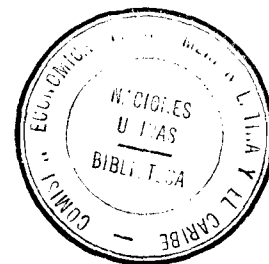


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Document LC/CAR/G 268 presented at the first meeting of the Monitoring Committee outlined the progress achieved in the implementation of the CDCC work programme for the period December 1988 to March 1989. This document brings member Governments up to date on the activities of the Committee from March 1989 to April 1989.

The report of the first meeting of the Monitoring Committee, contained in Doc. LC/CAR/G 271 of May 1989, is also submitted to the Committee for consideration.

Subprogramme 5.2

Programme element 16.5.1

Economic Survey of Caribbean
Countries

a) Publication of document LC/CAR/G.269 "Cooperation between CARICOM and non-CARICOM countries". The document seeks to advance the conceptual framework for cooperation, among CDCC member countries, by tracing the evolution of such links, identifying some of the existing ones and exploring the preconditions and prospects for their continued development.

b) Substantive servicing of the Second General Meeting of the Association of Caribbean Economists Barbados, 28-30 May 1989. Attendance entailed the preparation and presentation of a document entitled "Caribbean Economic Performance 1983- 1988 - with special emphasis on the external trade sector". Based on comments from the meeting and more current data the document is being finalized as an input to CDCC XII.

Programme element 16.5.2

Food and Agriculture in the
Caribbean

Output

a) Publication and distribution of document LC/CAR/G.272 "Agricultural Statistics of Caribbean Countries, Vol. VIII, 1988".

Programme element 16.5.3

Social and Economic Planning

A meeting of Caribbean representatives was convened on 6 May 1989 in Montevideo, Uruguay, prior to the Seventh Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning to discuss the main theme of the Conference "External insertion, competitiveness and fiscal crisis"

as well as "Conceptual and methodological bases for the development of a support system for the management of technical cooperation."

Advisory services were provided to the Government of Belize relating to the preparation of their national Development Plan. This entailed the preparation of an input relating to the development of the External Sector.

Organization and participation in a study tour with Trinidad and Tobago Government Planning officials to Santiago, Chile for discussions with ILPES on Project Data Bank activities. This included discussions with Chilean officials on the functioning and operation of the Chilean Project Data Bank, 26 March - 5 April 1989.

Programme element 16.5.4

Science and Technology in the Caribbean

a) Publication of CCST Newsletter, Vol. 5, Nos. 2 & 3

Volume No. 2 deals with the topic "Information Technology" while volume no. 3 looks at "Sustainable Development and Technology".

Other activities

a) Preparing for and attending a "Regional Meeting on the Progress of Science and Technology for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean", 10-12 April 1989.

At this meeting analyses of Science and Technology activities in the region were undertaken in the context of the recommendations and objectives of the Vienna Programme of Action and adopted by the General Assembly in 1979. A number of recommendations were made with the hope of improving collaboration in Science and Technology and fostering original research in the region.

b) Preparatory work was undertaken for the national consultations on Science and Technology in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Saint Kitts and Nevis.

In pursuance of the programme of science popularization, discussions were held with the two Governments on the various topics to be addressed during the proposed consultations. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines requested assistance in the establishment of a centre of excellence in fisheries and this will be incorporated into the national consultation.

c) Preparation of a project document on the formulation and implementation of Science and Technology plans in OECS countries.

One of the main objectives of the CCST is to coordinate the Science and Technology activities of the National Councils of its members. Since all the members do not yet have national councils or bodies responsible for Science and Technology, the project aims to encourage the establishment of bodies responsible for Science and Technology planning, advisory services and project implementation within the context of a national Science and Technology plan.

(d) Discussions were held between the Chairman of CCST and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Jamaica with a view to the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat for the Council. The Bureau of the Council will meet soon to consider a number of proposals and make recommendations on same.

Programme element 16.5.5

Social Development in the Caribbean

Outputs

a) Preparation of a report on the "National Workshop for teachers in the modern approaches in language training", Jamaica, 28-31 March 1989.

Operational activities

a) Preparatory activities related to the holding of three interpreting workshops scheduled for Barbados, Curaçao, Trinidad and Tobago.

b) Assisted in the preparation for the ECLAC/UWI Workshop in Consecutive Interpretation Techniques, Barbados, 27 July - 10 August 1989.

c) Assistance was provided in the selection of resource persons to assist in the conducting of these workshops.

d) Assistance was given in evaluating the project document "Illicit Drugs Demand Reduction Project (Grenada)" prepared by the Government of Grenada and the Caribbean representative of the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC). This project is to be implemented by ECLAC.

Integration of Women in Development

Outputs

a) A Report on the process of women's participation in development is being finalized.

Operational activities

a) Promotion of the development skills/educational upgrading of Caribbean women:

i) Assistance was provided in the selection of Caribbean candidates to participate in an IDS course SC15: "Women, Men and Development", scheduled for September - December 1989 in the Netherlands.

ii) Assistance was provided for the implementation of a training seminar on "Social Aspects of Human Sexuality in the Caribbean", undertaken by the Rape Crisis Centre, Trinidad and Tobago.

b) Advisory services were provided to the Government of Guyana with regard to a regional tour of a women's theatre collective and to the Government of Suriname with regard to regional WID issues and national WID work programme development.

c) Advisory services were provided to PAHO re coordination of national NGO's in health (Trinidad and Tobago).

d) Advisory services were provided to the Rape Crisis Centre in Trinidad.

Programme element 16.5.6

Natural Resources, Environmental Management and Development in the Caribbean

Operational activities

Preparation of a questionnaire to collect data on hazardous waste, as mandated at the eleventh session of CDCC, 18-22 November 1988.

Other activities

a) Substantive servicing of the ECLAC/PAHO/CDB/CARICOM Regional Conference on the "Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean", 13-15 June 1989, Port-of-Spain.

b) Continuous management of the project "Incorporation of Social and Environmental Management Issues in Caribbean Tourism". A draft report on the study and plan of action of natural and cultural resources and tourism linkages was received from the Caribbean Conservation Association. Discussions were held with prospective contractors to complete studies related to the project.

c) Attendance at a Workshop on "Environmental Management for Employers - Focus on Industrial Waste Management", sponsored by the Trinidad and Tobago Employers Association, 23-24 May 1989, Port-of-Spain.

d) Substantive servicing of the First Meeting of "CARICOM Ministers Responsible for Environment", 31 May - 2 June 1989, Port-of-Spain.

e) Initiated discussions on a proposal to establish a statistical environmental database at ECLAC, Port-of-Spain.

Programme element 16.5.8

Information and Documentation

Outputs

a) Preparation of Current Awareness Bulletin, Vol. 12, No. 5.

b) Public Information Services, including loans, attendance to queries, provision of printouts, photocopies, retrieval services and selective dissemination of information.

Operational activities

a) Organized and conducted a National Workshop on Mini-Micro CDS/ISIS, 17-20 April, Bridgetown, Barbados to enable participants to create and maintain bibliographic information databases. The workshop focused on data entry, searching, file inversion, printing and exchange of databases.

b) Organized and conducted a CDS/ISIS training course for participants from the Development Finance Corporation and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in Belmopan, Belize from 26-30 June 1989.

c) Provided on-line demonstration of access to information held at CDB and ECLAC at the Annual Meeting of CDB's Board of Governors, 8-12 May 1989, Port-of-Spain.

d) Provided on-line demonstration of access to ECLAC's databases at the First CARICOM Ministerial Conference on the Environment, 13-15 June 1989, Port-of-Spain.

e) Substantive servicing of ACURIL XX Conference, 23-29 April 1989, Kingston, Jamaica. (Association of Caribbean University Research and Institutional Libraries).

f) Training staff in the Statistical Office in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the use of computers.

g) Preparation has begun for an ECLAC/IDRC "Colloquium in Statistics and the New Technologies", to be held in Trinidad and Tobago, 3-5 October 1989. This included the identification of participants and papers to be written.

Programme element 16.5.9

**International Trade and
Development Finance**

Other activities

a) Publication of document LC/CAR/G.270 "Report of the Countertrade Consultative Meeting", Georgetown, Guyana, 14-15 March 1989.

b) Completed draft ECLAC/INTAL study on "Export Trends and Performance for Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago, 1980-1987".

c) Coordinated and distributed data survey sheets on transnational corporations in the Caribbean, for the Joint ECLAC/CTC Unit in Santiago.

d) Attendance at a Course on Trade and Investment Incentives, organized by the Caribbean Development Bank and the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, Barbados, 19-30 June 1989.

Programme element 16.5.10

Transport and Communications

Operational activities

a) Participation at the First Steering Committee Meeting of TRAINMAR Project in the Caribbean (RLA/88/A08), Guadeloupe, 27-28 June 1989.

b) Preparation for and attendance at the Twelfth Meeting of the Standing Committee of Ministers Responsible for Transportation (SCMT), Port-of-Spain, 5-10 June 1989.

Programme element 16.5.11

Population

Outputs

a) Preparation and presentation of a paper entitled "Union Status and Fertility Differentials: Implications for Population Development Planning" at the Jamaica National Workshop on Population and Development: An Integrative Approach, Jamaica, 14-22 May 1989.

b) Preparation of a report on the above seminar.

c) Preparation and presentation of a paper entitled "Analyses, Utilization and Publication of Vital Registration Data and Vital Statistics, Tobago, 6-9 June 1989.

d) Preparation of a report on the above seminar.

e) Preparation of inter and post censal estimates. A series of intercensal estimates for the period 1960-1980 has been prepared for Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Saint Kitts/Nevis, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago.

f) Continued work on a study concerning the preparation of population projections for Bahamas, Dominica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts/Nevis, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago.

g) Continuation of the Regional Research Programme with special reference to fertility, mortality and migration.

h) Continuation of a research project "An Analysis of Mortality Patterns in the Caribbean".

Operational activities

a) Consultations and advisory services were provided to the Government of Dominica, Saint Lucia, Grenada, Jamaica and Suriname on population policy implementation and population developmental planning.

b) Consultations and advisory services to the Government of Suriname on the preparation of a project proposal for the conduct of a Training Workshop on the Theory and Method of Demography.

c) Technical assistance offered to the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in conducting a national one-week training programme on micro-computers, 12-16 June 1989.

d) Consultations and advisory services to the Government of Jamaica in conducting a National Seminar on "Population and Development: An Integrative Approach", Kingston, 14-22 May 1989.

e) Collaborated with CARICOM/PAHO in conducting a seminar on Vital Statistics, Tobago, 6-9 June 1989.

f) Assistance in the selection of a suitable candidate for the post of Regional Data Processing Expert for the 1990 Round of Population and Housing Censuses.

g) Migration needs assessment mission undertaken to Dominica, 11-12 April 1989.

Other activities

- a) Continuation of collection and evaluation of demographic and social statistics data for use in the publication of a Regional Digest of Demographic and Social Statistics. UNFPA/ECLAC/CELADE Project.
- b) Continuation of activities related to collection and evaluation of data for input into the Sociodemographic Data Bank. This is part of the UNFPA/ECLAC Project RLA/88/P61 - Integration of Population in the Development Planning, in the Caribbean.
- c) Continued activities related to a study concerned with the preparation of population projections for selected countries.
- d) Implementation and monitoring of ECLAC/UNFPA Project HAI/88/P04 "Support of the National Population Council of Haiti (CONAPO)".
- e) Preparation of a project proposal for a National Policy Coordinator for the Government of Saint Lucia.
- f) Preparation of project proposals for National Population Coordinators for the Population Planning Units of Dominica and Grenada.
- g) Preparations continued for National Training Seminars on Economic and Demographic Models scheduled for Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- h) Preparations for needs assessment missions to the British Virgin Islands and Turks and Caicos to provide assistance in population policy manpower planning and the conducting of the 1990 census.
- i) Initiated activities related to the development of an information, education and communications programme for the Caribbean.
- j) A population information library is being set up to provide up-to-date information to support the research needs of the Population Unit.

Meetings

- a) Preparations for and attendance at the Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation (CFPA) Annual Inter-Agency Meeting, Guadeloupe, 4-6 June 1989.
- b) Preparations for and attendance at Preparatory Meeting to plan for the 1990 round of Population Censuses, Barbados, 8-11 May 1989.

c) Finalized document on REDATAM - Software for Analysis of Census Data - for presentation at the Commonwealth Statisticians Conference, Australia, 1990.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

A mission was undertaken by the Director and the Secretary of CDCC to the Cayman Islands and the Turks and Caicos to follow up on the report prepared by a consultant on the question of participation of these islands in the work of the CDCC and the Commission. The administration in the Cayman is still to consider both extent and level of participation following discussions. The Turks and Caicos, on the other hand, seems quite ready to participate in the work of the Committee. Both Governments are to communicate later with the Secretariat on follow up action and decisions.

Assistance was provided to the Government of the Netherlands Antilles relative to technical cooperation inputs and to participation by CDCC member countries and relevant entities for a workshop on AIDS scheduled to be held in Curaçao in 1990.