Meeting on Removal of Language Barriers
Belize City, Belize
4 - 7 April 1978

DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Convened under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), by the Caribbean Development and Co-operation Committee Secretariat (CDCC) (United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America, Office for the Caribbean).
1. Exchange of information on foreign language teaching in Caribbean countries:
   (a) for international communication;
   (b) for national language policy reasons.

2. Identification of foreign language teaching needs:
   (a) Short term needs:
       - identification of target groups
       - foreign-language teaching for specific technical co-operative projects
       - rationalization of existing services
       - up-grading of existing institutions
   (b) Medium term needs:
       - reforms in education system (curriculum, materials, methodology, teacher training, research)
       - creation of machinery for new functions outside the education system (e.g. translation and interpretership)
       - the use of the media in reducing communication barriers.

3. Regional co-operation in development of foreign language teaching.

4. Utilisation of external sources of assistance.

5. Adoption of Final Report.
PROGRAMME

Rapporteur General: Jamaica Delegation

Tuesday 4 April 1978

8.00 - 9.30 Registration of Participants

9.45 - 10.15AM: OPENING SESSION

Convenor - Belize Delegation

Speakers:
- Mr. Hamid Mohammed, Deputy Director
  United Nations CEPAL Office for the Caribbean
- (To be announced)

COFFEE BREAK

11.00AM - 1.00PM: SESSION I

Convenor - Belize Delegation

1. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING IN CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

   (a) For international communication

2.30 - 5.30PM: SESSION II

Convenor - Suriname Delegation

(b) For national language policy reasons

Document for Sessions I and II:
"Initial Survey of Foreign Language Teaching Policies, Facilities and Methodology in the Caribbean"

Delegates will be expected to make brief oral presentations on national experience. These presentations should include problems of dialects, national vs. official languages, pluri-lingual situations and Creole.

Wednesday 5 April 1978

9.00 - 12.30PM: SESSION III

Convenor - Republic of Cuba Delegation

2. IDENTIFICATION OF FOREIGN-LANGUAGE TEACHING NEEDS
(a) Short term needs –

- Identification of target groups
- Foreign-language teaching for specific technical co-operative projects
- Rationalization of existing services
- Up-grading of existing institutions

Document for Session III:
"Foreign-language teaching for Special Co-operation Projects"

2.00 - 5.30PM SESSION IV

Convenor - Trinidad and Tobago Delegation

(b) Medium term needs –

- Reforms in education system (curriculum, materials, methodology, teacher-training, research)
- Creation of machinery for new functions outside the education system (e.g. translation and interpretership)
- The use of the media in reducing communication barriers

Documents for Session IV:
"Teacher-training in the Development of Foreign-language teaching"
"Translation and Interpretership Services"
"The Media in Foreign-language Teaching"

Thursday 6 April 1978

9.00 - 12.30PM) WORKING GROUP I
2.00 - 5.30PM )

Convenor - Guyana Delegation
Rapporteur - Grenada Delegation

IDENTIFICATION OF TARGET GROUPS AND THEIR TRAINING PROGRAMMES
Thursday 6 April 1978

9.00 - 12.30PM) WORKING GROUP II
2.00 - 5.30PM)

Convenor - Dominican Republic Delegation
Rapporteur - Bahamas Delegation

3. REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN-LANGUAGE TEACHING

4. UTILISATION OF EXTERNAL SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE

Friday 7 April 1978

11.00 - 12.30PM SESSION V

Convenor - Haiti Delegation

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS I AND II

Friday 7 April 1978

3.30 - 5.30PM SESSION VI

Convenor - Barbados Delegation

ADOPTION OF FINAL REPORT