

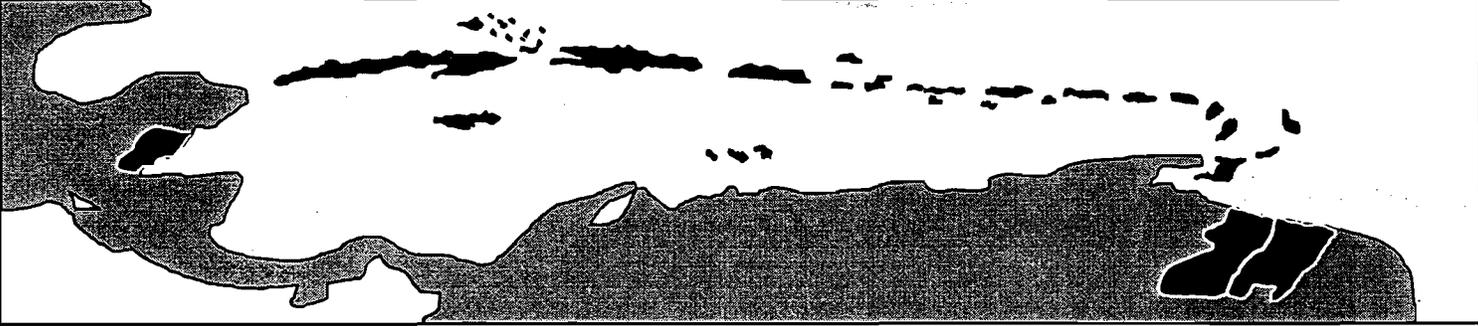


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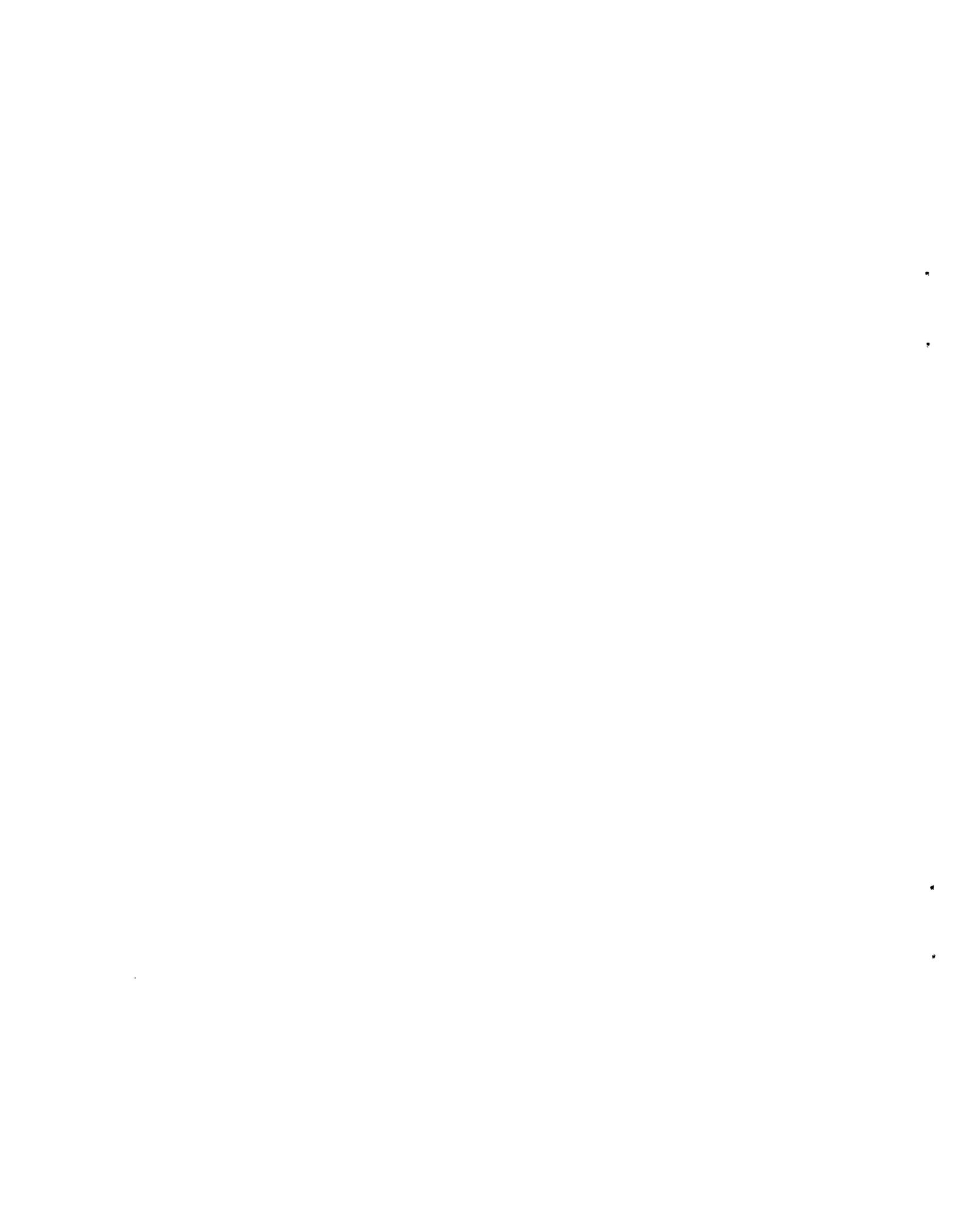
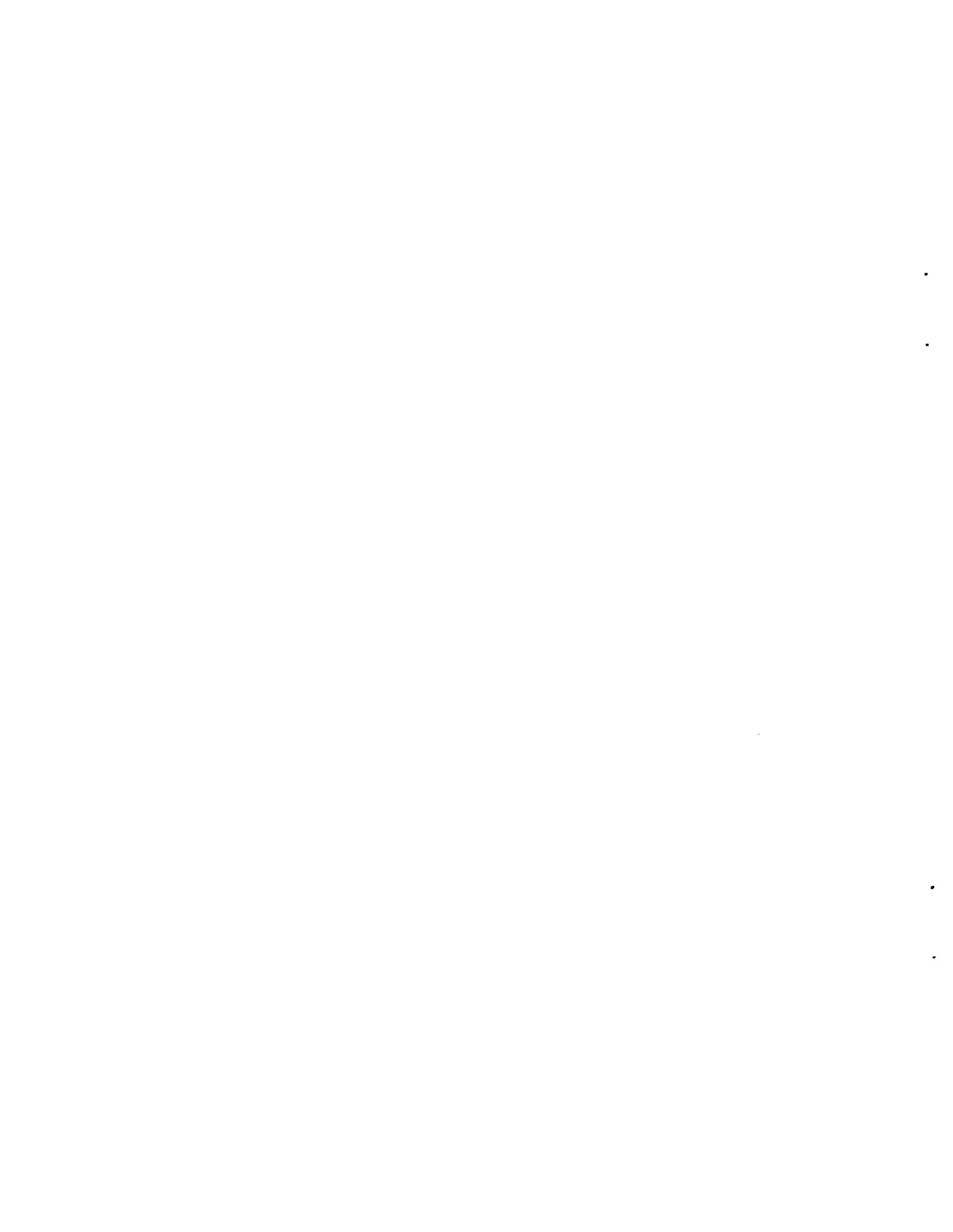


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A. Introduction

During the year 2000, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean/Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (ECLAC/CDCC) secretariat focused its attention on the provision of technical support to its 23 member and associate member countries as well as to those Caribbean regional organizations requesting assistance. This was in addition to the usual activities, including the preparation of studies analysing issues of special relevance to the economic, social and sustainable development of the Caribbean subregion. In an effort to revitalise the spirit of the CDCC, the secretariat increased its public awareness programme with a view to bringing to the attention of member States and other organizations the activities carried out in its programme of work. This strategy included official visits to member States to discuss technical assistance and other support requirements as well as regular briefings of country representatives abroad. Also in the period under review, the secretariat commemorated the Silver Jubilee of the CDCC during the eighteenth session of the CDCC convened in Port of Spain during the period, 30 March to 1 April 2000.

In the period under review, ECLAC/CDCC convened 22 meetings, published 12 substantive documents in the area of trade and investment, social development, environment and tourism, science and technology, information, statistics and sustainable development and prepared 22 restricted publications. Following on the achievements of the recent biennium, the secretariat was able to respond quickly to requests from member States for assistance in the development of programmes and policies. This was made much more effective with the access to technical support funds from our headquarters.

B. Implementation of activities by subject areas

1. Subject area 12.1: Linkages with the global economy and competitiveness of the Caribbean countries

The secretariat's programme of work under this subject area continues to monitor world, hemispheric and regional developments and assesses their implications for the Caribbean. In addition, the secretariat carries out a wide range of activities, in collaboration with subregional institutions and United Nations agencies, aimed at promoting cooperation among CDCC countries and between CDCC countries and those of Latin America.

1.1 Trade and investment

(a) Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)

During the biennium, the secretariat continued to provide support to and attended meetings of the FTAA Consultative Group on Smaller Economies, one of the groups established to ensure that the characteristics, needs and concerns of the smaller economies are taken into account in the ongoing negotiations of the FTAA. This support was provided in collaboration with ECLAC offices in Mexico and Santiago, Chile, the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

As part of its involvement in this process, the secretariat assisted in the preparation of a technical assistance framework for the FTAA.

(b) Support to Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Permanent Representatives

As part of its ongoing efforts to keep member States up-to-date on development issues, the secretariat continues to hold briefing sessions with subregional representatives at the United Nations and in Washington. The secretariat, through its Director and other staff, addressed CARICOM Permanent Representatives to the United Nations on three occasions on the activities of ECLAC/CDCC and on issues which were related to deliberations taking place at the time at the United Nations Headquarters.

A major support provided to our member States was the preparation of a brief to assist CARICOM countries in negotiations on the Report of the Secretary-General to the Preparatory Committee for High Level International Intergovernmental Events on Financing for Development, held in New York, 12-23 February 2001. This brief was prepared at the request of the Saint Lucia Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

In other instances, the secretariat was able to provide assistance to member States representatives to the United Nations with information they may request for use at meetings of the various committees of the United Nations.

1.2 Trade issues

In an effort to keep member States abreast of developments which may have implications for Caribbean trade, the secretariat continued to prepare studies in this subject area. These are as follows:

- (a) The study on *The Caribbean in the decade of the 1990s - Summary*, reviews the economic and social development efforts of the Caribbean subregion in the 1990s. In so doing, it looks at the following issues: the developments in Caribbean trade relations and trade performance, direction of trade and financial flows. It also examines economic reforms and performance by addressing macroeconomic performance, unemployment and changes in production structures. Environmental management is analyzed in relation to the Caribbean Sea, institutional framework

and the role of tourism. The issues of governance, changes in social structures, sustainable development and the impact of information technology are also addressed. [This document, LC/CAR/G.600, was published in January 2000]

- (b) The paper on *The failure of Seattle and its implications* examines the evolution of the positions of developing countries on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) over the years. It reviews the recent trends in international trade, the Uruguay Round agreements and their implementation, and emphasizes some of the issues of concern advanced by the World Trade Organization (WTO) members, in particular the developing countries, including the Caribbean. The paper also briefly examines the future of trade negotiations. [This paper, LC/CAR/G.617, was published in July 2000]

1.3 Financial issues

- (a) The secretariat prepared a series of studies (restricted publications) reviewing recent developments in *financial services liberalization*, in particular, the WTO agreement on financial services and the recent attempts to improve the regulation of the offshore financial centers. These studies examined the offshore financial sector in Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and St Kitts and Nevis and its contribution to those economies in terms of employment, government revenue and foreign exchange. A major assumption of the studies was that the expectations for the sector were not being met and that this might be due to the existence of gaps in the formulation of policies. These studies outline a strategic focus, which could better utilize and strengthen existing capacities. [These studies were published as Restricted documents in April 2000].

1.4 Information dissemination

The *ECLAC Issue Brief*, previously issued as the "External Briefing Notes, is a quarterly publication of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat which aims to examine current economic issues and concisely highlights the implications for the Caribbean subregion. The following issues have so far been examined in the Briefs: The New African, Caribbean, Pacific-European Union (ACP-EU) Partnership Agreement and its Implications for the Caribbean, Implications of the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) for countries in the Caribbean, Resurgence of Regionalism in the Caribbean and Latin America and Export Competitiveness of Caribbean Services.

1.5 Meetings

The secretariat, in collaboration with the Economic Division at ECLAC, Santiago, convened a Regional Seminar on the Impact of Economic Reform in Latin America and the Caribbean, to present the findings of a book - Growth, employment and equity. The meeting was held in Trinidad and Tobago, 27 October 2000. The report of the meeting, LC/CAR/G.629, has been distributed.

1.6 Trade statistics database

The importance of trade for the Caribbean economies and the involvement of the countries in numerous trade negotiations highlight the need for up-to-date and detailed trade statistics in the subregion which will include both the value and composition of trade. It is difficult, at present, to obtain up-to-date figures on trade (values and product trade) among the Caribbean countries, as well as between the Caribbean and other parts of the world. This is due largely to weaknesses in the capacity of Caribbean statistical institutions and the variability of the formats of the trade statistics produced. The countries also need to increase their capacity to formulate policies and develop productive industries to benefit from their participation in trade liberalisation agreements. The availability of up-to-date trade data on the Caribbean has significant utility for Caribbean policy makers, negotiators, researchers, manufacturers, bankers, investors and other sectors which are either involved or interested in trading activities

In response to this difficulty, ECLAC/CDCC requested and received funding from the Kingdom of the Netherlands to implement a project on the *Support to the Development of Trade in the Caribbean*. A key element of the project is the establishment of trade databases at the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean and at the national level in selected Caribbean countries' statistical offices. It is expected that the project will assist these countries in the production of trade data in accordance with the new format and provide assistance to strengthen, wherever required, the trade units of these offices. The project will also assist Caribbean countries strengthen their capacity to participate effectively and benefit from the trade liberalisation programmes which they implement.

1.6 Technical assistance

The secretariat continued its programme, initiated in 1999, of hosting workshops on issues related to the FTAA, competitiveness and standards and the process of trade liberalization and impacts on small economies in the Caribbean developments related to the FTAA negotiation process. In the last biennium, workshops were held in St Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada. In the present biennium, to date, one workshop was conducted in Antigua and Barbuda, 13 November 2000.

At the request of the Government of Anguilla, the secretariat prepared the research study on *The trade capacity in Anguilla* (LC/CAR/R42 prepared in November 2000)

A detailed list of requests received for technical assistance and implemented is presented below.

Table 1. Technical assistance requests received/implemented
Subject area 12.1: Linkages with the global economy and competitiveness of the Caribbean countries

Country/ institution/ Agency	Purpose of the request/activity carried out	Activity carried out	Action taken
Anguilla	Assistance in the preparation of a study on Trade and Fiscal Reform for Anguilla	May-00	Completed
Antigua and Barbuda	Assistance in the conduct of a workshop on the FTAA Process, Competitiveness and standards in Antigua and Barbuda.	13-14 November 2000	Completed
FTAA	Participated in Meeting on Technical Assistance for Smaller Economies to be held in ECLAC, Washington, 3 May 2000.	May-00	Completed
FTAA	Prepared a draft outline on technical assistance for the Committee and participation in the regular meetings of the FTAA Consultative Group on Smaller Economies	June-00	Completed

2. Subject area 12.2: Integration and regional cooperation

Under this subject area, the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat continued its work towards deepening regional cooperation and integration. A key activity of the work programme in 2000 was the convening of the eighteenth session of the CDCC and the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the CDCC. Also included in its programme of work, under this subject area, was the continued assistance offered to associate member States in a range of activities at their request.

2.1. CDCC meetings

During the period under review, the eighteenth session of the CDCC was convened in Port of Spain during the period, 30 March to 1 April 2000 to review the work accomplished during the 1998-1999 biennium and to take note of the work to be carried out during the next two years. The programme of work for the 2002-2003 biennium was initially adopted by the session and subsequently approved by the twenty-eighth session of ECLAC which was held in Mexico during the period 3 - 8 April 2000. Taking into account that the CDCC was celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary in 2000 and also noting the changing scenario of development in the subregion, delegates at the meeting adopted a resolution requesting a comprehensive review of the Constituent Declaration and Functions and Rules of Procedure of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee.

A report of the meeting, document LC/CAR/G.611, was prepared and distributed.

2.2 Other meetings

- (a) A high-level seminar on the basic functions of planning was convened, in collaboration with the Latin American and Caribbean Planning Institute (ILPES), in Port of Spain, 5-6 October 2000. The report of the meeting, document, LC/CAR/G.622, was prepared in November 2000.

2.3 Integration issues

- (a) The secretariat has recently completed a study on "*Recent Developments in Intra-CDCC Trade*". In recent years, there has been an increased interest in the development of intraregional trade in the developing countries, in general, and in the Caribbean, in particular. Many countries are rethinking their development strategies and promoting economic growth and development based on a paradigm of open regionalism. In this process, countries have abandoned the import-substitution model of industrialisation in favour of an outward-oriented export-led growth strategy. The implementation of structural adjustment programmes, including trade liberalisation has increased the region's openness to trade and investment. To further strengthen the integration process, CARICOM continues to work towards the establishment of a Single Market and Economy (SM&E). Despite all these measures, intra-CDCC trade has seen only modest growth in the 1990s. Intra-CDCC exports posted growth of 3.4 per cent, almost 2.0 per cent less than the world's average. Against this context, the paper analyses the evolution of intra-CDCC trade in the 1990s and examines the underlying factors that may be responsible for the observed trends. [This document, LC/CAR/G.632, was published in January 2001]
- (b) The study on *Global economic developments in 1999*, surveys the major world economic and financial developments, including output, prices, fiscal and balance of payments positions and capital flows in 1999, and assesses the salient implications of those trends for economic performance in the Caribbean.[This study, LC/CAR/G.623, was published in November 2000]
- (c) In response to concerns expressed by member States on the implications of the FTAA on the regional trading arrangements, the secretariat prepared a paper exploring the *Special and differential treatment in the FTAA*. [The paper, LC/CAR/G.633, was published in January 2001]
- (d) In view of the preparation for the launch of the millennium round of trade negotiations scheduled to commence in 2001, the secretariat has prepared a paper entitled "*Progress made by Caribbean countries in the WTO built-in agenda on services and intellectual property rights*". The WTO built-in agenda calls for a very large number of activities to be undertaken and further negotiations on a host of issues including the "unfinished agenda" of the Uruguay Round of trade liberalisation, particularly services and intellectual property rights. In that light, the paper examines the progress that have been made to date in implementing

various Uruguay Round Agreements (URAs) as well as the commitments the countries have undertaken and, in so doing, identifies areas where difficulties have been encountered and, where changes may need to be made to ensure compliance with the rules and commitments and thereby maximise the benefits of services liberalisation. [This document is being edited and will be published in March 2001]

2.4 Information dissemination

The secretariat continued to prepare quarterly issues of the newsletter, "FOCUS" providing information on the ongoing work of the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat.

2.5 Technical assistance

During 2000, the secretariat continued to provide technical support to member States, at their request.

A detailed list of requests received for technical assistance and implemented is presented below.

**Table 2. Technical assistance requests received/implemented
Subject area 12.2: Integration and regional cooperation**

Country/institution/ Agency	Purpose of the request/activity carried out	Activity carried out	Action taken
Antigua and Barbuda	Preparation of a study on the development of the offshore financial services in Antigua and Barbuda	April-00	completed
Regional	At the request of the St Lucia Perm Rep to the UN, the secretariat prepared a brief to assist CARICOM countries in negotiations on the Report of the Secretary General to the Preparatory Committee for High Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development. 12-23 February 2001	January-01	Completed
St Kitts and Nevis	Preparation of a study on the development of the offshore financial services in St. Kitts and Nevis,	April-00	completed
St Lucia	Preparation of a study on the development of the offshore financial services in St Lucia	April-00	completed
St Vincent	Preparation of a study on the development of the offshore financial services in St. Vincent and the Grenadines	April-00	completed
Aruba	Mission to Aruba to provide assistance in their bid to increase trade with CARICOM, MERCOSUR, the European Union and other CDCC member countries;		pending
Haiti	A three-person mission to Haiti to provide assistance in the areas of gender and social policy formulation and macroeconomic policy, especially in the area of trade with CDCC member States;		pending
Netherlands Antilles	Mission to the Netherlands Antilles to provide assistance in their bid to increase trade with CARICOM, MERCOSUR, the European Union and other CDCC member countries;		pending
St Kitts and Nevis	Assistance to the Ministry of trade in instituting a pricing regime for selected goods;		pending

3. Subject area 12.3: Application of science and technology to development

This subject area incorporates those activities, which relate to industrial development, tourism and science and technology. Until mid-1999, the programme on science and technology provided secretariat support to the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), for which ECLAC/CDCC served as the Interim Secretariat since 1979.

3.1 New technologies

- (a) The paper on *Industrialization, new technologies and competitiveness in the Caribbean*, provides an analysis of selected sectors in the subregion namely, the banana industry, the food sector, tourism and small and medium-sized enterprises to show how industrialization, through technological development, can lead to competitiveness. The document also suggests some policy implications, actions to be undertaken and hurdles to overcome if the region is to benefit from the available natural resources. It concludes that to be competitive there must be a thorough knowledge of both product and process using the most appropriate research and development work through science and technology. [This paper, LC/CAR/G.614, was published in June 2000].
- (b) The secretariat convened an expert group meeting on agriculture, with the focus on the impact of new technologies on food, nutrition and health. This meeting was held in Port of Spain on 28-29 September 2000.

3.3 Science and technology indicators

In 2000, the secretariat continued to work towards the development of appropriate science and technology indicators for the Caribbean. In this regard, a workshop for experts on the development of science and technology indicators for the Caribbean was convened in Port of Spain, May 2000. This activity is being carried with support from Red Iberoamericana de Indicadores de Ciencia y Tecnologia (RICYT).

3.4 Popularization of science and technology

During the course of the year, the secretariat continued to focus on the issue of the popularization of science and technology. A workshop was held in Grenada from 21-24 November, to familiarize the local science and technology community with the role of the media in science and technology popularization. The secretariat commissioned the preparation of five-minute video presentations that would identify existing science and technology popularisation initiatives in three countries (Guyana, Saint Lucia and Jamaica). The video is expected to serve as a guide for developing future projects in other countries of the subregion.

3.4.1 Information dissemination

With the termination of activities related to CCST, the secretariat has introduced the preparation of the quarterly newsletter "Info Bits" providing information on selected topics on science and technology.

3.5 Technical assistance

Technical assistance continues to be offered, upon request to member States and to regional and subregional institutions. During the period under review, the secretariat provided support to the CARICOM/Commonwealth Science Council meeting on Agri-business opportunities in CARICOM, held in Saint Lucia, 22-23 May 2000. The secretariat presented a paper on Technologies in Agroprocessing Especially Banana Fiber Project at this meeting.

At the request of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the secretariat assisted in the convening of a seminar, organized by the University of the West Indies/Sustainable Economic Development Unit (UWI/SEDU), on Managing Space for Sustainable Living in the SIDS, held in Port of Spain, 16-17 October 2000.

A detailed list of requests received for technical assistance and implemented is presented below.

Table 3. Technical assistance requests received/implemented

Subject area 12.3: Application of science and technology to development

Country/institution/ Agency	Purpose of the request/activity carried out	Activity carried out	Action taken
CARICOM	Assistance to the CARICOM/Commonwealth Science Council meeting on Agri-business opportunities in CARICOM, held in St Lucia. The secretariat presented a paper on Technologies in Agroprocessing Especially Banana Fiber Project.	22-23 May 2000	Completed
IICA	Assisted in the conduct of an IICA on Technology Imperatives for Agro-tourism Development for the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) 5 December 2000 in St. Lucia	December-00	Completed
The Tobago House of Assembly, TIDCO,FAO,IICA and UWI	Provided technical assistance to the Regional Agro Tourism Conference on the Human and social Dimensions in Agro Tourism	April 26-28, 2000	completed
The University of the West Indies/SEDU,	Assisted UWI/SEDU in the conduct of a seminar on Managing Space for sustainable living in the SIDS, held in Port of Spain	16-17 October 2000.	Completed
Trinidad and Tobago	Assistance provided in the development of a project proposal for the establishment of a business incubator in Trinidad and Tobago	May-00	Completed

4. Subject area 12.4: Information management for development

Under this subject area, the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean continued its collaboration with other regional and subregional institutions and prepared reports and working papers on various issues related to economic and social development in the subregion.

It should be noted that in keeping with current trends, publications, including newsletters, prepared by the secretariat are now available online at the ECLAC/CDCC website www.eclacpos.org. In addition to reaching a wider public, this measure was introduced as a means of keeping the cost of publications and dissemination to a minimum.

4.1 Informatics

The secretariat prepared a series of studies (restricted publications) reviewing recent developments in the *informatics markets and the relevant aspects of GATT*, in particular the agreement on basic telecommunications. The studies examined the contribution of the informatics industry to the economies of Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and St Kitts and Nevis and made a number of policy recommendations related to the further development of the industry. [These studies were published as restricted papers in June 2000]

4.2 Bibliographic works

The document *Bibliography: ECLAC/CDCC through the years - Twenty-five years of Caribbean research* was prepared especially for the eighteenth session of the CDCC. This two-volume bibliographic compilation documents 25 years, between 1975 and 2000, of ECLAC research and documentation on behalf of the countries of the CDCC. Volume 1 presents the main bibliography and Volume 2, the indices. This publication includes more than 1,500 entries. [This document, LC/CAR/G.604, was published in March 2000].

The publication is arranged in 50 broad subject areas, and further subdivided into narrower headings, each entry has a full bibliographic citation, including a list of subject keywords. For most titles, there is also a brief abstract or summary of the content. Subject, country, conference, and document symbol number indices are presented in Volume 2. This bibliography is also available via the ECLAC/CDCC Internet web site, www.eclacpos.org. French and Spanish indices are also available via the Internet.

4.3 Caribbean Digital Library

Also, in 2000, in its drive to promote the use of the technology of the World Wide Web as a new vehicle of information exchange, ECLAC/CDCC convened a meeting of information specialists, convened by the Caribbean Documentation Centre, to discuss modalities for cooperation in the establishment of a Caribbean Electronic Development Information Centre. The meeting was held in Port of Spain, on 22 May 2000. A major outcome of this meeting was

the formation of a Caribbean Digital Library Consortium which would continue the cooperation begun under the Caribbean Information System for Social and Economic Planning [CARISPLAN] to disseminate information to member States. The Caribbean Digital Library (CDL) is now being accessed at www.eclacpos.org/cdl and is used by many persons in the region.

4.4 Population and household censuses

- (a) In the period under review, ECLAC/CDCC continued to collaborate with the CARICOM Secretariat in planning and budgeting for the 2000/2001 Population and Household Censuses.

4.5 Information dissemination

Current Awareness Bulletin

- (a) The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat continues to prepare and publish the information publication *Current Awareness Bulletin*. The Bulletin provides a cross-section of information to users of the Caribbean Documentation Centre (CDC) and includes a list of the most recent acquisitions, arranged by subject, of United Nations documents received of relevance to the Caribbean; documents recently prepared by the ECLAC Santiago Office, as well as the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean. This newsletter seeks to alert the reader to recent documents received in the Caribbean Documentation Centre, in the areas identified by policy makers as crucial for regional economic and social development.
- (b) The bulletin is published bimonthly in English and is distributed free of charge to approximately 100 persons from the private and public sectors in the Caribbean and selected institutions. The **Current Awareness Bulletin** is also made accessible through the web site, www.eclacpos.org, with links to abstracts of some documents where available.
- (c) The current issues of the CAB are Vol.23, Nos. 1/2, 3/4, 5/6,7/8,9/10, 11/12

Current Contents

The secretariat also produces the monthly newsletter *Current Contents*, which provides users with an insight into the contents of Journals, and other Publications recently received in the Caribbean Documentation Centre.

Training

The Caribbean Documentation Centre conducted a two-day training workshop for 15 librarians and information specialists from selected Caribbean countries in web management. This took place at the secretariat's offices in Port of Spain, 23-24 May 2000.

4.6 Technical assistance

During the year 2000, the Caribbean Documentation Centre handled over 753 queries for assistance in locating various research material and filled 115 requests for Current Awareness Bulletins. Also in the year, the Centre was able to improve on its collection of material by cataloguing and indexing more than 800 new documents, processing over 7500 library books/journals/ United Nations documents and abstracting more than 270 documents. These publications were entered into the ECLAC information database. In addition, the subprogramme on information and statistics also responded to several requests for support for member States and regional institutions. These are listed in table 4 below.

Table 4. Technical assistance requests received/implemented
Subject area 12.4: Information management for development

Country/institution/ Agency	Purpose of the request/activity carried out	Activity carried out	Action taken
Antigua and Barbuda	Assistance in the preparation of an appraisal of the Statistical Information Infrastructure	June-00	completed
Antigua and Barbuda	Preparation of a study on the development of the informatics services in Antigua and Barbuda	June-00	completed
Aruba	Conducted a reassessment of the data management system of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Tourism and measure progress that has been made in comparison to the rapid appraisal statistics report that was published in 1995.	March-00	completed
FTAA	Prepared a draft outline on technical assistance for the Committee and participation in the regular meetings of the FTAA Consultative Group on Smaller Economies	June-00	Completed
Montserrat	Carried out an assessment of the training requirements of statisticians in Montserrat	29/3/2000	completed
Netherlands Antilles	Provided technical advisory services or technical assistance in Statistics	29/3/2000	completed
St Kitts and Nevis	Preparation of a study on the development of the informatics services in St. Kitts and Nevis,	June-00	completed
St Lucia	Preparation of a study on the development of the informatics services in St, Lucia	June-00	completed
St Vincent	Preparation of a study on the development of the informatics services in St. Vincent and the Grenadines	June-00	completed
Trinidad and Tobago	Assistance in web-page development	10/1/01	ongoing
Antigua and Barbuda	Request for assistance to provide support to Antigua and Barbuda with their statistical offices as they prepare for the year 2000 round of censuses;		pending
Aruba	A mission to assist Aruba with its statistical office as they prepare for the year 2000 round of censuses;		pending
CARICOM	Request for assistance in providing a training workshop in the use of statistical databases		pending
Grenada	Request for assistance in training in MINISIS for the national library		pending
Montserrat	A mission to assist Montserrat with their statistical office as they prepare for the year 2000 round of censuses;		pending

5. Subject area 12.5: Human and social development in the Caribbean

Activities carried out under this subject area cover the full sphere of social development activities. This includes work carried out in women's affairs, social development, poverty, issues related to the older persons, population and development, gender issues, youth, employment and adolescent behaviour. The major activities carried out during the biennium were related to the convening of meetings aimed at preparing for the Special Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly to review the status of the global conferences and in providing technical assistance to member States.

The secretariat, during the period under review, continued its policy of engaging in subregional discussions on issues related to the monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the Programmes of Action adopted at the global conferences, International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), World Summit for Social Development (WSSD) and the Fourth World Conference on Women (FWCW), as they relate to the Caribbean subregion. The decisions taken at these meetings were fully integrated into the discussions at the regional and global levels and provided a subregional position at the special sessions of the United Nations General Assembly.

5.1 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+5)

- (a) During the period 24-25 January 2000, the secretariat convened in Trinidad and Tobago, an expert group meeting to propose a subregional approach toward fulfilment of the ICPD Programme of Action and discussed the type of assistance which should be offered to governments in their participation at the Third Sessional Ad Hoc Commission on Population and Development which will meet during the twenty-eighth session of ECLAC in April 2000 in Mexico. (The report of the meeting, LC/CAR/G.608, was published in March 2000).
- (b) The *Report on the Follow-up to the ICPD*, (Working Paper CDCC 18/INT.2, 13 March 2000), outlined the numerous activities undertaken by the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat as part of its mandate to assist the governments in the subregion in the monitoring and implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action. It traced the secretariat's work from the first follow-up meeting in Bahamas 1995, through to its focus on Advocacy, Migration and Consensus Building, provision of technical assistance and finally the follow-up meeting to the ICPD+5 Review and Appraisal held in 24-25 January 2000. The working paper was presented to governments in attendance at the eighteenth Session of the CDCC, Port of Spain, 30 March to 1 April 2000 and at the twenty-eighth Session of ECLAC, held in Mexico, 3-7 April 2000.
- (c) The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat continued to provide technical assistance to governments in the subregion participating in the review process. To this end, the secretariat provided assistance to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and CARICOM in the launch of a Caribbean Movement of Parliamentarians for Population and Development, held in the Bahamas, 20-25 November 2000.

- (d) The secretariat continued to implement the UNFPA-funded population projects *CAR/97/PO7: Support to Population Research, Advocacy, Database development and Training Activities*. The project was extended to allow for the publication of the Caribbean Action on Population and Development (CAPD) Newsletter. This newsletter is produced with the view of encouraging the exchange and sharing of knowledge and experiences among Caribbean countries in the implementation of the ICPD POA. The terms of the project are currently being reviewed by UNFPA to assess its level of funding.

5.2 Fourth World Conference on Women (FWCW) mid-term review

- (a) The secretariat continued to support activities related to the Beijing conference and offered support to Caribbean delegates attending the United Nations General Assembly Special Session to review the implementation of the FWCW Platform for Action as well as at the meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women Preparatory Committee for the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Special Session.
- (b) The secretariat, in collaboration with the Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action (CAFRA), convened a preparatory meeting on Beijing+5, which took place in Antigua and Barbuda in May 2000.
- (c) In this regard, the secretariat provided a briefing to CARICOM Permanent Representatives to the United Nations on the critical issues being discussed at the Special Session.

5.3 International Year of the Older Persons

Following the meeting convened by the secretariat to commemorate the United Nations Year of the Older Person, the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat prepared a document on *the phenomenon of ageing and the situation of older persons in the Caribbean*. The paper includes a review and appraisal of the situation of older persons as it relates to sectoral arrangements for health, housing, education, employment, income security and welfare. The findings of the study highlight the "widening gaps between those who are poor and those who are wealthy or have access to wealth." The paper seeks to identify the challenges in addressing the phenomenon of ageing and the situation of older persons, which are drawn from available data. [Document LC/CAR/G.G.616 was prepared in June 2000]

5.4 World Summit for Social Development (WSSD +5)

- (a) In relation to the monitoring and implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the WSSD, the secretariat continued to work towards providing member States with support in the completion of national reports. The document *Copenhagen +5: The Special Session on Social Development in 2000: Issues of*

relevance to the Caribbean was prepared and distributed to member States. (The document LC/CAR/G.631 was published in January 2001)

5.5 Migration issues

During the last biennium, 1998-1999, the secretariat prepared a number of studies reflecting on the social and economic implications of migration, including return and intraregional migration, for Caribbean countries. To date the countries to have been studied are: the British Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Saint Maarten, United States Virgin Islands, St Kitts and Nevis and Antigua and Barbuda. The secretariat also prepared a *study of return migration to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) territories and the British Virgin Islands in the closing years of the twentieth century: implications for social policy*. (LC/CAR/G.550).

- (a) ECLAC/CDCC, recognising the increased problems caused by intraregional migration in many of the smaller States, convened a regional meeting on Intraregional Migration in Port of Spain, 9-10 November 2000. Decisions taken at this meeting were presented to the Caribbean Symposium on Migration held in the Dominican Republic, 27-29 November 2000.
- (b) In addition, at the request of the Government of St Kitts and Nevis, the secretariat prepared a study assessing *Return Migration and Implications for Public Policy in St Kitts and Nevis*. This study considers the areas which impact on public policy, such as health and housing and, to a lesser extent, transportation and education. The study makes recommendation for government policy on return migration. [This study was published as a restricted document in March 2000, LC/CAR/R.26].
- (c) Also at the request of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, the secretariat prepared a study on: *the Causes and Consequences of Sustained Immigration on Antigua and Barbuda*. This study presents an analysis of the major issues attendant on the stream of migrants into the twin-island State within the post-industrial period. The paper identifies recommendations, which are aimed at instructing the relevant institutions to take a proactive approach in defining the types of relationships that are required by nationals and immigrants. [This study was published in April 2000, as a restricted document, LC/CAR/R.27]

5.6 Gender mainstreaming

- (a) In implementing the Beijing Platform for Action, the secretariat prepared a report reviewing the situation of *gender mainstreaming in the Caribbean*. This study was based on data collected in 10 Caribbean countries. It provides a description and analysis of how these countries sought to institutionalise the responsibilities for gender equity throughout government activities, both administratively and in policy and programmes. The study suggests that while there has been significant progress in the elimination of many forms of discrimination against women, many challenges still remain. The study also examines the impact of these gender-mainstreaming activities in Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St.

Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago. The research work for the preparation of the above study was supported, financially, by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Gender Equity Fund. [Document LC/CAR/G.607 was published in March 2000].

- (b) To ensure that regional policy makers were kept abreast of the developments in the subject area, the secretariat convened a meeting of experts on gender mainstreaming in Port of Spain, 13-14 January 2000, to discuss and evaluate the research process and findings of studies conducted by ECLAC/CDCC mentioned above.
- (c) In collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat, ECLAC/CDCC convened the regional workshop on gender mainstreaming in Antigua and Barbuda during the period 2-4 May 2000. The workshop, which was attended by 15 CDCC member and associate member countries from the national women's machineries, reviewed the best practices in gender mainstreaming in the region and discussed the planning mechanisms for gender mainstreaming.
- (d) With support from UNDP and CIDA, the secretariat convened an ad hoc expert group meeting on gender and macroeconomic policies in the Caribbean in Port of Spain, 16-17 October 2000.

5.7 Poverty issues

Taking into account the growing levels of poverty in the region, the secretariat prepared two studies which sought to address the problems.

- (a) The *"Study on Education and its Impact on Poverty: Equity or Exclusion"* examines the poor and their relationship with the education system in the Caribbean. It does so through an analysis of data from recently conducted poverty assessments in selected Caribbean countries. The paper reports that some 38 per cent of the population in the Caribbean are classified as poor, and their poverty acts as a constraining factor both to access and to quality education received. The paper was requested by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Caribbean Office, Jamaica, as one of a monograph series prepared for the UNESCO Forum on Education for all in the Caribbean: Assessment 2000, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 10-12 February 2000. [Document LC/CAR/G.609 was published in February 2000].
- (b) The study *Poverty and social integration in the Caribbean* examines the major indicators that impinge on the issue of poverty, the analysis of which relates to problems of social integration of all members of society in the Caribbean. [Document LC/CAR/G.619 was prepared in September 2000]

5.8 Social indicators

In their attempts to address specific social issues of concern and to formulate policy in the field of social development generally, Caribbean governments have been seriously limited by a dearth of sound social research and analysis, social data sets and social indicators. Few institutions undertake social surveys or re-visit social research because of cost and time constraints, on the one hand, and, on the other, because of insufficient or inadequate social data sets. In this regard, the secretariat has received funding from the Kingdom of the Netherlands to implement the two-year project *Development of Social Statistical DataBases and a Methodological Approach for a Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) for Small Island Developing States*.

The main objective of the project is to improve the social conditions of persons living in ECLAC/CDCC member States by strengthening the capacity of policy makers to formulate, implement and evaluate social policies. This will be achieved through the development of a fully searchable social statistical database at ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean in Port-of-Spain and by building capacity at the national and subregional levels for the monitoring and evaluation of social vulnerability among small open economies of the Caribbean. The project started in January 2001.

In addition, the secretariat has prepared the document *Reconceptualizing social indicators in the Caribbean: A review and discussion*, which discusses the concept of social indicators and reviews several issues related to the construction, use, placement availability, etc of social indicators in the Caribbean subregion. [This study was published in June 2000, LC/CAR/G.612].

5.9 Legislative reform

Following a request from the Chief Justice of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, the secretariat is providing assistance to a project being implemented by the Court on: *Family law and domestic violence legislative reform*. ECLAC has agreed to provide technical assistance in a number of areas including the undertaking of an evaluation of the implementation of domestic violence legislation in Antigua and Barbuda, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; assistance in the establishment of databases to collect information on domestic violence needed for monitoring, planning and policy development in the judicial, law enforcement and support services agencies; and coordination of the legal research. To date, the secretariat has prepared a paper on "Equality and Non-Discrimination" which reviews the compliance of Caribbean states with the Women's Convention in enacting legislation which guarantees equality of opportunity and prohibits all forms of discrimination.

5.10 Human development agenda

At the request of the Government of Belize, the secretariat has agreed to implement an UNDP-funded project aimed at the development of a Human Development Agenda (HDA) for Belize. The secretariat will provide technical assistance, support and guidance to the Working Group for the HDA for development of a National Human Development Agenda for Belize. It is

expected that the HDA will "provide the framework for monitoring the quality of life for the nationals of Belize over the medium and long terms, based on the premise that human development is the ultimate goal of economic growth."

5.11 Information dissemination

The secretariat is preparing the newsletter '*Gender Dialogue*' in response to calls from participants at the Third Caribbean Ministerial Meeting on Women held in Trinidad in October 1999 for a more systematic sharing of information and dialogue around policies and programmes for women. The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat will publish this newsletter twice a year and it will be available both in printed form and through the ECLAC website. (Two issues were published in 2000 and plans are to produce three in 2001.)

5.12 Technical assistance

The secretariat continued to respond to requests from member States for technical assistance in the preparation of policy papers, and in the implementation of projects. It has offered assistance in a range of subject areas related to the work being carried out by this subprogramme. A more detailed listing of requests received and provided is shown in table 5 below.

Table 5. Technical assistance requests received/implemented

Subject area 12.5: Human and Social development in the Caribbean

Country/institution/ Agency	Purpose of the request/activity carried out	Activity carried out	Action taken
Antigua and Barbuda	Assistance in the development of a National Action Plan for the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action	24-27 Jan 2000	completed
Antigua and Barbuda	A study on the "Causes and Consequences of Sustained Immigration on Antigua and Barbuda"	June-00	completed
Antigua and Barbuda	Advise on the census questionnaire for population and development issues	June-00	Completed
BVI	Assistance to the Government of the British Virgin Islands in reviewing gender legislation and assisting with the formulation of an Action Plan for the integration of gender policy in the development planning framework;	February-00	completed
CARICOM	Assistance provided to CARICOM in the preparation of a paper on the assessment of the Beijing+5 process - the strengths and weakness - and recommendations for improvement in the future. This was presented to the CARICOM meeting in Jamaica, 5-8 December 2000	5-8 December 2000	completed

Commonwealth Secretariat	In collaboration with the Commonwealth Secretariat conducted a joint regional training workshop on gender mainstreaming in Antigua and Barbuda	2-4 May 2000	Completed
Dominica	Assistance in the conduct of a National Symposium on Gender Mainstreaming.	November-00	completed
Regional	ECLAC/CDCC convened a preparatory meeting on Beijing plus five, in Antigua and Barbuda, in collaboration with CAFRA, to discuss and review the proposed Outcomes Document (to be adopted at the UNGASS on Beijing plus Five) in light of the Georgetown, Port of Spain and Lima consensus documents for the purpose of developing a regional consensus on negotiating positions and strategies.	May-00	Completed
Regional	Provision of technical assistance to delegations from ECLAC/CDCC member countries to the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the general assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development, and peace for the twenty-first century.	30 May - 2 June 2000	Completed
Regional	At the UN General assembly Twenty-third Special Session: Women 2000, the secretariat facilitated a caucus of Caribbean delegates, provided technical assistance to delegates and briefed the Permanent Representatives to the UN	5-9 June 2000	Completed
Regional	The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat and the Commonwealth Secretariat collaborated to host a three-day training workshop on gender mainstreaming for technical officers from national machineries for women. The workshop was facilitated by the Directorate of Gender Affairs, Government of Antigua and Barbuda	2-4 May 2000	Completed
Regional	Assistance offered to the UNDP Regional Strategy on Gender Mainstreaming Workshop, Bridgetown, Barbados, and 19-23 June 2000. The major objective of this workshop was to enhance the understanding of UNDP gender focal points and representatives of national women's machineries in gender mainstreaming tools. The Secretariat acted as a resource to the workshop and the workshop drew on the ten-country ECLAC study on "Gender Mainstreaming in the Caribbean" completed in March 2000.	19-23 June 2000	Completed
St Kitts and Nevis	Technical assistance provided in restructuring the Ministry of Community and Social Development, Gender Affairs and Child Protection Services of the Government of St Kitts and Nevis in redefining the mission and goals and consolidating the work programme of the new Ministry	11-5 September 2000	Completed
St Kitts and Nevis	Preparation of a study on the Return Migration and Implications for Public Policy in St Kitts and Nevis.	March-00	completed
St Kitts and Nevis	Preparation of a study on the impacts of intra-regional migration for St Kitts and Nevis,	April-00	completed
St Kitts/Nevis	Provided technical assistance to the government of St. Kitts Nevis in the restructuring of the Ministry with responsibility for Social Development, community affairs and Gender Affairs;	September 11-15,2000	completed

Suriname	Assistance in the area of gender mainstreaming, gender analysis and planning	October-99	completed
The University of the West Indies,	Social Development - Poverty and Development: to present a lecture on Poverty and Development: A Gender Perspective to graduate students in the Department of Economics.	April 20th 2000	completed
Trinidad and Tobago	Assistance in the revision and evaluation of the project document on vulnerabilities, in collaboration with CAFRA	25/5/2000 5/6/2000	completed
Trinidad and Tobago	Consultation on the draft national youth policy	August-00	Completed
UNESCO	Social Development – To conduct a study on education and its impact on poverty : equity or exclusion [for the UNESCO Forum on education for all in the Caribbean : Assessment 2000]	February-00	completed
UNFPA/ CARICOM	Provided technical assistance to UNFPA and CARICOM in the formation of a Caribbean Movement of Parliamentarians for Population and Development	September 18-19,2000	completed
UNFPA/ CARICOM	Provided technical assistance to UNFPA and CARICOM in the formation of a Caribbean Movement of Parliamentarians for Population and Development	September 18-19,2000	completed
Dominica	Assistance in undertaking a research programme on the incidence and impact of domestic violence in Dominica for the Women's bureau	February-01	ongoing
Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court	Provision of technical assistance to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court on its Family Law and Domestic Violence Legislative Reform project	November 13,2000	ongoing
BVI	Assistance requested for the organization of a symposium on social policy with a view to the development of an action plan on social policies		pending
Grenada	Request for assistance in convening a consultation workshop on young males and development in Grenada		pending
Montserrat	To assist the government in formulation of aspects of Social Policy. This will commence after the poverty assessment study, which is being carried out at present in Montserrat, is completed.		pending
St Lucia	Request for assistance in the formulation of a social policy on young males		pending
Turks & Caicos Islands	Assistance in developing a programme on gender mainstreaming		pending
St Lucia	request for assistance in social planning formulation		new

6. Subject area 12.6: Environmental sustainability

During the period in question, the secretariat focused its attention on critical issues related to sustainable development and environmental information management issues.

6.1 SIDS

In view of the upcoming review of the SIDS POA, the secretariat prepared a case study on regional preparation in the Caribbean for RIO+10, "examining the type, as well as the content of inter-agency interaction in the implementation of the outcomes of UNCED, more specifically the SIDS POA, and pointing the way to a continuation of the collaboration into the preparatory phase of RIO+10 and beyond." As a means to facilitate discussion on the continuation of efforts at the implementation of the Small Island Developing States Programme of Action (SIDS POA), the Joint Work Programme, adopted in 1997, was revised with a view to introducing "new" socio-economic issues incorporated by the twenty-second special session of the UNGA, September 1999, as well as 'new and emerging issues' of particular interest to the region.

6.2 Environmental information management

The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat has established a sustainable development website, which provides a substantive description of ongoing and planned SIDS-related projects and programmes in the Caribbean. These reports provide information on the main projects in the database and focuses on linkages among the projects. It is anticipated that full reports on specific subject areas will be made available for information.

This is implemented under a UNDP Special Unit of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (SU/TCDC) funded project entitled *Development and maintenance of a database of ongoing and planned SIDS-related projects and programmes in the Caribbean*. At present the database contains over 1426 SIDS-related projects in the Caribbean subregion. A major output of the database is the preparation of country and regional reports.

6.3 Disaster assessment

Recognising the need to be able to respond quickly to requests for assessments caused by natural disasters to member States, the secretariat initiated a programme of training for staff members to become familiar with the ECLAC methodology for assessing the macroeconomic, social and environmental impacts of natural disasters in Latin America and the Caribbean. This now enables the secretariat to prepare comprehensive assessments for member States, upon request. Taking into account the vulnerability of the region to natural disasters, the secretariat embarked on a programme to build capacity at the regional level to assist in the conduct of disaster assessments.

In this regard, ECLAC/CDCC convened special training workshops, both regional and national, to signal the start of a process aimed at developing a core of experts with multidisciplinary skills, in various parts of the subregion, to enable deployment at short notice, of

assessment teams comprising personnel within or in close proximity to affected countries. This will be followed by the development of expertise at the national level.

- (a) The first of these workshops, a three-day workshop, was conducted at the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, 10-12 July 2000, with support through the Dutch-funded project and in collaboration with the ECLAC Mexico office. Participants attended the workshop from Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, St Kitts and Nevis and St Lucia as well as from organizations such as the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.
- (b) A second workshop, at the national level, was convened at the request of the Government of the British Virgin Islands for 18 participants from private and public sector agencies. The workshop was conducted by ECLAC personnel and facilitated by the Development Planning Unit of the British Virgin Islands. During the period 17-19 July 2000.
- (c) The secretariat, at the request of the Government of Anguilla, prepared an *Assessment of the Economic and other Damages caused by Hurricane Lenny - November 1999* together with the repercussions on the population and on the island's economy. This study provides a quantitative evaluation of the damages sustained by the different sectors, as well as the effects to the macroeconomic position of the island, includes a comprehensive list of recommendations to assist the government to implement a vulnerability reduction policy. [The study was published as a restricted document in March 2000, LC/CAR/R.25]
- (d) In November of 2000, a team of ECLAC personnel, including staff from Mexico and Port of Spain, visited Belize, upon an urgent request from that country's government, and carried out a comprehensive macroeconomic assessment of the damage caused by Hurricane Keith to Belize. The findings of the team were presented to the Government of Belize and to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington D.C. for further considerations. [Details of the mission are presented in document LC/CAR/G.627, published in December 2000.]

6.4 Tourism

Studies

The secretariat continued its efforts to review those issues related to the foreign ownership of land in the region and has initiated work to review how this issue is treated in developing countries outside of the Caribbean. This forms part of a regional project to assess the degree to which the land market has been impacted by foreign ownership as a result of the development of tourism since 1960, and to make policy recommendations for land ownership.

- (a) The study on the *Tourism Implications for Land Management in the British Virgin Islands*, is another in the series of studies aimed at assessing the degree to which the land market and land management have been influenced by the development of tourism since 1960. The study is expected to identify the process by which sites are allocated for tourism use and subsequently developed, and the role of the State in facilitating such development in the British Virgin Islands. [This paper was published as restricted document: LC/CAR/R.37].
- (b) Following the disaster caused by the Soufrière Volcano in Montserrat, the Government requested the assistance of the ECLAC, Port of Spain office in the preparation of a comprehensive review of Montserrat's Tourism Strategic Plan and in developing a Draft National Policy on Tourism for Montserrat. The report, "*Montserrat: A strategy for tourism redevelopment*", was prepared by the secretariat and presented to the government for consideration. The review takes into account the context of destination management practices, considering the uncontrollable factors that continue to impact the destination.
- (c) As part of a regional project to assess the degree to which the land market has been impacted by foreign ownership as a result of the development of tourism since 1960, and to make policy recommendations for land ownership, the secretariat has recently completed a study reviewing the issue of foreign ownership of land in developing countries outside of the Caribbean.
- (d) The secretariat has also prepared *A Comparative Analysis of Aliens Landholding Legislation* for selected Caribbean countries with a view to determining the commonalties or differences, which exist. This study provides an analysis of the legislation in these countries and identifies the measures, which are common to legislation on this subject in the region and the alternative approaches taken in some jurisdictions. [This document was published as a restricted document in June 2000, LC/CAR/R.33].

Project implementation

It was observed that while some progress has been made on the environmental sustainability of land-based tourism much less progress has been made on marine-based tourism, moreso, and the yachting subsector. As a means to addressing this problem, the secretariat

obtained financial support from the Kingdom of the Netherlands to implement the project *Development of A Regional Marine-based Tourism Strategy*.

The main objective of the project is aimed at increasing the capacity of Eastern Caribbean governments to promote the sustainability of marine-based tourism. The project will also assist in the *development of national and regional strategies and action plans on marine-based tourism*; preparation of a regional *assessment on economic and on environmental impacts of marine-based tourism*.

6.5 Planning issues

The secretariat continued to consider issues related to the situation of physical planning in the Caribbean. To this end, it convened an expert meeting in Port of Spain on 28 January 2000 to discuss the changing role of planners in the region. In addition, the Advisory Committee of the Caribbean Planners Network met in Port of Spain on 30 June 2000 to review the setting up of the online Caribbean Planners Network.

- (a) On World Habitat Day, Tuesday 3 October 2000, ECLAC/CDCC launched a new organization for planners called the Caribbean Planners Network (CPN), creating a virtual network on the Internet, for all Caribbean planners to deal with issues affecting the development of the planning profession in the Caribbean. The CPN will function mainly through two communication channels: an interactive website for planners and an electronic newsletter.
- (b) ECLAC/CDCC is providing technical assistance to the Nevis Island Administration in the development of a Strategic Plan for Nevis for the period 2001 - 2005. The exercise will be carried out in close collaboration with the Strategic Development Planning Committee and the Ministry of Planning and Development in Nevis.
- (c) The secretariat is assisting the Government of Saint Lucia in the establishment of a National Land Policy Committee and continues to lend support in the functioning of the various subcommittees of this Committee. This followed work on the conduct of an audit on the planning legislation carried out in 1999.

6.6 Transportation

The Port of Spain office, in conjunction with the Transport Division in Santiago, hosted a meeting of high-level experts on regional maritime transport, in November 2000, which was attended by representatives from the public and private sectors. The participants agreed on specific future joint activities concerning the creation of trade databases, and further capacity building and research in the area of regional maritime transport. A number of studies were considered by the meeting during its deliberations.

The secretariat provided *an analysis of maritime transport and its costs for the Caribbean*. The analysis consisted of an overview of Caribbean foreign trade and the impacts on maritime transport; considerations of the determinants of maritime transport and reviewed the possible areas for improvement. This document was produced in November 2000 as LC/CAR/G.625.

6.7 Information dissemination

During the present biennium, the secretariat initiated the preparation of the Bulletin "*SIDS Perspective*" which will highlight those issues and developments related to the sustainable development of small island States with emphasis on Caribbean SIDS as well as SIDS-related issues of all geographical regions

6.6 Technical assistance

During the period under review, the secretariat continued to provide assistance to member States in conducting studies and providing other types of support, upon request. Details of the requests received and implemented are listed in table 6 below.

Table 6. Technical assistance requests received/implemented

Subject area 12.6: Environmental sustainability

Country/institution/ Agency	Purpose of the request/activity carried out	Activity carried out	Action taken
Anguilla	Request from the Government of Anguilla for assistance in reformulating their macro-economic policy and economic diversification in the wake of significant changes in the tourism sector in the aftermath of Hurricane Lenny in November 1999;	March-00	Completed
Belize	To provide assistance in the conduct of an assessment of the damages done to the country by Hurricane Keith	November 11-24, 2000	completed
BVI	Conducted a workshop using the ECLAC methodology in carrying out a macro-economic assessment of the impact of hurricanes and natural disasters in the immediate post-disaster period.	17-19 July 2000	completed
BVI	Assistance in estimating the social economic effects of natural disasters: to provide training which special reference to the social sectors in the estimation of the costs of natural disasters;	July 17-19, 2000	completed
Montserrat	Assistance to the Government of Montserrat in formulating a National Policy on Tourism in the wake of the devastation caused by the eruption of the Soufrière volcano which has covered two-thirds of the country in ash and lava, including the capital city	3-8 December 2000	completed
OECS	Assisted in the conduct of a workshop to formulate the Regional Environmental Management Strategy and Environmental Charter, 20-24 March 2000	16/2/2000	completed
St Kitts and Nevis	Review of Physical Planning Legislation in St Kitts and Nevis		completed

St Lucia	Assistance in the formulation of a national plan for land reform in St Lucia and in the conduct of symposium on land policy in St Lucia	July-00	Completed
St Lucia	Preparation of a review of the Barbados Model on Physical Planning Legislation for use by the government of St Lucia		completed
St Lucia	Preparation Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, made under the Physical Planning and Development Act, 1999 for the Government of St. Lucia	October-99	completed
St Vincent	Preparation of a study on tourism development and land market in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: implications for land policy and management		Completed
Nevis Island Administration	Assistance is being provided to the Nevis Island Administration in the Development of a Draft Strategic Plan for Nevis - 2001-2005	November 2000 to May 2001	ongoing
St Lucia	Assistance in the conduct of a workshop for members of the National Land Policy Committee and in the process of developing a Land Information System for St Lucia	December-00	ongoing
Guyana	requested assistance in trade and tourism development		pending
St Lucia	request for assistance in the development of planning standards for building heights, drainage, densities, etc (28/12/2000)		pending
Nevis Island Administration	Request for technical assistance in updating the island's existing planning legislation (24/1/2001)		new
Nevis Island Administration	Technical assistance requested for GIS set up and training(24/1/2001)		new
St Lucia	Request for assistance in preparing legislative drafting re land development control regulations (St Lucia)		new

C. Activities related to the accomplishments of the work programme

Part 1: Meetings/workshops/seminars convened by the ECLAC/CDCC secretariat, as of 28 February 2001

1. An ad hoc expert group meeting on gender mainstreaming in the Caribbean, held in Port of Spain, 13-14 January 2000
2. Ad hoc expert group meeting on ICPD+5 process for the Caribbean subregion, held in Port of Spain, 24-25 January 2000
3. Expert group meeting on the changing role of planners in the Caribbean subregion, held in Port of Spain, 28 January 2000
4. Eighteenth Plenary Session of the CDCC and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the CDCC, held in Port of Spain, 30 March-1 April 2000

5. A joint ECLAC/CDCC/Commonwealth Secretariat Caribbean Regional Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming, held in Antigua and Barbuda, 2-4 May 2000
6. Expert meeting to discuss the establishment of a Caribbean Digital Library on the Web, held in Port of Spain, 22 May 2000
7. A workshop on the development of science and technology indicators for the Caribbean, held in Port of Spain, 25-26 May 2000
8. A training workshop on the ECLAC methodology for assessing the macro-economic, social and environmental impacts of natural disasters in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Port of Spain, 10-12 July 2000
9. A training workshop on the ECLAC methodology for assessing the macro-economic, social and environmental impacts of natural disasters in the British Virgin Islands, upon the request of the Government of the British Virgin Islands, 17-19 July 2000
10. Meeting of the advisory committee of the Caribbean Planners Network (CPN), held in Port of Spain, 30 June 2000
11. An expert group meeting on Maritime Transport in the Caribbean, convened in collaboration with the Transport Division at ECLAC Headquarters, held in Port of Spain, 14-15 September 2000
12. An expert group meeting on agriculture: the impact of new technologies on food nutrition and health, held in Port of Spain, 28-29 September 2000
13. A high level seminar on basic functions of planning, convened in collaboration with ILPES, held in Port of Spain, 5-6 October 2000
14. An ad hoc expert group meeting on gender and macroeconomic policies and planning in the Caribbean, held in Port of Spain, 16-17 October 2000
15. An expert group meeting on social development programmes & policies in the Caribbean, held in Port of Spain, 23-24 October 2000
16. A regional conference on managing space for sustainable development in SIDS, convened by SEDU of the UWI and UNDP, held in Port of Spain, 23-24 October 2000
17. A regional seminar on the impact of economic reforms in Latin America and the Caribbean: To present the findings of the book: Growth employment and equity, convened by the Economic Division at ECLAC Headquarters, held in Port of Spain 27 October 2000
18. The Caribbean meeting on intra-regional migration, held in Port of Spain, 9-10 November 2000

19. Training workshop on FTAA process as it relates to competitiveness and standards for Antigua and Barbuda, 13-14 November 2000
20. Ad hoc expert group meeting on the development of social statistical databases and methodology applications for the development of the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) for Small Island Developing States, held in Port of Spain, 12-13 February 2001
21. Inter-agency meeting on the development of social statistical databases and methodology applications for the development of the Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) for Small Island Developing States, held in Port of Spain, 14 February 2001
22. Working group meeting on data collection systems for domestic violence, Port of Spain, 20 February 2001.

Part 2: List of documents published by ECLAC/CDCC: As of 28 February 2001

Technical

1. The Caribbean in the decade of the 1990s – Summary (LC/CAR/G.600, 31/1/00)
2. ECLAC/CDCC through the years: Twenty-five years of Caribbean research Vols. 1 and 2 (LC/CAR/G.604, 23/3/00)
3. Study of gender mainstreaming in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.607, 15/3/00)
4. Education and its impact on poverty: Equity or exclusion (LC/CAR/G.609, 29/2/00)
5. Reconceptualizing social indicators in the Caribbean: A review and discussion (LC/CAR/G.612, 1/6/00)
6. Industrialization, new technologies, and competitiveness in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.614, 12/6/00)
7. The phenomenon of aging and the situation of older persons in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.616, 15/6/00)
8. The failure of Seattle and its implications (LC/CAR/G.617, 24/7/00)
9. Poverty and Social Integration in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.619, 22/9/00)
10. Global economic developments in 1999 (LC/CAR/G.623, 13/11/00)
11. An analysis of maritime transport and its costs for the Caribbean (LC/CAR/G.625, 14/11/00)

12. Hurricane Keith Damage Assessment Report for Belize (LC/CAR/G.627, December 2000)
13. Copenhagen+5: The Special Session on Social Development in 2000: Issues of Relevance to the Caribbean LC/CAR/G.631
14. Recent Developments in Intra-CDCC Trade LC/CAR/G.632
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