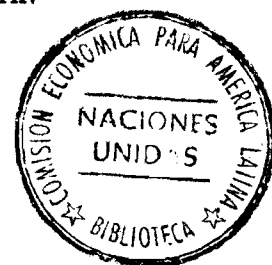


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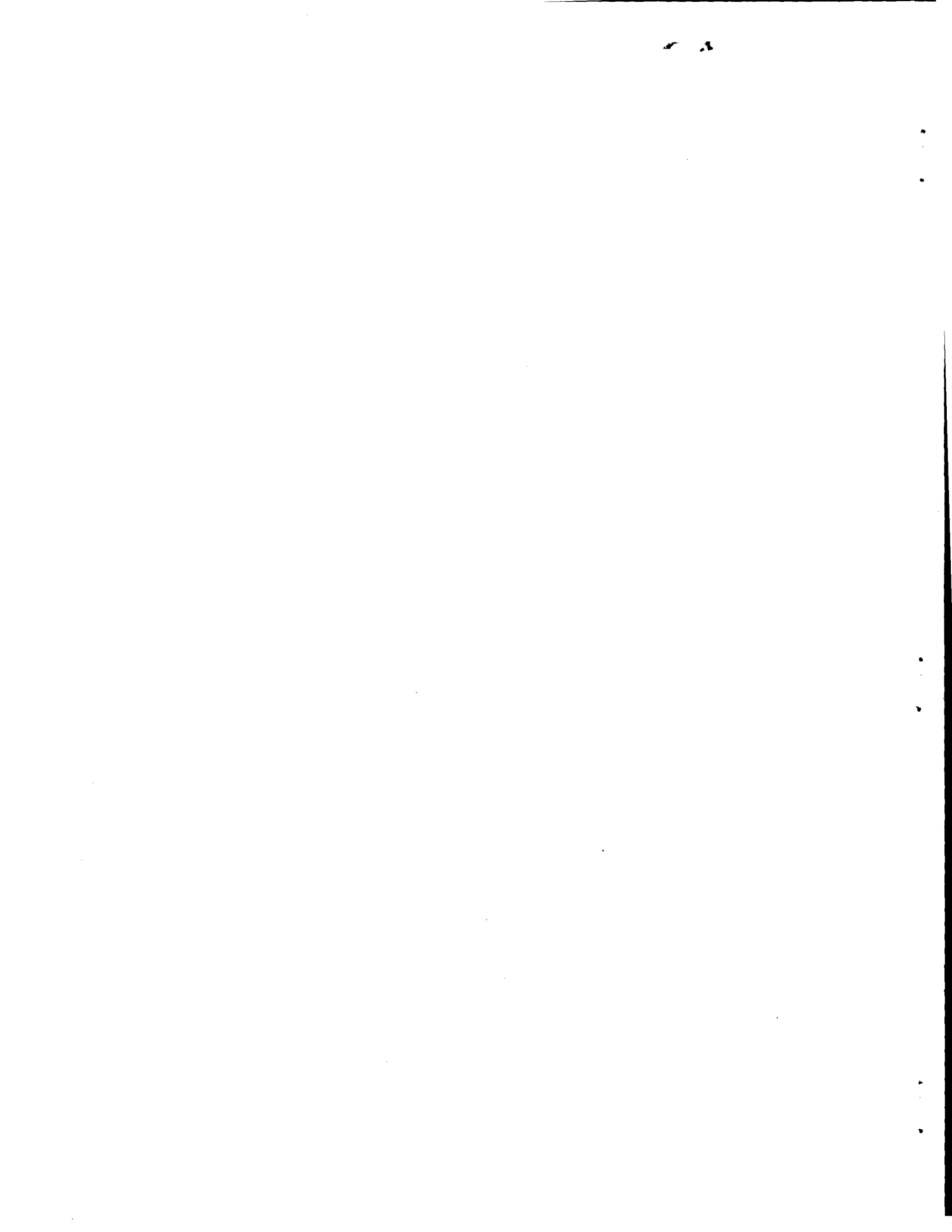


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The work programme of the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee (CDCC) for the 1990-1991 biennium was presented to and approved by the Committee at its eleventh session in the United States Virgin Islands, as appears in document LC/CAR/G.241/Rev.1/Add.1 of 7 November 1988.

The present document contains the work programme for the first part of the 1990-1991 biennium. The programme contains work not completed in 1989 to be pursued in 1990, new activities to be undertaken in 1990 and exercises of a continuing nature, including follow-up on past activities.

Programme element 16.5.1: Economic Survey of Caribbean countries

1. Output

Technical publication

Evaluation of the economic performance of CDCC countries (1979-1988), with special emphasis on the tourism sector (fourth quarter, 1990).

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Regular and formal consultation with sectoral specialists in the ECLAC system, particularly in the ECLAC Mexico Subregional Office with regard to inputs relating to Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Programme element 16.5.2: Economic and Social Planning in the Caribbean

1. Output

Technical publications

(a) Two issues of a development planning newsletter;

(b) Document on the importance of bibliographical and statistical information in the planning process, Caribbean Information Systems and how interaction between planners and information bodies can enhance the development process (first quarter, 1990).

Operational activities

(a) Training and advisory assistance at the request of governments and in collaboration with the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and other intergovernmental bodies;

(b) Convening a seminar on information for social and economic planning. This interdisciplinary, multisectoral activity will involve planning and information personnel at both policy-making and technical levels in the Caribbean (second quarter, 1990);

(c) Convening an ad hoc expert group meeting on planning for the external sector. This interdisciplinary activity will involve co-operation with subregional, regional and international agencies and organizations involved in external trade (fourth quarter, 1990).

Co-sponsorship will be sought from among United Nations agencies and other institutions for the implementation of some of these activities.

Programme element 16.5.3: Science and Technology in the Caribbean

1. Output

Organization and substantive servicing of:

(a) A plenary session of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST);

(b) Two meetings of the Executive Committee of CCST in the second and fourth quarters;

(c) A meeting of science and technology agencies to coordinate activities in the region.

Technical publication

CCST newsletter (six issues; every other month)

Operational activities

Training and advisory services to Member States, upon request, in the field of project preparation and assistance in project implementation, especially in the area of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC):

(a) Convening two national consultations in St Kitts and Nevis and Netherlands Antilles, respectively;

(b) Publication of reports on the national consultations mentioned above and those held previously.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Regular formal consultation with sectoral specialists. Collaboration will be maintained with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Technology and Energy Unit of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), UNDP, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Centre for Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD) and all United Nations bodies in the field of science and technology, as well as with organizations not in the United Nations system, such as the Organization of American States (OAS), Commonwealth Science Council (CSC), United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC), as well as with institutions engaged in science and technology activities at the national level. CARICOM, UNESCO and UNCTAD are expected to join with CCST in the implementation of programmes on newly emerging technologies, by financing workshops and seminars.

Programme element 16.5.4: Social development in the Caribbean

- A. Social aspects of structural adjustment measures and
- B. Socio-cultural development issues
- 1. Output

Technical publications

(a) Report on aspects of the social impact of the economic adjustment process (third quarter, 1990);

(b) Bulletin of the Caribbean Language Institute (CLI), in collaboration with the Language Institute of the Netherlands Antilles (two issues, second and fourth quarter, respectively);

(c) Documentary (video) on language-related activities in the subregion (fourth quarter, 1990).

The above publications are subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Operational activities

Substantive servicing of the biennial meeting of the CLI (third quarter, 1990).

Assistance in implementation of the project on removal of language barriers, provision of interim secretariat services and serving on the Co-ordinating Committee of the CLI.

The following activities are proposed:

(a) Creation of National Chapters in the five CDCC member countries based on the country responses to the proposals of the programme co-ordinators;

(b) Continuation and expansion of the programme for the training of interpreters. The Secretariat will continue to collaborate with ESTI, Cuba and the relevant national and regional institutions to advance the objectives of this activity.

(c) Initiation of promotional activities to publicize the programme for the removal of language barriers, by the production of a bulletin and other media of communication.

(d) Development of a project to undertake fieldwork in specific social areas relevant to the analysis of the social impact of structural adjustment. Initial areas for study include employment and the informal sector.

(e) Continued support of the Grenada Illicit Drugs Demand Reduction project and its expansion in the subregion, in collaboration with the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) and other international organizations and agencies.

(f) Based on discussions with member governments of CDCC, the secretariat will collaborate with the United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD) to develop programmes for the Caribbean subregion and/or extend existing programmes in the following areas at present pursued by the organization:

- (i) The administration of criminal justice systems;
- (ii) Juvenile delinquency; and
- (iii) Legislation in the field of environmental protection.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

The work on language-related activities will be carried out in close collaboration with the CLI and UNESCO. Assistance from UNESCO is expected in carrying out activities related to social structural changes.

C. Integration of Women into Development (WID)

Subregional meeting preparatory to the 1990 World Conference to Review and Appraise the Implementation of the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women. This meeting will formulate a common position on issues of relevance to the Caribbean (first quarter, 1990).

Convening of this meeting is subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

Technical publications

(a) Report on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies in the Caribbean, 1985-1990 (first quarter, 1990);

(b) Document on the methodology for the selection of basic indicators for use in constructing databases on women in the Caribbean engaged in selected activities (fourth quarter, 1990).

Operational activities

(a) Advisory assistance to governments, women's bureaux and various women's organizations on a range of topics, including formation of organizations and project preparation;

(b) Assistance to and collaboration in the work of various international and subregional organizations, including the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), ECLAC Headquarters Integration of Women into Development Unit and the Women's Units of the CARICOM Secretariat and the University of the West Indies;

(c) It is expected that three inter-country projects on the Integration of Women into Development will be in progress during the biennium.

These activities are subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Regular formal consultations will be held with the Social Development Division of ECLAC and the ECLAC Subregional Office in Mexico City, especially on aspects of the study relating to Cuba, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Consultations will also be held with the Caribbean Offices of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and UNESCO with regard to this study.

Various parties will be consulted on several aspects of the study, especially the Integration of Women into Development Unit, ECLAC, Santiago; INSTRAW; regional women's organizations in the Caribbean and United Nations agencies operating in the Caribbean and engaged in related activities, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and ILO. External organizations likely to provide direct inputs - for example, the Latin American Center of the University of Florida and UNIFEM - will also be consulted.

Consultations will take place with government ministries for women's affairs and the CARICOM Secretariat.

The Caribbean Documentation Centre (CDC) will co-operate directly in implementation, through linkages designed to seek the systematic compilation and dissemination of bibliographical information resulting from the work programme on the integration of women into development.

Programme element 16.5.5.: Population

1. Output

Technical publications (subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources):

(a) Two national studies on determinants and consequences of population change (second and fourth quarters);

(b) Two studies on population-development interrelation (first and third quarters, 1990);

(c) Mortality patterns in the Caribbean;

(d) Report on the evaluation of census data and vital statistics.

Operational activities

(a) Training and advisory services to Member States, upon request, in the fields of population policy implementation and evaluation; integration of population in development planning; techniques of demographic analysis; and evaluation and analysis of census data and vital statistics (1990-1991) - subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources;

(b) It is expected that a multi-country project will be in progress on integration of population in development planning (1990-1991).

Proposed future activities of the ECLAC/Latin American Demographic Centre (CELADE) Demography Unit include a continuation



of activities currently being implemented under the project funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to assist countries in the integration of population in development planning. In this regard, activities will centre on the development of institutional mechanisms for population-development planning: Population Units and National Population Councils; the strengthening of skills through training; the provision of data and information through research and data collection/evaluation activities. Specific programmes will include:

(a) Assistance and guidance in the formulation of national population policies for the Governments of Turks and Caicos, the British Virgin Islands, Bahamas and Haiti, as well as any other government requesting assistance;

(b) A regional research study on Population in Development Planning;

(c) Assistance and support to the National Population Council (CONAPO) of Haiti in the formulation and implementation of its population policy;

(d) Continuation of regional research projects; Fertility, Mortality and Migration Interrelations in the Caribbean and the implications for planning;

(e) Mortality Patterns in the Caribbean and the links to Health;

(f) Development of a Socio-Demographic Data Bank to which countries will have access for planning;

(g) Development of an annual Regional Digest of Socio-Demographic Statistics for dissemination to governments; and

(h) Development of a Population Reference Library.

Greater emphasis will be placed on national research studies to produce information for sectoral planning as well as the new programme - Information, Education and Communication Dissemination - for which a project proposal was developed and submitted to UNFPA for funding.

#### Intermediate activity

Establishment and maintenance of a socio-demographic database (1990-1991).

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

While overall co-ordination will be the responsibility of the Joint ECLAC/CELADE Demography Unit, collaboration will be sought with other United Nations agencies and regional organizations.

Co-sponsors will be UNFPA and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Co-operation from other regional institutions such as University of the West Indies, CARICOM and El Colegio de Mexico will be sought.

Programme element 16.5.6: Natural resources and environmental management in the Caribbean

1. Output

Operational activities

(a) Formulation and promotion of projects, programmes and proposals for the development of natural resources and environmental management;

(b) Assistance to and collaboration in the work of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional Co-ordinating Unit for the Caribbean Action Plan;

(c) It is expected that two inter-country projects will be in progress during the biennium.

The secretariat proposes to continue its close collaboration with governments and regional and international agencies in the development and implementation of the following projects and programme activities:

(a) Socio-cultural and environmental management issues in Caribbean tourism. This project will enter its final year in 1990 and its activities will include:

- (i) Data processing and preparation of country reports;
- (ii) Distribution of case study and country reports;
- (iii) Convening of national workshops;
- (iv) Preparation and distribution of comparative documents and action plan; and
- (v) Convening of expert meeting;

(b) Establishment of a statistical environmental database, with the objective of ensuring the availability of adequate statistical information for decision-making, management and policy-making in both the public and private sectors, thereby assisting in the utilization of accumulated knowledge in the environmental sciences in order to achieve national development objectives;

(c) Initiation of a programme pertaining to the relationships between environmental and economic policies and evaluation of techniques which incorporate environmental considerations in project analysis, with the objective of facilitating the concept of sustainability in policy-making and strategy-formulation;

(d) Continued collaboration on projects and programmes initiated by governments and other institutions. While it is difficult to foresee the scope of such collaboration in detail, the Secretariat anticipates continued co-operation with the CARICOM Secretariat with respect to the consultative forum on the environment and on other environmental matters, co-operation with UNEP with respect to the impact of climatic changes and the proposed Action Plan for Latin America and the Caribbean and co-operation with the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) with respect to the task-force on the working definition of tourism.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international regional bodies

Activities will be carried out in co-ordination with units of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean and the Joint ECLAC/UNEP Development and Environment Unit. Co-ordination will also be maintained with UNEP, UNESCO, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and other organizational units of the United Nations. It is anticipated that co-ordination will include joint implementation of activities, participation and consultation. Collaboration and consultation will also be maintained with subregional institutions such as CARICOM, the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), CDB and the Caribbean Conservation Association (CCA).

Programme element 16.5.7: Information and documentation for economic and social development

A. Caribbean Information System

1. Output

Technical publications

(a) Caribbean Information System for Economic and Social Planning (CARISPLAN) Abstracts: indexed material from the bibliographical information database (second and fourth quarter);

(b) Current Awareness Bulletin: list of selected recent acquisitions of the CDC (eight issues);

(c) Updates of the Authority files of the CDC.

Operational activities

(a) Training and advisory services to CDCC Member States in development of computerized information systems (subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources);

(b) Substantive support to the co-ordinating machinery for the Caribbean regional information systems; and

(c) Formulation and promotion of projects for the development and strengthening of the CARISPLAN Network.

Activities proposed for the next period

The secretariat proposes to seek funding for a telematics pilot project which will enable various development-oriented institutions in the region to utilize existing data communications technology and microcomputers to communicate, exchange experiences, and access information contained in databases. A broader understanding of the technology and considerable hands-on experience will be necessary since the use of this technology is very novel to the R&D community, planners, farmers and extension workers.

Public Information services

(a) Distribution, upon request, of printouts and photocopies, provision of retrieval services - including specialized bibliographies and a Selected Dissemination Service (SDI) - and direct on-line access to the computerized database.

Intermediate activity

Maintenance and development of a computerized database.

B. Patents information and documentation

1. Output

Technical publications

(a) Caribbean Patents Index (1990);

(b) Quarterly Patents Newsletter (four issues per year).

### Operational activities

It is expected that a project on the strengthening of the Patents Information and Documentation Unit (PIDU), including computerization of patents information, will be underway in 1990.

### Public information services

(a) Distribution, upon request, of information and maintenance of the computerized technical information service.

(b) Continued efforts to obtain outstanding documents for updating the database on Caribbean patents and for facilitating transmission of information on state-of-the-art services and relevant technology from patent documents to users.

Work to be completed in this phase of the project includes the publication of a newsletter and a Caribbean Patent Index.

These activities are subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources.

### C. Statistical databank

#### 1. Output

##### Technical publications

(a) Time series of major economic indicators of Caribbean countries (two issues);

(b) Agricultural Statistics of Caribbean Countries, Vol. IX (third quarter, 1990).

### Operational activities

Training and advisory services to Member States, upon request, in the field of development and management of statistical databases (1990-1991).

### Intermediate activity

Statistical support for ECLAC/CDCC studies and projects.

#### 2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Direct inputs are provided by the countries in the form of publications, or tables in the process of being published.

Programme element 16.5.8: International trade and development finance

1. Output

Technical publications

(a) Trade Procedures Guide (fourth quarter, 1990) - subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources;

(b) Document on protectionism in the agricultural trade of the Caribbean;

(c) Document on selected trade and financial data for the Caribbean;

(d) Feasibility study on the establishment of a Caribbean subregional commodity exchange.

Operational activities

(a) Training and advisory services to Member States, upon request, in the areas of State trading, export promotion and trade information systems; trade in services; and specialized subjects in the field of money and finance;

(b) It is expected that one inter-country project will be in progress during the year;

(c) Convening an ad hoc expert group meeting on the feasibility of establishing a subregional commodity exchange.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Overall co-ordination will be continued by ECLAC. Collaboration will be sought with other United Nations agencies and regional organizations.

Co-sponsors will be UNCTAD, the United Nations Department of International Economic and Social Affairs (UN/DIESA), the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (UNCTC), UNDP, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, the International Trade Centre, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), CARICOM, CDB, the Latin American Economic System (SELA), OECS, OAS and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

Collaborating agencies and organizations will provide or prepare documents, training material, lectures and such other administrative and financial support as may be required.

Consultations will be held with the agencies collaborating in the implementation of the specified activities.

Users will be reached through workshops/seminars; dissemination of documents and other relevant information; consultative missions; and participation in regional and subregional meetings.

Programme element 16.5.9: Support to OECS countries

1. Output

Operational activities

Advisory services to Member States, through the Secretariat of the OECS, on international trade matters, export development, trade negotiations, customs and tariff administration and double taxation treaties, as well as on the strengthening of Economic Co-operation Among Developing Countries (ECDC) and Technical Co-operation Among Developing Countries (TCDC) relations between the countries of the OECS and Latin America, respectively, within the scope of activities being pursued by ECLAC/CDCC.

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Regular and formal consultations will be held with the OECS Authority, the intergovernmental body comprising the Heads of OECS Member States.

While the smaller States of the subregion continue their efforts at political integration, there are growing signs of devolution and, in some cases, separation of once-integrated units of countries of similar size in the region. The OECS may wish to study the factors affecting integration and disintegration so as to be informed of the situations and reduce possible negative effects of these factors on its own integration process.

3. Users, how to reach them and anticipated uses

Users will be the OECS Secretariat, the Authority and the individual member governments of OECS countries.

Users will be reached through direct contact. Recommendations are communicated directly to users.

Programme element 16.5.10: General information services

1. Output

Technical publication

Focus: Newsletter of the CDCC Secretariat (four issues, one in each quarter).

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

The newsletter is currently prepared as a joint effort of the ECLAC/Port-of-Spain substantive staff. It is proposed, however, to secure inputs from individuals and bodies with whom the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat has collaborated in the past.

Programme element 16.5.11: Organization of sessions of the CDCC

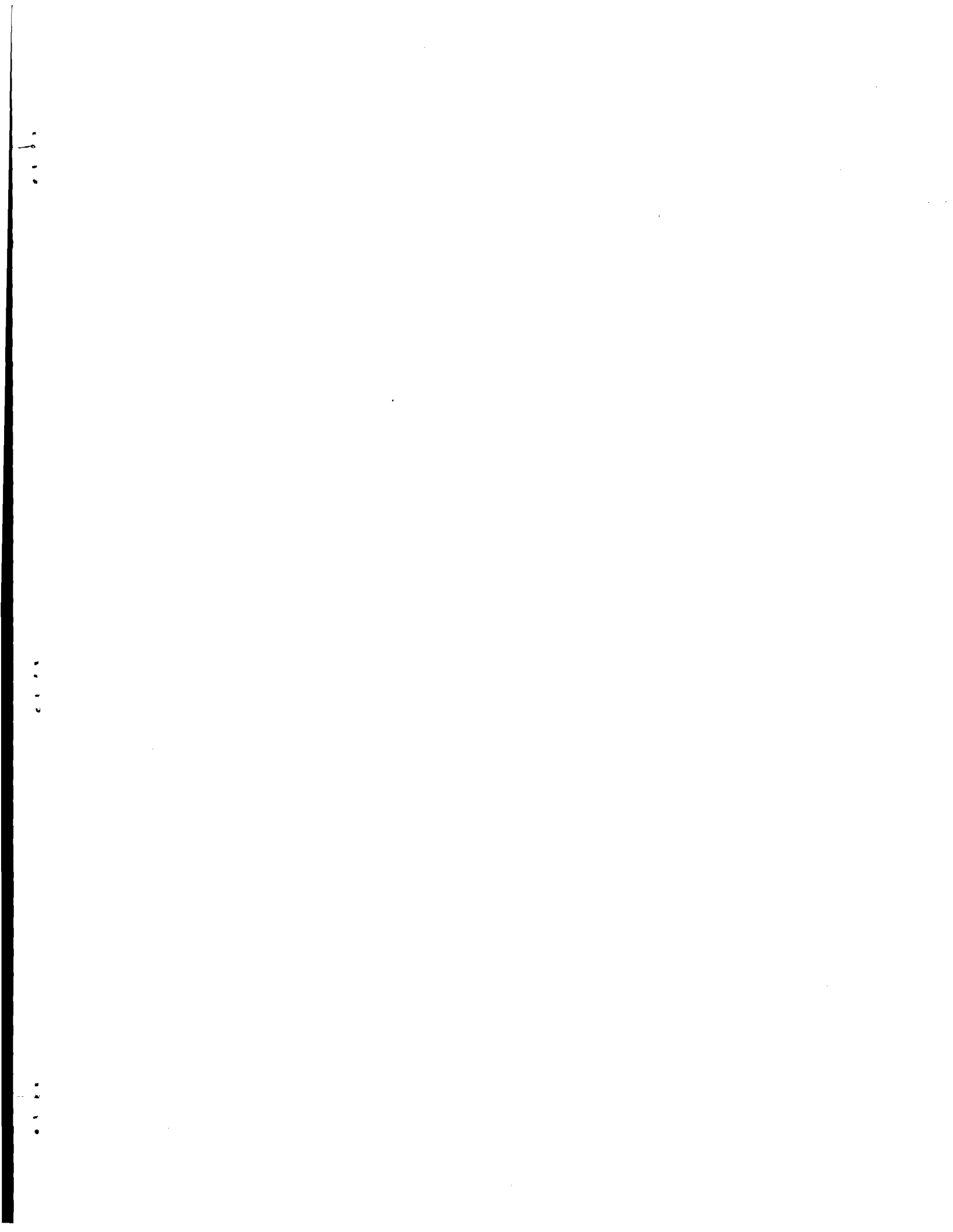
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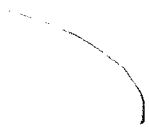
Substantive servicing of meetings of the CDCC (periodicity to be determined).

2. Relation with other programmes and organizational units of the United Nations system and with other international and regional bodies

Co-ordination will be maintained with ECLAC Headquarters.







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