ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
Office for the Caribbean

NOTES PREPARATORY TO THE
SECOND SESSION
OF THE
CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE

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Notes on Agenda

The purposes of the meeting should be to:

i) indicate to the Governments initiatives that have been taken by the CDCC Secretariat, and the specific decisions and actions needing to be made at CDCC level to further those initiatives;

ii) obtain from the CDCC endorsement for a schedule of activities that will be implemented by the Secretariat and/or by the Agencies and/or by the Governments themselves;

iii) seek the guidance of the Governments on the approach that might be taken for implementing at sub-regional level, within the framework of the CDCC, decisions taken in wider fora.

Item 4 - Inter-Agency Meeting, New York, 28-30 June 1976

The conclusions reached at the Inter-Agency meeting after consideration of steps that can be taken to support implementation of the CDCC Work Programme and methods that can initially be adopted for Inter-Agency co-ordination are important for guiding the Governments towards the development of their strategy for co-operation. In addition, the classifications in Section II of the report should be evaluated by the Governments to determine the actions required on their side.

Table 1 which lists headings on which Agencies have indicated activities specially designed or modified to meet the CDCC priorities require immediate action in consultation with the Agencies. For each of these items an outline of the specific actions should be prepared and presented to the Governments.
Regarding table 2, items that can be undertaken to meet the CDCC priorities but which require reference back to the headquarters of the Agencies, the Agencies themselves should be in a position to indicate either before or at the Session the steps to be taken and the time-frame that is feasible. Similarly, it should be possible for the Agencies to indicate what in their view might be done to develop complementarity for on-going multi-country activities in areas relating to the CDCC priorities.

As regards table 3(A), the Governments should be presented with a breakdown of the sub-heads on which individual Agencies have specific interest so that the approach towards consolidating the inputs from the Agencies can be made definitive. In respect of table 3(B), items to be referred back to Governments for consideration, more specific indication needs to be given to the CDCC Secretariat about the content and approach the Governments contemplate.

The range of items listed in table 4 which offer possibilities for support from United Nations Secretariat bodies to the CDCC, require similar treatment as the foregoing. In the majority of cases these are mainly research-oriented and would provide supplementary material for other specific actions. Direct consultations between the UN bodies and the CDCC Secretariat is needed to determine the detailed presentations.

Supporting Documentation:


Item 5 - Nature and scope of specific actions initiated

The four items identified as joint ECLA/UNESCO activities along with specific tasks initiated by the use of short term Consultants, (for example, air transport study) would form the core for considerations. Focus would be on establishment of the Documentation Centre and commencement of work on the language barrier problem, in each case supplemented by a preliminary profile of the specific things
the Governments themselves must do to facilitate the tasks of the
Secretariat.

Consideration should also be given to the possibility that
specific outlines for actions on other initiatives be submitted as
conference papers.

Supporting Documentation:

1. E/CEPAL/CDCC/...  [Revised POS/INT 76/11 - "Joint
   ECLA/UNESCO document"]

2. E/CEPAL/CDCC/...  [Revised POS/INT 76/10 - "The Creation
   of a Caribbean Information Centre"]

3. E/CEPAL/CDCC/...  [Results of work done by UNESCO Adviser
   and National Commissions on the
   Language Barrier problem]

4. E/CEPAL/CDCC/...  [Directory of Associations of Producers
   and Exporters]

Item 6 - Schedule of Activities

At the first session of the CDCC specific authorizations were
given for convening meetings (a) to consider establishment of a
Special Régime for the Caribbean within the Global Convention for the
Law of the Sea, and (b) of Rectors of Universities on transfer of
technology with special emphasis on food production. The draft agenda
and annotated agendas prepared for these meetings should be presented
to have CDCC approval for the scope and orientation of the discussions,
and decisions on either (a) suitable timings for the meetings, or
(b) postponement of these meetings until conditions are more favourable.

Some specific actions on which work have commenced (mentioned at
item 5) will require the convening of meetings at Official level.
Similarly, particular studies, e.g. coastal area development, trans-
port and tourism would require expert meetings. The siting of these
meetings may be indicated according to the specific suggestions in
the CDCC Work Programme.
Supporting Documentation:

1. E/CEPAL/CDCC/... \textit{Report on Preparatory work for meetings authorized by the first session/}

2. E/CEPAL/CDCC/... \textit{Schedule of meetings proposed up to the third session of the CDCC/}

Item 7 - Global and regional decisions affecting the CDCC

This will require preparation of a background paper summarising decisions of global and regional meetings requiring implementation at sub-regional level. The Ministers would need to decide the action to be taken within the framework of the CDCC.

The documentation would include a note on the implementation of the HABITAT resolution and the specific action might be a committee under the aegis of the CDCC to deal specifically with human settlements. The scope of the work of this committee would need to be defined and might include housing, land tenure and building construction for which purpose all the related parts of the CDCC Work Programme and the items identified in the report of the Inter-Agency meeting would need to be consolidated. That subsidiary committee would also need to be given terms of reference and some procedural instructions.

Notes might also be made on the implications of decisions at the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Water Conference, Lima, and the \textit{Cartagena/} meeting on Women.

Supporting Documentation:

1. E/CEPAL/CDCC/... \textit{Decisions taken at global and regional levels with implication for actions at sub-regional level/}
DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening Addresses.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Adoption of the Agenda.
7. Global and regional decisions affecting the CDCC.
8. Site and timing of third meeting.