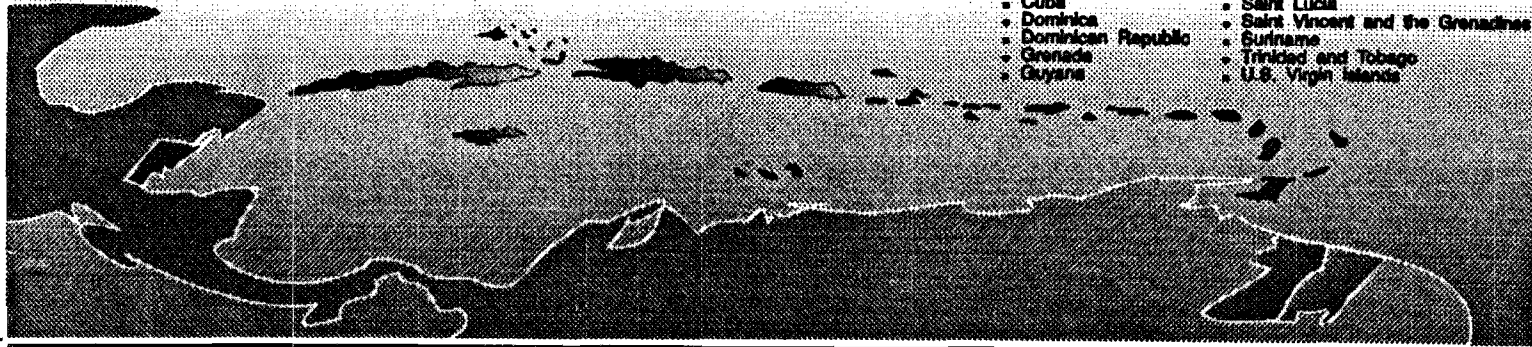




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SUBPROGRAMME 11: SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN

Subject area 11.1: Linkages with the global economy and competitiveness of the Caribbean economies

a) Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts

Expert meeting to analyse the repercussions of hemispheric and global economic events on the economic integration and global linkages of the Caribbean countries. (XB)

b) Non-recurrent publications

i) A study on global and hemispheric economic events and their repercussions on economic policy in the Caribbean.

ii) A study on factors relating to increased development of the services sector in the Caribbean.

Reformulated: Liberalization of selected services and implications for the Caribbean

iii) A document on the progress made in international trade negotiations on greater liberalization of world trade, and their consequences for the Caribbean.

iv) A document on the implications for the Caribbean of the globalization of financial markets.

v) A study of the competitiveness of some Caribbean economies in the context of global and hemispheric developments.

vi) A report evaluating CARICOM policies on trade, investments and payments, in the context of global and hemispheric economic development.

vii) A study of recent developments with regard to hemispheric economic cooperation and their significance for the Caribbean economies.

viii) A report on Caribbean trade statistics, including an analysis of trade between the subregion and Latin America, with a view to the identification of traditional and emerging markets.

c) Information material and services

Quarterly publication of an information bulletin on the external sector. "External Sector Briefing Notes".

Subject area 11.2: Integration and regional cooperation

a) **Substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings**

One session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) and one meeting of the CDCC Monitoring Committee.

b) **Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts**

Expert meeting to analyse aspects of cooperation for development relevant to CDCC member countries.

c) **Non-recurrent publications**

i) An updated study on trade among CDCC member countries and between them and other countries in the hemisphere.

ii) A study on the economic integration of the Caribbean in the context of the development of hemispheric and global trade.

iii) A study on economic cooperation among the Caribbean members of the Association of Caribbean States and the other members of the Association.

iv) An analysis of the potential impact of the creation of the Free Trade Area of the Americas on the economies of the non-independent Caribbean countries and possibilities for cooperation with these countries under the Plan of Action of the Summit of the Americas.

Reformulated: An analysis of the socio-economic impact of labour migration on development in selected small island States including the NICCs

v) A study on the capacity of ECLAC associate members to carry out, on a national level, the activities contemplated in the programmes of action resulting from United Nations world conferences on the environment, small island developing States, women, natural disaster reduction, population, social development and human settlements. (XB)

d) **Technical material**

Update of the statistical database on trade among the members of the Association of Caribbean States and between the Association and the rest of the world.

e) **Information material and services**

i) Publication of the quarterly newsletter, **Focus**, on the activities of the CDCC.

ii) Publication of the monthly newsletter, Associate, on subjects of interest to ECLAC associate members.

Add: Preparation of country profiles of CDCC member countries.

Subject area 11.3: Development of production and technology

a) Substantive servicing of intergovernmental meetings

Two plenary sessions of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST).

Four meetings of the Executive Committee of the CCST.

b) Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts

Expert meeting to analyse various aspects of technology and its relation to the economic and social development of the Caribbean.

c) Non-recurrent publications

i) A document on the operation and management of the agencies and institutions working in the field of science and technology in CCST member countries.

ii) A study evaluating the possibilities for greater development of the industrial sector in some Caribbean countries.

Reformulated: A study of competitiveness of the agro-industrial sector in some Caribbean countries

iii) A study on the technological dimensions of economic diversification and development in the Caribbean countries.

iv) A study evaluating the science and technology networks operating in the subregion and their effectiveness

v) A document on recent trends and developments in the manufacturing sector of some Caribbean countries to be determined.

Reformulated: A study on the informal sector dynamics in the Caribbean, focusing on micro-enterprises and the provision of housing

vi) A study on the promotion and adoption of new technologies within the context of sustainable development.

vii) A study evaluating the efficacy of the projects on renewable sources of energy carried out in the Caribbean.

viii) A study on the contribution of the tourism sector to the economic development of some Caribbean countries to be determined.

Reformulated to read: A study on the impact of the application of new technologies on the tourism sector and its effect on the socio-economic development of some Caribbean countries

d) Information material and services

Publication of the quarterly newsletter of the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST). (XB)

e) Operational activities

Advisory services

Provision of technical cooperation services in connection with the development of production and technology, to government bodies and non-governmental organizations that request such services. (XB)

Execution of a project on Science and Technology Popularization.

Subject area 11.4: Economic development and information for development

a) Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts

Expert meeting to examine aspects of economic management of the countries of the subregion in the context of world and regional developments.

b) Non-recurrent publications

i) A study on economic diversification and development in the single-crop economies of the Caribbean.

Reformulated: An evaluation of progress of economic diversification and its impact on development in selected Caribbean countries

ii) Two summaries of economic trends in the CDCC countries (one in each year of the biennium).

iii) A comparative study on macroeconomic policies in some small island countries of the Caribbean and other regions.

iv) A study on the contribution of foreign investment to the economic development of the Caribbean.

v) A document evaluating the approaches and methodologies used in the preparation of economic projections in Caribbean countries.

vi) A study evaluating the methodologies used in Caribbean countries for the compilation of national accounts.

vii) Two reports on selected statistical indicators of Caribbean countries (one in each year of the biennium).

viii) A study on the effective use of information technology and systems in the Caribbean.

Reformulated: **Study on the effective use of information technology and systems in the Caribbean, including an assessment of the contribution of the information sector to economic development in the Caribbean and the articulation of a new role for ECLAC in this sector**

Add: Major Statistical Publications - Abstracts Vol V.

c) Information material and services

Publication in print and electronic media of the monthly newsletter, Current Awareness Bulletin.

d) Technical material

i) Publication of the CARISPLAN database on CD ROM, provided extrabudgetary resources are available.

ii) Maintenance of a database containing bibliographic information and complete texts, which can be accessed at a distance.

Add: Creation of a virtual library of information on the Caribbean to develop a project to complete this exercise.

e) Operational activities

Advisory services

i) Provision of technical cooperation services related to economic planning and policy formulation and to the preparation of databases and data organization, to member countries and regional institutions upon request. (XB)

ii) Provision of technical assistance to documentation centres in the countries of the region upon request. (XB)

Training:

Add: 4 Training workshops in UNESCO's CDS/ISIS data management software. (XB)

Coordination of a meeting of CDS/ISIS users in the Caribbean.

Subject area 11.5: Human and social development

a) Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts

i) Expert meeting on the implementation of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women.

ii) Expert meeting on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, with special reference to international migration.

iii) Expert meeting to consider matters relating to poverty and income distribution in the Caribbean, as part of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development. (XB)

Reformulated: Expert group meeting to consider efforts of integrated strategies for the eradication of absolute poverty and to study measures taken to foster social development in the Caribbean

b) Non-recurrent publications

i) A document on some aspects of social integration in the Caribbean.

Reformulated: Tourism and its implication on land ownership and land management and its impact on socio and economic development

- ii) A study on some aspects of poverty and income distribution in the Caribbean.

Reformulated: Social Panorama of Caribbean Countries

- iii) A summary of social development indicators in the Caribbean countries.

- iv) A study on recent population growth trends in CDCC member countries.

Reformulated: A comparative study of aspects of adolescent reproductive behaviour and the implications for development planning, with special reference to St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada

- v) A study of return migration in the Caribbean: Recommendations for social policy.

- vi) Conduct of survey on female headed households (FHH), Guyana. Objective: Collection of data on reproductive health behavior and poverty in FHH for improved programme delivery services and policy formulation. (XB)

- v) A document evaluating the efforts made by Caribbean governments to include demographic considerations in development planning.

Reformulated: Study on interrelations between population, poverty and sustainable development, with special reference to female headed households, utilizing survey data

- vi) A report on ways and means of implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in the Caribbean countries.

- vii) A study on aspects of planning and gender equality in the Caribbean.

- viii) A report on implementation by the Caribbean countries of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women, in the light of the Regional Programme of Action for Women of Latin America and the Caribbean.

- ix) A study on the expansion of employment opportunities for women and youth in the Caribbean countries.

c) Information materials and services

Publication of the newsletter on population activities: Caribbean Action on Population and Development. (6 issues)

d) Technical material

i) Update of the database on social development indicators.

ii) Update and expansion of the socio-demographic database and information systems on vital statistics

iii) Update of the computerized bibliographic database on women and development in the Caribbean.

e) Operational activities

Advisory services

Provision of technical cooperation services, to CDCC member countries upon request, in the following areas: Evaluation and analysis of demographic statistics, the design and implementation of population policies, the integration of women into development, and the promotion of social development. (XB)

Caribbean Execution of a project on the Integration of population and development in the

Training:

Add: Techniques for analysis of census/survey data for development planning. (XB)

Subject area 11.6: Environmental sustainability

a) Organization and substantive servicing of meetings of experts

Expert meeting to consider aspects of sustainable development relevant to the Caribbean countries.

b) Non-recurrent publications

i) A study analysing aspects of sustainable development of particular relevance to the Caribbean, in light of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

ii) A study on transboundary issues relating to the environment and development in Caribbean countries.

Reformulated: A study on the environmental implication of the increasing urbanization in the Caribbean

iii) A report on implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

c) Technical material

Update and expansion of the environmental database for the Caribbean countries.

d) Operational activities

Advisory services

Provision of technical cooperation services, to CDCC member States upon request, in connection with environmental sustainability and also with the implementation of follow-up activities relating to the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. (XB)

2. Inter-agency cooperation and liaison

Activities related to the linkages with the global economy and competitiveness of the Caribbean economies will be carried out in regular consultation and coordination with the secretariats of regional bodies, such as the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Latin American Economic System (SELA) and the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration (SIECA), and with the countries members of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) and their respective central banks.

Activities relating to the development of production and technology in the Caribbean will be carried out in close collaboration with the secretariats of CARICOM and OECS and the Technology and Energy Department of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). On the international level, working relations will be maintained with UNESCO, UNDP, the United Nations Centre for Science and Technology for Development and other international organizations outside of the United Nations system, when appropriate. Close contact will also be maintained with national institutions engaged in activities in the field of science and technology.

Tasks related to economic development and information will be carried out in close coordination with the ECLAC Economic Development Division and the CARICOM secretariat.

Activities in the area of human and social development in the Caribbean will be carried out in collaboration with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, of regional or international scope, active in the fields of population and development, women and development, and social development, and particularly with the CARICOM and OECS secretariats, UNFPA, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, UNICEF, UNDP and ILO.

Work related to environmental sustainability will be carried out in coordination with the ECLAC environment and Development Division, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), UNDP and other United Nations bodies, and the CARICOM and OECS secretariats. Collaboration may extend to joint execution of projects and programmes.

3. Users and anticipated uses of outputs

The main users of the outputs of this subprogramme will be government authorities and officials concerned with economic and social matters and with the formulation and execution of policies, programmes and projects in the areas indicated above, and additionally international, regional and subregional organizations concerned with integration and cooperation. It is expected that the outputs may serve as guidelines and reference material for such users in their respective functions and areas of competence.

Important users will also include a variety of public- and private-sector institutions, such as business, labour and professional associations, universities and other academic institutions, applied research institutes and centres for the development and dissemination of technology.

Users will be reached through the distribution of documents and publications, the supply of information material and services, technical cooperation activities, periodic consultations and contacts, and participation in intergovernmental meetings and expert forums.



