country surveys a general economic review covering all these countries is also prepared.

88. Since the eighth session of CDCC, the Secretariat has published and distributed to various departments of member governments, institutions, subregional organizations, universities and other institutions within and outside the Caribbean, United Nations specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies and to other recipients over four hundred copies of 'Economic Activity in Caribbean Countries, 1983' (see Document LC/CAR/G.123). Work has started on the 1984 publication and it is planned to have the final version ready for distribution by October 1985.

89. Previously the annual economic surveys were prepared by the staff of the Secretariat, supplemented by the assistance of consultants since 1983. Beginning this year, the surveys of some countries are being done in collaboration with other Caribbean subregional organizations.

90. In an effort to improve on the quality of inputs to the surveys, technical assistance is being provided to some countries at the request of governments in specific areas in which deficiencies in data, etc., are identified during the course of the survey and where Secretariat expertise and resources are available.

#### **Co-operation in Demographic Analysis**

91. During the intersessional period work proceeded on the activities indicated at the eighth session of CDCC.

#### **Activities Accomplished**

##### **(a) Census Analysis**

92. Work on the preliminary analysis of 1980 census data for 11 countries is nearing completion. The results will be published with the co-operation of the Jamaican Government. This project was a co-operative effort carried out by a team of demographers from CELADE, CARICOM, the Centre for Population Studies (London University), and graduates of the CELADE/ISER 1983 course in demographic analysis who are now working in national statistical offices. The project was funded by UNFPA, with country contributions channelled through CARICOM and the British ODA.

##### **(b) Migration Measurement**

93. The final draft of the 'Manual for Indirect Measurement of Migration' was prepared, based largely on results of the 1981 Barbados Experimental Migration Survey, but incorporating theoretical aspects developed by demographers in CELADE and the United States National Academy of Sciences. This activity was funded jointly by IDRC, IUSSP, CELADE and the Barbados Government.

##### **(c) Fertility Research**

94. A study of relationships between fertility patterns in Saint Lucia and Dominica (Mortality, Fertility and Family Planning: Dominica and Saint Lucia) was conducted by a sociologist/demographer assigned for six months (15 January - 15 July 1984), to the Port of Spain Office under the auspices of CELADE and a draft paper prepared.

##### **(d) Technical Assistance**

Assistance was given to the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in assessing the degree of undercoverage in the census and in preparing intercensal and post census population estimates.

(e) **Joint ECLAC/CELADE Unit**

In response to CBCC resolution 16(VIII), on Population and Development, a Joint ECLAC/CELADE Demography Unit has been established at the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean with additional resources provided by UNFPA and CELADE. Details on the formation of this Unit and on its planned programme of activities are contained in an addendum to this document.

**Activities Proposed for the Next Period**

(a) **Population Projections**

97. Collaboration with CARICOM and UWI/ISER on a project involving the preparation of population and household projections for 14 English-speaking Caribbean countries which took part in the 1980 Caribbean Regional Census Programme.

(b) **Small Area Census Tabulations**

98. The Secretariat will also be participating in CELADE's 'REDATAM' project, which provides a microcomputer-based system for producing census tables for small areas, to be available for use by national statistical offices.

(c) **National Demographic Survey**

99. Assistance will be provided to governments in setting up demographic surveys to obtain alternative estimates of fertility, mortality and migration levels in those countries where the vital registration and passenger movement data systems do not provide complete coverage of the population. Financial assistance will be provided by CELADE.

(d) **Trainings**

100. Work will continue under the UNFPA-funded project (see Document RLA/PO1/84) in the provision of in-service training to staff of national statistical offices on upgrading vital registration. A by-product of this project will be the development of a microcomputer-based system for processing vital registration data.

101. Collaboration with CARICOM in conducting a three-week intensive training course on population and development planning.

102. The Secretariat will provide assistance to a number of research fellows in conducting demographic studies required by their countries. Funding for these three-month fellowships will be provided by ECLAC/CELADE.

103. The Secretariat will also assist in long-term post graduate training at Canadian Universities through funding provided by CELADE.

## ECLAC Support to Eastern Caribbean Countries

104. The following activities have been carried out in compliance with CDCC resolution 11(VI) on increased ECLAC support and services to the member countries of OECS:

(a) As part of the on-going OECS Secretariat exercise relating to tariff and customs union, the following tasks were undertaken:

- (i) Preparation of working papers on the conceptual framework of the ECCM Customs Union operations, and ECCM/CARICOM Customs Union interrelationships;
- (ii) Preparatory arrangements for field work on customs union;
- (iii) Collation of legislation on customs union, regulations and relevant statutory orders; and
- (iv) Participation in official technical discussions on OECS customs union proposals.

(b) In the context of OECS international trade policies, ECLAC sponsored a consultancy mission to the subregion to undertake an assessment of the OECS situation in export promotion, to review on-going export promotion projects and formulate recommendations. The report of the consultant pointed to the need for a coherent programme of action based on detailed analysis and recommends *inter alia* that ECLAC assist in identifying and mobilizing international resources for technical co-operation to meet these needs.

(c) At the request of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, technical assistance was provided to a committee convened by the Prime Minister on Public Financing and Debt. Some specific areas of technical assistance provided were drafting terms of reference and work plan for the Committee, preparation of a report on public debt and assisting in drafting the final text of the report.

105. In addition to the above, a number of other activities have been carried out in the OECS countries, notably:

(a) Assistance in establishing a Library at the OECS Economic Secretariat in Antigua and Barbuda and follow-up related to participation in the CIS.

(b) Technical assistance in statistics to the British Virgin Islands and to Saint Lucia.

(c) Implementation of an Asro-industry project.

106. These activities are outlined in the reports on the respective work programme areas. The Secretariat will continue its activities on this Work Programme item during the forthcoming period.

## Caribbean/Latin American Relations

107. In the context of ECLAC resolution 440(XIX) on 'Technical and Economic Co-operation between the Countries of the Caribbean and other Countries of the Region', the Secretariat collaborated with the ECLAC Bogota Office in a preliminary research exercise at the request of the Netherlands Antilles on that country's participation in the regional integration and co-operation systems of Latin America and the Caribbean.

108. It is anticipated that the Secretariat will be engaged in the follow-up work.

### III. SPECIFIC AUTHORITY, ENDORSEMENT, SUPPORT AND OTHER ACTION REQUESTED FROM CDCC IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECRETARIAT'S WORK PROGRAMME

109. The Secretariat wishes to draw to the attention of the Committee the following requests in connection with various elements of the work programme.

#### A. Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

##### Co-operation in Information (paras. 14-27)

110. The Committee is requested to endorse the recommendations of the WIPO/ECLAC/CARICOM Meetings to consider co-operation in the field of Industrial Property and to exhort member governments to ensure co-operation of their appropriate Ministry in identifying the national focal point which would serve as liaison with PIDU and provide the Secretariat with a copy of all patents granted since 1982.

111. The Committee may wish to acknowledge the assistance of WIPO in setting up PIDU and the substantial support provided by IBRC of Canada in the development of various sectors of the CIS and in particular, the provision of funding for a patent information specialist to head the PIDU for two years. The Committee is reminded of the importance of patent documents as a source of technological information.

##### Statistical Data Bank (paras. 28-37).

112. In view of ongoing and proposed activities, member states are asked to support the work of the Data Bank by making available the data requested and by utilizing the facilities of the Data Bank more fully. The time series stored relate to the period 1970-1982.

##### Removal of Language Barriers (paras. 45-46)

113. The Committee may wish to express its gratitude to the UNESCO/CARNEID project and the Government of the Netherlands Antilles for their continued support and urge member governments to participate in this programme to advance the removal of language barriers in the subregion by convening the national workshops at an early date in those countries where workshops have not yet been convened.

##### Co-ordination in Planning (paras. 47-50)

114. The Committee is asked to continue its support for the programme of activities proposed: meetings of planning officials; expert group meetings on Physical and Regional Planning and on Transport Planning.

The Committee may wish to urge member states to ensure support for the ECLAC/ILPES Planning Unit and the programme of activities outlined in Document LC/CAR/G.142/Add.4 and in accordance with existing mandates.

#### **H. Transport and Communications (paras. 66-77)**

115. The Committee is asked for continuation of support for the proposed programme of activities for the transport and communication sector. Member states are requested to accede to the IMO Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue Operations due to enter into force in 1985.

116. In addition, member states are asked to consider the proposal made for the establishment of the CPU and indicate to the Secretariat whether it is acceptable.

#### **L. International Trade and Finance (LC/CAR/G.142/Add.2)**

117. The Committee is requested to urge member states to approve the Draft Trade Procedures Guides in view of their importance to the development of trade.

118. The Committee is requested to endorse the proposed new activities concerning studies on investment opportunities, especially for the OECS member countries, in collaboration with subregional, regional and international organizations.

119. The Committee is asked to endorse the Secretariat's activities in these fields and to authorize its search for financial support for these activities from donor agencies and countries.

#### **N. Energy and Natural Resources (paras. 78-85)**

120. The Committee is asked to urge CDECC member states which have not yet acceded to the Convention on the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment in the Wider Caribbean Region and the Protocol Concerning Co-operation in Combating Oil Spills in the Wider Caribbean Region to do so.