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## PARTICIPATION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE WORK OF ECLAC/CDCC

The secretariat's formal reporting procedures focus on the approved plan of work of the Office and are cast in a frame which is regional and general rather than national. This situation can make it difficult for individual member countries to have an appreciation of the total extent of their participation in the programmes and activities of the secretariat. Then too, a number of the secretariat's activities may not appear in the work plan at all (they may be of an ad hoc nature, for example), though they may be especially useful to particular countries and may have been carried out at their specific request. An example of this would be the advisory or technical assistance services which the secretariat provides to member countries and regional institutions on an ad hoc basis - this kind of activity would not normally be reported on since it would not have been provided for in the formally approved plan of work of the secretariat. Feedback from member countries suggests that such ad hoc advisory services are seen as an important part of the work of the Office.

While the official points of contact (focal points) for the secretariat are the government ministries responsible for external affairs, the activities of the secretariat often take it into direct contact with other ministries or departments of government. This contributes to a situation where the government as a whole may not always have a total picture of the secretariat's involvement with the country.

The purpose of this paper is to attempt a disaggregated presentation of the extent to which individual member countries participate in or have been impacted by the activities of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat over the three-year period, 1988-1990. The presentation includes specifically national activities as well as regional or more general-type activities and the particular member countries which these activities impacted.

The secretariat has prepared this paper because the information which it contains will be useful to the member countries from the point of view of services provided them by the Office, but also by way of an attempt at accountability to its member countries and as an opportunity for the discussion which it might provoke. The secretariat has itself found it useful for purposes of its own country-focused planning of work.

Finally, by way of introduction, this paper eschews interpretation or analysis of the information in preference to a presentation of the information and allowing the information to speak for itself.

## MEMBER COUNTRIES

Antigua and BarbudaInformation

ECLAC/CDCC's Caribbean Documentation Centre (CDC) created a profile of information requirements so that it could tailor its dissemination of information to particular areas. The secretariat provided training to librarians in the use of the computer programme used in the Caribbean Information System for Economic and Social Planning (CARISPLAN) Information Network. The Office undertook a survey mission through its Patent Information and Documentation Unit (PIDU) to identify priority sectors and needs for technology development.

Statistical services

ECLAC/CDCC provided computer training for staff of the Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation (CFPA) based in Antigua and Barbuda.

Science and technology

Assistance was provided for hosting the national science and technology consultation.

Social and economic planning

Antigua and Barbuda officials participated in a Workshop on Project Banks and Investment Programmes for Officials of Caribbean Planning Units.

Demography

Nationals participated in regional training courses on "Analysis of Population Inter-relations for Planning using Micro-computers" and "Population, Human Resources and Development Planning". In order to support follow-up activities the secretariat provided computer equipment for population-related analysis.

Environment and tourism

Antigua and Barbuda officials participated in the Conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean organized by the secretariat.

### Women in development

Research was carried out on trends and changes in the (women-dominated) inter-island trade. Advisory services and technical assistance on research on women in small business were provided to the Antigua Women's Bureau. The secretariat provided advisory services to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on the project "Research and Information on Women in Antigua".

### Commonwealth of the Bahamas

#### Information

ECLAC/CDCC prepared a profile on information needs of the Bahamas.

#### Demography

The Bahamas was included in a regional study on mortality patterns in the Caribbean. This study analyzed and evaluated the quality of demographic data and the mortality pattern, the quality of mortality data and determined a model structure for the Caribbean. Population projections were prepared to 2015. These projections provided planners and policy-makers with data for use in economic and social planning. The Bahamas also participated in a training course on "Population, Human Resources and Development Planning".

#### Environment and tourism

The Bahamas participated in the Conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean.

### Barbados

#### Information

ECLAC/CDCC prepared a profile of information needs with a view to the improved dissemination of information to member countries. Barbados has on-line access to six data bases mounted on the secretariat's computer. Training was provided to a Documentalist of the Barbados National Library Service in the use of the secretariat's computer software. The secretariat conducted a survey mission to Barbados to identify priority sectors and needs for technological development which was followed up by a one-day seminar on patents and transfer of technology.

### Social and economic planning

Barbados participated in a Workshop on Projects Banks and Investment Programming for Officials of Caribbean Planning Units. Consultations were held with the Ministry of Trade relating to the development of a sectoral plan and economic model.

### Removal of language barriers

Barbados participated in a regional workshop on techniques of simultaneous interpretation for interpreters and translators and hosted a workshop on consecutive interpretation techniques.

### International trade

Barbados hosted an ECLAC/CDCC-sponsored Experts Meeting on Trade, Finance and Transnational Banks. Participation in the conference on countertrade allowed participants to draw on the experience of other CDCC member countries in this area. (Barbados was one of the case studies). Barbados was one of the countries for which the secretariat published a Trade Procedures Guide which is available for public and private sector use.

### Environment and tourism

A survey of perception of tourism by residents, hoteliers and employees in the hotel sector of Barbados was conducted by the secretariat and preliminary results were made available to the Government. Barbados participated in the Conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean.

### Demography

Intercensal estimates were prepared for the period 1960-1980 to facilitate the extrapolation of other demographic data for planning purposes. Training was provided to an officer of the Barbados Statistical Service to use Retrieval of Data for Small Areas by Microcomputer (REDATAM) software for the analysis of population and housing data. The provision of computer equipment and software for censuses and population-related activities has supported training received in this area. Barbados also participated in the Regional Workshop on Population, Human Resources and Development Planning;

### Training

Barbados hosted and participated in a Roundtable on Human Resources Development Strategies, an activity of the ECLAC/CDCC training policies project.

## Belize

### Information

A profile of information needs and priorities was prepared by the secretariat and training in the use of information software was provided on location in Belize at the Ministry of Agriculture.

### Social and economic planning

Belize participated in the Workshop on Projects Banks and Investment Programming for Officials of Caribbean Planning Units. Advisory services were provided in preparing its national development plan.

### Science and technology

Consultations were held with the Government on the role of science and technology in national development.

### Demography

Intercensal estimates for the period 1960-1980 were prepared for Belize so that relevant demographic data could be extrapolated for use as inputs in development planning. Belize participated in a training programme on microcomputer applications in demographic analysis, and received computer equipment and software for population-related analysis. Belize participated in the regional training course on Population, Human Resources and Development Planning.

### Environment and tourism

Belize participated in the Conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean;

## Cuba

### Removal of language barriers

The secretariat undertook a mission to Cuba with a view to that country's closer involvement in the removal of language barriers programme. Cuba is now the principal source of technical assistance to the programme providing training to participants from other member countries in techniques of simultaneous

interpretation. Five persons from the three campuses of the University of the West Indies (UWI) participated in a workshop on modern approaches to foreign language training co-ordinated by the University of Havana.

Cuba participated in the conference on countertrade, sharing its experience in this area and benefitting from the experiences of the other participants.

### Commonwealth of Dominica

#### Information

Dominica participated in a training workshop in indexing and abstracting for librarians. It has on-line access to six data bases mounted on ECLAC/CDCC's computer. The secretariat undertook a survey mission to Dominica to identify priority sectors for technological development and conducted a one-day seminar on patents and transfer of technology.

#### Science and technology

The secretariat assisted the Government in organizing its national workshop in science and technology. CDCC facilitated the participation of a Dominica participant in a training workshop in science teaching sponsored by the University of the Virgin Islands and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory of California, and another in a workshop on banana by-products in Brazil.

#### Removal of language barriers

Dominica participated in the workshop on consecutive interpretation techniques.

#### Women in development

The secretariat prepared and published "The Hucksters of Dominica" and "Agricultural Traders of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Dominica and Saint Lucia"

### Demography

Population projections (1980-2015) were prepared for Dominica to provide planners and policy-makers with data for use in future economic and social development planning. Dominica was included in studies on population-related issues. A study was conducted on migration, including information on return migration of qualified and potential investors, and of appropriate incentives for attracting this type of migrant. This country was also included in a regional study of mortality patterns.

Participation in regional training workshops has equipped Dominicans to include demographic factors in planning. Courses included "Health and Education Sectoral Models for Population and Development Planning", the objective of which was to use micro-computer based planning models as practical tools for planning and policy analysis and a regional course on "Population, Human Resources and Development Planning". Training was also provided in the application of micro-computers to demographic analysis.

The secretariat provided technical assistance and advisory services in the establishment of Dominica's National Population Council. Dominica received computer equipment and software for population related activities from the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat and financial assistance for the employment of nationals to collect and collate data for its socio-demographic data bank;

### Environment and tourism

Dominica participated in the Conference on Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean.

### TCDC

Assistance was provided to the Italian and Mexican Governments in project formulation relating to their technical assistance to Dominica.

## The Dominican Republic

### Women in development

The secretariat participated in the national consultations in the Dominican Republic based on the study of the resources allocated to projects geared towards women in the national budget. Research on women traders was also conducted in the Dominican Republic.

## Social and economic planning

The Dominican Republic participated in the Workshop on Projects Banks and Investment Programming for Officials of Caribbean Planning Units.

## Grenada

### Information

Grenada participated in training workshops on indexing and abstracting on the use of related software. The secretariat undertook a survey mission to identify priority sectors for technological development and conducted a one-day seminar on patents and technology transfer.

### Science and technology

The secretariat sponsored the participation of a Grenadian in a workshop on banana by-products in Brazil. Grenada was included in a regional survey of export processing industries.

### Statistical services

Grenada participated in the Colloquium on Statistics and the New Technologies.

### Removal of language barriers

Grenada participated in regional training workshops in interpretation techniques.

### Women in development

Grenada was included in the study of "Agricultural Traders of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Dominica and Saint Lucia". Statistical data on trade in fresh produce was collected and computerized. This allows for in-depth analysis of changes occurring in this sector traditionally dominated by women. The Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Women Affairs received a micro-computer from the secretariat for gender-focused analysis.

### Social affairs

The secretariat implements the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) financed project on Illicit Drug Demand Reduction.

### Social and economic planning

Grenada participated in the Workshop on Projects Banks and Investment Programming for Officials of Caribbean Planning Units.

### Demography

Databases from the 1980 census and inter-censal estimates for 1960-1980 were prepared; population projections were prepared for 1980-2015 to assist policy-makers and planners.

Grenada participated in training workshops, including courses in the application of micro-computers for use in demographic analysis and the use of micro-computer based models in population sectoral planning. Grenada participated in a regional training course on Population, Human Resources and Development Planning, and was included in a regional study on mortality patterns. Technical assistance and advisory services were provided to the Government in the establishment of a National Population Council. Grenada received computer equipment software for population-related activities from the secretariat. Funding was provided to the Government to employ persons to collect and collate data for the socio-demographic data bank.

### Environment and tourism

Grenada participated in the conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean.

## Guyana

### Information

Guyana benefitted from a two-week training workshop in the use of information software. Training was provided in indexing and abstracting. The secretariat undertook a survey mission to identify priority sectors for technological development and this was followed by a seminar on patents and technology transfer.

### Removal of language barriers

Guyana participated in the regional workshop on techniques of simultaneous interpretation and took part in the Jamaica National Workshop of the Caribbean Language Institute for Foreign Language Teachers in Rural Areas. The secretariat assisted in the establishment of the Caribbean Language Institute.

### Demography

Guyana participated in regional training courses, including the workshop on the application of micro-computers to demographic analysis and the training course on Population, Human Resources and Development Planning.

### Environment and tourism

Guyana participated in the Conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean. The secretariat assisted in obtaining information from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on disposal methods for certain chemicals.

### Training

Guyana participated in a Roundtable on Human Resource Development Strategies.

## Haiti

### Social and economic planning

Haiti participated in the Workshop on Projects Banks and Investment Programming for Officials of Caribbean Planning Units.

### Women in development

The secretariat conducted a survey of women traders in informal international trading in Haiti.

### Demography

Support was provided to the National Population Council (CONAPO) of Haiti through: (a) strengthening of the capability of the technical secretariat to develop and adopt a population policy; (b) elaboration of sectoral programme to implement policy; (c) establishment of systems for collection and continuous evaluation of data; and (d) provision of microcomputer and accessories for population-related analysis. Several technical assistance missions have been undertaken by the secretariat to provide support to CONAPO. Two national training seminars were held to advise government officials on integrating population considerations into sectoral planning. Haiti participated in the training workshop on Population, Human Resources and Development Planning.

## Environment and tourism

The secretariat with UNEP and the World Health Organization (WHO) participated in a mission to identify priority actions to be undertaken in the Haitian tourism sector to evaluate existing tourism infrastructure and to study the relationship between the private and public sectors.

## Jamaica

### Information

Jamaica participated in the workshop on indexing and abstracting for librarians. Jamaica has on-line access to six databases mounted on ECLAC/CDCC's computers. The secretariat undertook a survey mission to identify priority sectors for technological development and this was followed by a seminar on patents and transfer of technology.

### Social and economic planning

Jamaica participated in the Workshop on Projects Banks and Investment Programming for Officials of Caribbean Planning Units.

### Removal of language barriers

Jamaica participated in the regional workshop on simultaneous interpretation techniques for interpreters and translators. A national chapter of the Caribbean Language Institute was established in Jamaica as part of the secretariat's Removal of Language Barriers Programme.

### Women in development

The secretariat participated in national consultations in Jamaica on "Resources Allocated to Women in the National Budget of Jamaica".

### International trade

The Trade Procedures Guide for Jamaica was published and is available for public and private sector use.

### Demography

Jamaica participated in several regional training workshops on population-related subjects. These included a workshop on the application of micro-computers in demographic analysis, "Health and Education Sectoral Models for Population and Development Planning" and "Information Dissemination and Awareness Creation for

Population Policy Formulation and Implementation Programmes". The secretariat provided support to the Planning Institute of Jamaica in a regional training course in Population, Human Resources and Development Planning. Jamaica was included in a regional study on mortality patterns. The Government received computer equipment and software for population-related analysis.

#### Environment and tourism

Jamaica participated in the Conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean.

#### Caribbean/Latin American relations

The secretariat prepared a document entitled "Caribbean/Latin America Relations: A Framework for Co-operation and Collaboration" for the Mexican President's visit to Jamaica. Assistance was provided to the Italian and Mexican Governments in project identification and formulation for their co-operation programme with Jamaica, mainly the Jamaican housing and construction sub-sector.

### Saint Kitts and Nevis

#### Information

Saint Kitts and Nevis participated in the workshop on indexing and abstracting for librarians. A survey mission was conducted to identify priority sectors for technological development and this was followed by a seminar on patents and transfer of technology.

#### Science and technology

Assistance was provided to a participant to attend a training workshop in science teaching, organized by the University of the Virgin Islands and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory of California. Discussions were held with the Government on the role of science and technology.

#### Statistical services

Saint Kitts and Nevis participated in the Colloquium on Statistics and the New Technologies.

### Women in development

A study was prepared by the secretariat on the Allocation of Resources to the Female Population in the National Budget of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Research was conducted on trends and changes in the female dominated inter-island trade sector.

### Removal of language barriers

Saint Kitts and Nevis participated in a workshop on consecutive interpretation techniques.

### Demography

Saint Kitts and Nevis participated in regional training workshops, including the courses on "The Application of Microcomputers in Demographic Analysis" and "Population, Human Resources and Development Planning". Population projections were prepared for the period 1980-2015 to provide policy-makers and planners with data for use in socio-demographic planning. Saint Kitts and Nevis was included in the regional study on mortality patterns. Intercensal estimates for the period 1960-1980 were prepared for use in demographic analysis. The secretariat provided a microcomputer and software for population-related analysis.

### International trade

The Trade Procedures Guide for Saint Kitts and Nevis was published and is available for public and private sector use.

### Training

Saint Kitts and Nevis participated in the secretariat's Roundtable on Human Resources Strategies.

## Saint Lucia

### Information

Saint Lucia enjoys on-line access to six databases mounted on ECLAC/CDCC's computers and local librarians received technical assistance and training in software for librarians in indexing and abstracting. The secretariat conducted a national seminar on patents and technology.

### Science and technology

The secretariat assisted in sending a Saint Lucian to a training workshop on banana by-products in Brazil.

### Social and economic planning

Saint Lucia participated in the Workshop on Projects Banks and Investment Programming for Officials of Caribbean Planning Units.

### Statistical services

Saint Lucia participated in the Colloquium on Statistics and the New Technologies.

### Social affairs

The secretariat published a dictionary of Saint Lucian creole.

### Women in development

Research was conducted on the female-dominated agricultural trade in Saint Lucia which resulted in the publication "The Agricultural Traders of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Dominica and Saint Lucia".

### International trade

The Trade Procedures Guide for Saint Lucia was published and is available for public and private sector use.

### Demography

Saint Lucia was included in a regional study on mortality patterns and participated in regional training courses, including "Health and Education Sectoral Models for Population and Development Planning", "The Application of Microcomputers to Demographic Analysis" and "Population, Human Resources and Development Planning". Saint Lucia was also included in a regional study on mortality patterns.

Population projections for the period 1980-2015 and intercensal estimates were prepared to provide policy-makers with data for use in socio-economic planning. Assistance was provided to the Government in the establishment of population units in planning ministries. The secretariat prepared a project proposal to UNFPA for financial assistance in recruitment of a national population co-ordinator. The government received microcomputer equipment and software for population-related analysis.

### Environment and tourism

Saint Lucia participated in the Conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean. A survey of perception of tourism by residents, hoteliers and

employees in the hotel sector was conducted in Saint Lucia as part of a larger study of "The Impact of Socio-Cultural Issues in Tourism".

### Training

Saint Lucia participated in the secretariat's Roundtable on Human Resources Development Strategies, an activity of the CDCC training policies project.

## Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

### Information

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines received technical assistance and training in the use of information software and in indexing and abstracting for librarians. The secretariat undertook a survey mission to identify priority sectors for technological development. This was followed by a seminar on patents and transfer of technology.

### Science and technology

Assistance was provided by the secretariat in sending a participant to a training workshop on banana by-products in Brazil. Technical assistance and advisory services were provided to the Government in holding its national science and technology consultation.

### Statistical services

The secretariat provided support in the computerization of the statistical office of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines through the conduct of a five-day orientation and training course in the use of computers in statistics.

### Women in development

The documents, "The Agricultural Traders of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Grenada, Dominica and Saint Lucia" and "The Traffickers of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines" were published as a result of a survey in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. A training seminar on methods and techniques of research on violence against women was conducted at the request of the Women's Bureau.

### Demography

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines participated in several regional training courses in population-related issues. These included the Application of Microcomputers in Demographic Analysis, Health and Education Sectoral Models for Population and Development Planning, Information Dissemination and Awareness Creation for Population Policy Formulation and Implementation Programmes and Population, Human Resources and Development Planning.

Assistance was provided to the Government in the establishment of a Population Unit in the Planning Ministry and in the preparation of a project proposal for financial assistance in recruitment of a national population co-ordinator. Assistance was provided to the Government in the establishment of the National Population Council. An awareness creation seminar was conducted to discuss goals and strategies of population policy for high-level planners and policy-makers.

Population projections for the period 1980-2015 were prepared to give policy-makers and planners data to use for socio-economic planning. The secretariat provided a microcomputer, printer and software for population-related analysis, and provided funding to recruit persons to collect and collate data for the secretariat's socio-demographic data bank.

### Environment and tourism

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines participated in the Conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean.

## Suriname

### Information

Suriname participated in the training course on the use of the secretariat's information software which was conducted at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname.

### Social and economic planning

Suriname participated in the Workshop on Projects Banks and Investment Programming for Officials of Caribbean Planning Units.

### International trade

Suriname participated in the conference on countertrade practices. (Suriname was presented as a case study).

### Demography

Suriname participated in regional training workshops, including the "Application of Microcomputers in Demographic Analysis" and "Population, Human Resources and Development Planning". The secretariat collaborated in the development of a project proposal for the conduct of a training workshop on theory and methods of demography aimed at strengthening capabilities for collection, analysis and evaluation of census and other demographic data.

### Trinidad and Tobago

#### Information

Trinidad and Tobago participated in three workshops on indexing and abstracting techniques in response to a request from the National Co-ordinating Centre of the Socio-Economic Information Network. A training workshop on information software was organized for the Trinidad and Tobago participants in the CARISPLAN Information Network. The secretariat collaborated with the Government in its national workshop on the Establishment of an Environment Information System.

Trinidad and Tobago benefits from on-line access to the six databases mounted on ECLAC/CDCC's computers.

A survey mission was undertaken by the secretariat to identify priority sectors for technological development. This was followed up by a one-day seminar on patents and technology transfer.

#### Social and economic planning

The secretariat collaborated with the Ministry of Planning and Mobilization in a Workshop on Project Banks and Investment Programmes for Officials of Caribbean Planning Units the context of a seminar/workshop on Public Sector Investment Planning. Follow-up activity included the facilitation of the travel of three Government officials to Chile to observe the working of project data banks in that country. This was complemented by the visit of ILPES staff to explore extending advisory services to the Government with regard to the establishment of a project data bank. Technical assistance was provided to the Ministry of Planning and Mobilization in the finalization of its Macro Planning Framework 1989-1995.

### Removal of language barriers

Trinidad and Tobago hosted and participated in two regional workshops on techniques of simultaneous interpretation and participated in the Workshop on Consecutive Interpretation Techniques held in Barbados.

### Statistical services

Trinidad and Tobago benefitted from participation in the Colloquium on Statistics and the New Technologies. As a result of the discussions in this colloquium, the Government requested the secretariat to review the operations of the Central Statistical Office (CSO) with recommendations for restructuring.

### Women in Development

At the request of the Prime Minister's Office, the secretariat provided advisory services to the Division of Organization and Management in the Prime Minister's Office with respect to the incorporation of women in development activities. The Rape Crisis Centre benefits from regular advisory services from the secretariat.

### International trade

The Trade Procedures Guide for Trinidad and Tobago was published and is available for public and private sector use.

### Demography

The Population Unit of the Ministry of Health received funds for the compilation and printing of a book, "In Search of a Population Policy". The secretariat also collaborated with the Trinidad and Tobago Family Planning Association and UWI in conducting a demographic and health survey.

Trinidad and Tobago participated in several regional training workshops. These included courses on Health and Education Sectoral Models for Population and Development Planning, Information Policy Formulation and Implementation Programmes and Population, Human Resources and Development Planning. Trinidad and Tobago has been included in a regional study of mortality patterns which analyses and evaluates the quality of mortality data.

The secretariat prepared the 1980 census database and intercensal estimates for the period 1960-1980 to assist calculation of several forms of demographic information. In addition, population projections for the period 1980-2015 have been made to assist planners and policy-makers with data for socio-economic planning.

The Government received a microcomputer, printer and software for population-related analysis.

#### Environment and tourism

Trinidad and Tobago participated in the Conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean. The Government received support in convening the Seventh Ministerial Meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean. A survey on the perceptions of tourism by residents, hoteliers and employees in the hotel sector of Tobago was conducted by the secretariat as part of a larger study on the impact on sociocultural issues on tourism.

#### Training

Trinidad and Tobago participated in the Roundtable on Human Resource Development Strategies, an activity of the ECLAC/CDCC's training policies project.

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#### Aruba

##### Environment and tourism

Aruba participated in the Conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean.

#### The British Virgin Islands

##### Demography

The 1980 population census database was prepared and installed. Population projections for the period 1980-2015 were prepared to be used as inputs into the planning process. A needs-assessment mission was undertaken to assist in the formulation of national population policies and advisory services with regard to the conduct of the 1990 census programme.

The British Virgin Islands participated in a regional training course on Population, Human Resources and Development Planning and was included in a study on mortality patterns.

Data were collected for ECLAC/CDCC's socio-demographic data bank. The secretariat provided a microcomputer, printer and software for population-related analysis.

#### Environment and tourism

The secretariat assisted the Government in the organization of its seminar on tourism and environmental protection.

### Montserrat

#### Information

Montserrat has on-line access to six databases mounted on ECLAC/CDCC's computers. Training was provided to librarians in the use of the secretariat's information software.

#### International trade

The Trade Procedures Guide for Montserrat was published and is available for public and private sector use.

#### Demography

Population projections were prepared for the period 1980-2015 to assist policy-makers with socio-economic development planning. Montserrat participated in the training workshop on the application of microcomputers to demographic analysis and in the course on Population, Human Resources and Development Planning. This associate member was included in a regional study on mortality patterns and received from the secretariat a microcomputer, printer and software for population-related analysis.

#### Environment and tourism

Montserrat participated in the Conference on the Organization and Financing of Sewerage Sector Development in the Caribbean.

### The Netherlands Antilles

#### Removal of language barriers

The secretariat facilitated the visit of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts of Guyana to the Instituto Lingwistiko Antiano and the University of the Netherlands Antilles, Curacao, and collaborated with the Ministries of Education and Foreign Affairs in the Removal of Language Barriers Programme. The Netherlands

Antilles hosted and participated in a workshop on simultaneous interpretation techniques which trained 15 persons from the Netherlands Antilles.

#### Women in development

Research was conducted on trends and changes in the female-dominated inter-island trade sector of St. Maarten. Advisory services were provided to the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Curacao, the Bureau of Women and Humanitarian Affairs and the Steering Committee of Curacao on the substantive aspects of a conference on young women. The Netherlands Antilles benefitted from the publication "Suitcase Traders of the Free Zone of Curacao".

#### Statistical services

Advisory services were provided to the Government on the restructuring of its statistical unit.

#### Demography

The Netherlands Antilles participated in a regional training course in Population, Human Resources and Development Planning.

#### Environment and tourism

A survey was conducted on the perception of tourism by residents, hoteliers and employees of the hotel sector in Curacao.

#### Training

A needs assessment mission was undertaken to St. Maarten to determine training needs and possible linkages with training institutions in the English-speaking Caribbean.

#### Chairmanship of CDCC

During the intersessional period, December 1989-March 1991, the Netherlands Antilles held the chairmanship of the CDCC. By virtue of this, the chairmanship of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC was held by Mrs. Lucita Moenir-Alam, Deputy Director, Bureau of Foreign Relations of the Netherlands Antilles. At the Fourth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee on 21-11 February 1991 the Committee "expressed strong appreciation for the energy and dedication which the Chairman exhibited during her tenure as Chairman of the Monitoring Committee".

### The United States Virgin Islands

The secretariat has not completed its examination of the participation of the United States Virgin Islands in its activities.

### Indirect benefits from CDCC programmes and projects

### The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

Member countries of the OECS participate in the activities of the secretariat under the programme of support provided by the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat through the Memorandum of Understanding between the secretariat and the OECS.

Activities undertaken have been geared primarily towards the furtherance of the OECS integration process. These activities consisted of preparing technical background information and draft legislative instruments in respect of OECS Customs Union. These included the Customs (Control and Management) Act, the Statutory Regulations to the Customs (Control and Management) Act and the Customs (Import Duties) Act which incorporates the Common Market common external tariff. The secretariat, through its ECLAC/CDCC/OECS co-ordinator, assisted with the preparatory work for the compilation of standardized customs administration instructions.

The secretariat provided technical input into other integration-related initiatives, including a review of Aliens Landholding legislation with the view of achieving greater uniformity, preferential treatment of OECS nationals and stimulating freer movement of production factors within the OECS Common Market. Reviews were conducted on double taxation issues, investment protection agreements and exchange of information agreements to achieve greater uniformity with third countries. Assistance was provided with the technical review of regional project proposals for financial and technical aid from donors. These projects included:

- (a) The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-assisted Eastern Caribbean Investment Promotion Service (CIPS);
- (b) The European Economic Community (EEC)-assisted Eastern Caribbean Export Development Agency (ECEDA);
- (c) The USAID-assisted Eastern Caribbean Drug Service (ECDS);

(d) The Proposal for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)-assisted OECS Information Network (INFONET);

(e) The OECS/ADEP proposed Caribbean Agency for Development and Training (CADET);

(f) The proposal for EIB Equity Financing for the Private Sector in OECS Countries;

(g) The proposal for the OECS/CIDA Directorate of Civil Aviation Review Project;

(h) The proposal for the OECS/EEC Human Resources Development Project;

(i) The examination of the situation relating to the proposed negotiations for the OECS acquisition and privatization of Radio Antilles Corporation Ltd.

The OECS secretariat and member countries benefitted from activities carried out directly from the Port-of-Spain based secretariat:

(a) Technical assistance and training of documentalists;

(b) Technical assistance and training of the Manager of the OECS-INFONET Network in the advanced features of the secretariat's information software;

(c) Training workshops in indexing and abstracting techniques for the participants of the OECS-INFONET Network; and

(d) Review and Report on the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Information System for Technical Assistance Projects for the OECS.

There are other more direct ways in which member States participate in the work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat, or in which the secretariat's work impacts the member States. These are of three types: the first is the use which is made of the secretariat's in-house database and its on-line access to external databases by government officials and private users. Database searches have been done for clients on demand on subjects including patent information and agriculture. Secondly, governments and private users alike have made use of the secretariat's many publications, in particular its annual publications of agricultural statistics and selected statistical indicators. Thirdly, the

ECLAC/CDCC secretariat has been collaborating with regional organizations in a range of activities of interest to its member countries. These include:

(a) Collaboration with UWI and the Inter-American Institute for Co-operation on Agriculture (IICA) on the Caribbean Agricultural Information System (CAGRIS) project, the objective of which is to strengthen the capability of countries in the area of agricultural research and the transfer of technology;

(b) The loan of an ECLAC/CDCC Consultant to assist the CARICOM Secretariat in the co-ordination of national consultations for the Regional Economic Conference and to provide advisory services in the formulation of recommendations for human resource development and science and technology.

(c) Substantive servicing of technical working group meeting of the Association of Caribbean Economists (ACE) dealing with external debt and regional co-operation.

(d) Co-operation with the Institute of International Relations in providing training to foreign service personnel.

(e) Assistance to UWI in the provision of teaching materials in development planning.

(f) Participation in meetings and seminars on the role of science and technology, for example:

- i) The meeting on issues of science and technology management for strategic planning in small states;
- ii) Regional meeting on the progress of science and technology and review of the implementation of the 1979 Vienna Plan of Action;
- iii) CARICOM workshop on technological needs and opportunities for small enterprise development;
- iv) Expert Group Meeting on Science and Technology Organization and Management;
- v) Workshop on Agricultural Extension Training;
- vi) Workshop on Post-Harvest Handling for Agricultural Commodity Exports;
- vii) Meeting of Ministries and Institutions in charge of Science and Technology;
- viii) Meeting of the Standing Committee of CARICOM Ministers responsible for science and technology;

(g) Participation in a UNEP-convened Task Force on the Implications of Climatic Changes in the Caribbean;

(h) Participation in the review meeting on the Caribbean Environment Programming Strategy Report prepared by CIDA;

(i) Participation in a Caribbean Tourism Research and Development Centre (CTRC) Tourism Economic Planning Workshop and Task Force;

(j) Participation in a regional consultation on Caribbean Co-operation in Environment and Health;

(k) Advisory services to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) with respect to the meeting on Non-Governmental Organizations in Health; and

(l) Advisory services to regional non-governmental organization such as the Caribbean Association of Feminist Researchers (CAFRA), the Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNRID) and Association for Caribbean Transformation (ACT).

#### Summary and conclusion

The evidence suggests that member States of ECLAC/CDCC benefitted significantly from the secretariat's activities, especially the OECS member countries and Trinidad and Tobago. The non-CARICOM member countries may not have participated in specific project activities to the same extent.

