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SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE CARIBBEAN**

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## A. INTRODUCTION

During the 2008-2009 biennium, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean strengthened its contribution to policymaking in the subregion through the successful implementation of its work programme, which delivered substantive research outputs, technical assistance, as well as training and capacity-building support to member States. The programme of work was directed towards increasing the knowledge of policymakers, researchers and other stakeholders in member States on issues of sustainable development and integration.

The Organization actively engaged in advocating for greater levels of evidence-based development policymaking through the execution of several extrabudgetary-funded projects. Those projects commenced work towards establishment of a gender observatory, concluded a pilot study on measuring the informal sector, completed the acquisition of data on household survey data gathering and review of the economics of climate change, and measured progress in the Millennium Development Goals.

Studies were prepared on public-private alliance and on the escalation in world food prices and the resulting impact on Caribbean economies. The food crisis study provided an analysis of the main effects of world food inflation on Caribbean countries and drew attention to the urgency to address food security concerns. Additionally, initial research in analyzing the economics of climate change in the Caribbean focused on determining the state of available data and information, policies and other instruments related to climate change impacts. The measurement of the economic impacts of emitting greenhouse gases as well as the cost of abatement or non-action was carried out for several sectors on a preliminary basis. Further analyses are to be continued in the forthcoming biennium.

Against this background, towards the end of the biennium, there was a revalidation of the Organization's role as a regional development think-tank with participants at a Development Policy Seminar as well as those at an Expert Group Meeting on Economic Modelling, requesting ECLAC to institute activities concerning mandates from both meetings as a regular and ongoing feature of its work in the Caribbean.

One meeting each of the Monitoring Committee and the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), at the ministerial level, were held during the biennium. The CDCC session provided an opportunity to revisit the question of the role of CDCC and its relevance in the subregion. Also, a coordinated approach for the implementation of the Programme of Action for Small Island Developing States (SIDS-POA) and the Mauritius Strategy for further Implementation (MSI) was advanced. The draft programme of work for the 2010-2011 biennium was adopted and subsequently approved at the thirty-second session of the Commission, held in the Dominican Republic in June 2008.

Highlights of the fourteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee included a review of the progress in the implementation of the 2008-2009 programme of work, as well as preparations for, and discussion of, priorities for the implementation of the 2010-2011 programme of work.

In its efforts to ensure that policymakers in the subregion had increased access to the work of the Organization, as well as opportunities to increase their knowledge on global matters related to sustainable development and integration, 588 policy makers and experts from member States and partner institutions participated in the 23 meetings convened during the biennium.

Furthermore, in an ongoing effort at building capacity in the Caribbean, training was delivered through 15 technical workshops and seminars in the areas of: the economics of climate change, preparations for the 2010 round of censuses, measuring the informal sector, information society measurement in the Caribbean, trade data analysis, and the use of the ECLAC Disaster Impact Assessment Methodology, in which 399 persons (200 females) participated.

During the biennium, the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean prepared 38 technical reports addressing critical development issues in several areas. Those priority areas of research included: crime and violence, gender, Information and Communications Technology for Development, population and development, sustainable development including climate change, disaster mitigation and the MSI, tourism, and youth issues. Those studies were offered as contributions to inform policymaking and mitigation and adaptation strategies in member States.

Leading publications, such as the “Economic Survey of the Caribbean” and papers on food policy, were successfully launched during the biennium with wide media coverage, including by the British Broadcasting Corporation. References to those and other ECLAC publications appeared in policy documents, academic literature and mass media in the subregion, with at least 243 references recorded during the biennium. Coverage was also provided in national media in some countries for specific activities, such as the conduct of disaster assessments and workshops on the effects of climate change.

In response to requests from member States for technical assistance, the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean successfully executed 245 missions during the biennium. Technical cooperation was delivered in the areas of ageing, census management and statistics, disaster and risk assessment, gender, and sustainable development, among others. The Organization worked closely with its stakeholders and development partners to identify opportunities where its technical expertise could have been brought to bear in responding to the development challenges facing the subregion.

The tables below present the programmatic commitments within the programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009. A more descriptive report on the activities carried out during the biennium follows. Additional information on meetings, seminars and workshops, publications and field projects is annexed to this report.

Additional information on the activities of the secretariat is provided in Annexes I – V of this report, while full text information on the documents referred to could be found on the attached CD.

**Table 1: Expected accomplishments (results) and indicators of achievement**

Objective: *To strengthen economic and social development, to promote the integration processes among the countries of the Caribbean and to enhance cooperation within the Caribbean subregion, with Latin America and with the broader international community.*

<p><b>Expected accomplishment 1:</b> (a) Increased knowledge of policymakers, researchers and the general public in the subregion of issues related to sustainable development and integration in the context of the Caribbean Basin.</p>	<p><b>1.1 Indicator of achievement 1</b> (i) Increased number of participants rating as “useful” the meetings and forums organized by the subprogramme. <i>Performance measures:</i> 2008-2009: 504 (ii) Increased number of references in policy documents, academic literature and mass media to ECLAC publications and data on development in the Caribbean Basin. <i>Performance measures:</i> 2008-2009: 243</p>
<p><b>Expected accomplishment 2:</b> (b) Improved human resource capacity and technical expertise for economic and social policy-making in the Caribbean.</p>	<p><b>2.1 Indicator of achievement 2</b> (i) Increased number of participants in training activities organized by the subprogramme who assess the training received as “useful” or “very useful” for their work <i>Performance measures:</i> 2008-2009: 238 (ii) Increased number of requests for technical assistance in the Caribbean satisfactorily fulfilled by the subprogramme <i>Performance measures:</i> 2008-2009: 245</p>

**Table 2: Performance summary of the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean for the 2008-2009 biennium**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Programmed</i>	<i>Added</i>	<i>Carried Forward</i>	<i>Total Outputs</i>
<a href="#">Substantive servicing of meetings</a>	5	-	-	5
Parliamentary documentation	-	4	-	4
<a href="#">Expert groups, rapporteurs, depository services</a>	9	8	1	18
<a href="#">Recurrent publications</a>	5	-	-	5
<a href="#">Non-recurrent publications</a>	20	12	1	33
<a href="#">Other substantive activities</a>	23	8	-	31
<a href="#">Advisory services</a> <sup>1</sup>	12	5	-	17
<a href="#">Training courses, seminars and workshops</a>	7	5	-	12
<a href="#">Field projects</a>	1	8	-	9
Total outputs	82	50	2	134

<sup>1</sup> This refers to the number of areas in which advisory services were provided.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES BY SUBJECT AREAS**

### **Subject area 12.1: Cooperation and integration**

ECLAC continues to work towards a coordinated approach to the implementation of the SIDS-POA and the Mauritius Strategy. This is carried out through the operationalization of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism (RCM), as agreed by resolution 71(XXII) adopted at the twenty-second session of the CDCC, held in 22-23 April 2008, as well as through the conduct of applied research and analysis and the provision of technical cooperation support.

#### **1.1 Subregional integration**

During the period under review, the Subregional Headquarters convened the twenty-second session of the CDCC, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 20-21 April 2008, which endorsed the programme of work for the 2010-2011 biennium. In addition to the consideration of the 2010-2011 work programme, the meeting considered the report of the first meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the RCM, established to oversee the coordination of the Mauritius Strategy in the Caribbean region, and a report on the role of the CDCC in Caribbean regional development. The report of the session, LC/CAR/L.169/Rev.1, was presented to the thirty-second session of ECLAC held in the Dominican Republic, 9-13 June 2008.

At the twenty-second session of the CDCC, discussions centred on the revitalization of CDCC with the secretariat's background paper entitled "Report of the CDCC Working Group – Redefining and revitalizing the role of the CDCC in Caribbean regional development", LC/CAR/L.163. The working group arose as a result of the recognition that the CDCC had been handicapped by the following: (a) a loss of its original vision and mission as a result of its changing operational context, (b) institutional overload in the regional institutional architecture as a result of the deepening of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the creation of other regional mechanisms, (c) difficulties in securing high-level representation at meetings, and (d) continuing concerns by the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean about their lack of representation/inclusion in the work of the wider ECLAC system.

The session adopted the recommendations of the Working Group as contained in resolution 67(XXII). A number of other decisions were also adopted, arising from the session's examination of the following reports and background documents:

- (a) Report on the Implementation of the ECLAC work programme: Subregional activities for the Caribbean 2006-2007 biennium – 1 January 2006 – 31 December 2007; LC/CAR/L.162
- (b) Reports on meetings convened for the 2006-2007 biennium, LC/CAR/L.162/Add.1

(c) Summary of resolutions recently adopted by CDCC and resolutions of ECLAC and other organs of the United Nations which might be of special interest to member countries of ECLAC/CDCC, LC/CAR/L.167

(d) Proposed Draft Work programme of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean: Biennium 2010-2011 LC/CAR/L.160

The fourteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC, which was convened on 8 September 2009, reviewed the status of implementation of the work programme for the 2008-2009 biennium and considered proposals for the implementation of the forthcoming work programme for 2010-2011. The Committee discussed presentations on the role of ECLAC in middle-income Caribbean countries and in Caribbean regional development, specifically looking at: (a) cooperation towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, (b) the impact of the global financial crisis on middle-income Caribbean countries, (c) disaster risk reduction and impact assessments, and (d) review of the Economics of Climate Change. The meeting also adopted the report of the second meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism for the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy Initiative (document LC/CAR/L.218).

#### 1.1.1 Regional cooperation

As part of its ongoing efforts to keep member States updated on development issues, the secretariat held briefing sessions with subregional representatives at the United Nations, and with CARICOM and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) secretariats. CARICOM Permanent Representatives to the United Nations were addressed on three occasions during the biennium on the activities of the secretariat and on issues related to deliberations taking place at United Nations Headquarters. The secretariat participated fully in preparation for the Fifth CARICOM-United Nations Dialogue which was held at United Nations Headquarters in February 2009. One of the sessions of this meeting was chaired by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and the secretariat made a number of substantive presentations and submitted background reports as a contribution to the outcomes of the meeting. In addition, technical support was provided to member countries of the CDCC at the meeting of the Alliance of Small Island States on 22 September 2009 and at the United Nations Secretary General's Summits on Climate Change

#### 1.1.2 Association of Caribbean States (ACS)

ECLAC continued to work closely with the Secretariat of the ACS in the preparation of papers and the convening of meetings. As part of its commitment to the ACS, the secretariat provided support to the 23rd Meeting of the Council of National Representatives of the Special Fund, 30 September 2008, and prepared an in-depth evaluation of the operations of the Special Fund. ECLAC also provided technical support to the Fourteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council of the ACS, held in Port au Prince, Haiti, 28-29 January 2009, and to the Twentieth Meeting of the Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism, held 23-25 April 2009 in Colombia. Support was also provided by ECLAC in analyzing questionnaire responses by ACS member governments on the future goals and strategic objectives of that organization, and a report

submitted by ECLAC formed the basis of discussions and decisions by the ACS Executive Committee. A member of staff of ECLAC Headquarters participated in the latter meeting. Additionally, ECLAC has continued its participation in and contribution to the Caribbean Sea Commission as a Founding Observer and in compliance with United Nations General Assembly resolution 61/197.

### 1.1.3 Associate member countries

The secretariat continues to closely monitor the changing geo-political, economic and social context for its associate member countries. It awaits the decision of the new order with the Dutch Territories in the Caribbean. Strategic advice in programme and project development, as well as on regional implementation of relevant activities and research, was provided to delegates at the meeting of European Union Overseas Countries and Territories, held in Miami, 5-7 June 2008, and in Saint Kitts and Nevis, 12-14 May 2009. Further, census management assistance and technical advice in statistics were delivered to the Cayman Islands and Curacao during this period. Damage and loss impact assessment surveys were conducted for the Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands in 2008. Representatives of associate member countries participated fully in expert meetings and training workshops related to climate change, statistics, population and other areas of work. The secretariat also responded to requests for support in the area of energy and alternative energy sources and contributed to discussions with respect to the General Assembly Decolonization Committee. A study on the implications of the European Union-CARIFORUM (CARICOM and the Dominican Republic) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) for associate member countries was completed in 2008.

## **1.2 Mauritius Strategy Initiative: RCM**

Work continues towards building a coordinated approach to the implementation of the SIDS-POA and the Mauritius Strategy Initiative. To this end, the secretariat convened the first Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the RCM for the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy, 21 April 2008, Port of Spain. The main task of this meeting was to consider the work programme of the RCM for the period 2008-2009. This included a review of the CARICOM matrix "Towards regional implementation of the MSI" and a review of the St. George's Declaration on the principles for environmental sustainability in the OECS. The outcome of these deliberations guided preparations for the Commission on Sustainable Development and TAC reconfirmed its role as a facilitating and coordinating mechanism. The importance of the National Focal Point Mechanisms to achieving the work of RCM was regarded as crucial and the existence of diverse mechanisms across the region was also recognized as a contribution to its overall objective.

At its second meeting, which took place in Port of Spain, 7 September 2009, TAC members recommended that the RCM should take ownership of the "CARICOM Matrix". This Matrix is to be renamed the "Regional Implementation Matrix," and will be reviewed, updated and incorporated into the 2010-2011 work programme of the RCM. An updated list of focal points should be made available and a benchmarking tool is to be established to facilitate the comparison of performance across member States. The meeting took note of preparations for the review of the Mauritius Strategy which will take place at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly in September 2010.



In this respect, the secretariat completed a preliminary review (document LC/CAR/L.248) of the support provided to Caribbean SIDS in the further implementation of the MSI. This preliminary review forms part of the MSI+5 review process and addresses structural support through the establishment of the RCM and TAC, as well as applied research and other support provided by ECLAC to policy implementation. A Caribbean Regional Synthesis Report and an ECLAC Institutional Report were completed for presentation at a subregional meeting in Grenada in March 2010, to be convened in collaboration with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The outcomes of this meeting will be presented to an interregional SIDS meeting, to be held in May 2010, as well as to the Commission on Sustainable Development and the General Assembly review in September 2010.

### **1.3 Disaster risk reduction and management**

A special study was prepared to assess the cumulative effects of natural disasters and their development implications for the subregion, taking into account the current global economic crisis and the challenges Caribbean SIDS are expected to face as a result of climate change (document LC/CAR/R.113). This study, supported by the Division of Human Settlements at ECLAC and the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID), was submitted as input for the Latin America and Caribbean presentation to the Conference of the Parties Summit in Copenhagen, December 2009.

It is widely held that the negative impact of natural hazards exacerbates the capacity of Caribbean SIDS to overcome their development challenges, such as those posed by the current global economic and financial crisis. Disaster Risk Reduction, therefore, is of critical concern to subregional governments and people. Therefore, the subprogramme prepared a study on examining the socio-economic impact of extreme events to the education sector in the Cayman Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, and Montserrat (document LC/CAR/L.235). The paper proposes that better integration of disaster risk reduction in the education sector cannot be easily achieved if policymakers do not recognize the social nature of risk perception and acceptance in Caribbean SIDS, which necessitates that risk reduction be treated as a negotiated process, engaging all stakeholders.

The paper was presented at a meeting of experts on Disaster Risk Reduction in the Education Sector, convened in collaboration with the Planning Institute of Jamaica in Kingston, Jamaica, on 26 to 27 October 2009. That meeting discussed the myriad implications of disasters for the education sector and recognized the need to design solutions to minimize associated risks. Participants emphasized that policymakers in the education sector should implement appropriate mitigation measures against natural disasters to protect schools and other education infrastructure, as well as develop a draft subregional disaster risk reduction policy to address the multi hazard environment of Caribbean SIDS for adaptation at the national level. Such a policy should be integrated into the curriculum for use throughout the primary and secondary levels.

## **1.4 Public information**

The secretariat continued to prepare quarterly issues of the "FOCUS" newsletter which provides information on its ongoing work and increases awareness of current issues of interest to the Caribbean public and policymakers. So far, four issues have been produced, covering topics on United Nations reform, the sub-prime crisis, youth, public and private partnerships, ageing, disaster and risk assessments and climate change. The secretariat recognizes the need to implement, on an urgent basis, an updated public information strategy, but staffing and other difficulties have impeded progress in this respect.

## **Subject area 12.2: Economic development**

During the biennium, studies were prepared on public-private alliance, the United States sub-prime mortgage crisis, the escalation in world food prices and its resulting impact on Caribbean economies, economic growth in the Caribbean, effects of the financial crisis on women and on the small- and medium-sized enterprises. Training was offered in macroeconomic modelling and on the use of trade competitiveness analysis modules. The food crisis study provided an analysis of the main effects of world food inflation on Caribbean countries through four main channels: domestic inflation, import bill and trade balance, poverty and indigence rates, and inequality. A major aspect of the work of the CDCC secretariat during this period was the preparation of the Economic Survey of the Caribbean for 2007 and 2008, as well as the Preliminary Overview of the Caribbean. Staffing constraints, due to staff movements and retirements, remained a significant obstacle in the fulfilment of the obligations mandated under the programme of work. However, reliance on short-term contracts and other expertise continued as a crucial means towards this end.

### **2.1 Economic development**

The economic surveys of the Caribbean for 2007 and 2008 (annual publications) provided an overview of the economic performance of CDCC countries for those years, with outlook for the following years. The thematic chapters dealt with public debt sustainability and competitiveness in the tourism sector in the 2007 issue, and an analysis of economic growth and the role of small- and medium-sized enterprises in the Caribbean, in the 2008 issue. The reports provided country briefs on the main macroeconomic developments in 2007 and 2008 and resulting outlook for the following years. (Document LC/CAR/L.173 and LC/CAR/L.216).

The preliminary overview of Caribbean countries addresses the main features of the evolution of Caribbean economies during 2008 and, especially, the prospects for 2009 in the context of the ongoing international financial crisis and economic turmoil. The report, LC/CAR/L.189, provides a preliminary assessment of the financial sector in various Caribbean countries, as well as an evaluation of the cyclicity of fiscal policies over the last decades. Country briefs were prepared for the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago, and a subregional assessment of the eight countries members of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union.

## **2.2 Economic growth**

The secretariat prepared the research document *Economic Growth in the Caribbean*, LC/CAR/L.244, which explores growth performance in 13 Caribbean countries during the last five decades from different perspectives, including growth crises and growth episodes. The paper explores the extent to which the convergence hypothesis implied by the Solow model is valid for the Caribbean.

A special seminar on Caribbean Development Thinking was convened on 21 October 2009, as part of the sixtieth anniversary of ECLAC. The seminar took account of ECLAC contributions to the design and implementation of social and economic strategies across the region and noted that these contributions, as well as those of the Caribbean intellectual community to the field of development theory were now more relevant than ever. Participants discussed presentations which reviewed the role of ECLAC as a major centre for economic thinking in Latin America and the Caribbean and reviewed an assessment of the work of Sir Arthur Lewis and the evolution of Caribbean development thinking. The report of the seminar is available at document LC/CAR/L.242

Experts from both the private and public sectors met at the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean on 22 November 2009, to consider new issues and strategies in Caribbean model-building. The meeting, *Macro-econometric Modelling in the Caribbean: New Challenges and New Directions*, brought together modelling practitioners to share experiences and to reflect on how to overcome new and old challenges to model building in the subregion. The meeting considered opportunities for the creation of conditions for growth with equity while reducing vulnerability to economic and environmental shocks (document LC/CAR/L.241).

## **2.3 Financial crisis**

Taking into account that the global economic recession has had a far-reaching impact across developed and developing countries, the secretariat sought to highlight the gender impact of the current global crisis in the Caribbean subregion in one research study. The paper, *The Impact of the Financial Crisis on Women in the Caribbean*, LC/CAR/L.243, highlights the increased vulnerability that women are likely to face as a result of this economic crisis, suggesting that there is a real impact on households, occasioned by economic recession and fluctuations in market prices. The study, in an examination of the policy responses of governments to the crisis, concluded that those policies lacked any form of gender analysis or considerations of gender equality and women's empowerment. It offers 12 recommendations that Caribbean governments may wish to consider as they develop and implement policy responses in the context of an economic recession.

## **2.4 Fiscal policy (public debt sustainability)**

The study, *Public Debt Sustainability in the Caribbean*, LC/CAR/L.175, examines the sustainability of current public debt profiles in the most indebted Caribbean countries: Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Kitts and Nevis. A level of debt is deemed to be sustainable when the debt-to-GDP ratio remains constant or

declines and the concept of sustainability is closely linked to that of solvency. In addressing the severe impacts of the United States sub-prime mortgage crisis, in 2008 the secretariat prepared a policy brief entitled *The United States Sub-prime Mortgage Crisis and its Implications for the Caribbean*, LC/CAR/L.164, which suggested that the United States recession brought about by the sub-prime mortgage crisis would have a negative impact on Caribbean economies, particularly in the areas of trade, tourism, remittances, finance and foreign direct investment.

During the last years, the steep increase in food prices has been one of the most distinctive characteristics of the world economy. Many factors have been hypothesized as the main drivers of this phenomenon, both structural and temporary. International food inflation has had perceptible effects on food importing countries and regions. As such, the Caribbean has suffered the impact mainly through four channels, namely, domestic inflation, import bill and trade balance, poverty and indigence rates, and equity. These are addressed empirically from a regional perspective in the paper “The escalation in world food prices and its implications for the Caribbean”, LC/CAR/L.179.

## **2.5 Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)**

As part of its work in trade and regional integration, the secretariat convened an Expert Group Meeting in February 2009 to examine the implications of the CARIFORUM –European Union EPA. The meeting provided the forum for ECLAC to sensitize policymakers on the implications of the EPA for trade, regional integration, the World Trade Organization (WTO) and regional development, as well as the gender impact of the EPA and mandated the secretariat to support and facilitate the establishment of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the EPA.

The studies presented to the meeting, , examined the implications of the EPA focusing on its implications in trade and market access, regional integration, WTO provisions and regional development, and an assessment of the gender impact of the EPA (document LC.CAR/L.196).

An assessment of the likely implications of the EPA on the seven British and Dutch Caribbean overseas countries and territories in the areas of regional integration, rules of origin, services, trade liberalisation, public procurement market liberalisation and financial services is provided in the document, *Review of CARIFORUM-EU EPA – Implications for the British and Dutch Caribbean Overseas Countries and Territories*, LC/CAR/L.176. A secondary objective of the study was to assess the integration options facing the Caribbean British and Dutch overseas countries and territories, vis-à-vis CARICOM and the EU, respectively.

A detailed analysis of development cooperation and WTO compatibility as it pertains to the CARIFORUM-EU EPA is provided in document LC/CAR/L.177. The study reviews the nature and scope of the development cooperation measures identified in the Agreement and examines the form and type of technical assistance to support institutional and policy reforms, the appropriateness of instruments and effectiveness of aid disbursement. It specifically looks at the key issues of WTO compatibility of regional trade agreements for goods and services, the compatibility of the Most Favoured Nation Clause in the EPA with the Enabling Clause of the WTO, the extent to which the EPA builds on the Doha Development Agenda, and the relationship between the EPA and existing WTO Special and Differential Treatment provisions.

The issues relating to market access, safeguards and implications for regional integration were examined in document LC/CAR/L.181. The document highlights the main issues relating to liberalization and market access in goods, safeguards and the protection of domestic sectors, revenue implications and fiscal changes, liberalization of trade in services, implications for regional integration and the governance structure of the EPA. The study examines the impact of changes in the EU import regime for sugar, banana and rice on selected CARICOM countries and shows the effects on CARICOM countries of changes in the EU import regimes for banana, rice and sugar.

The document, Gender and the Economic Partnership Agreement: An analysis of the potential gender effects of the CARIFORUM-EU EPA, LC/CAR/R.106, provides a comprehensive review of the gender effects of the EPA and identifies the potential differential effects arising from the EPA, analyzing the relative effects on women and men, in the context of an understanding of the gendered structure of the economy, namely labour force participation, productive sector participation, and government expenditures including social sector spending.

## **2.6 Tourism**

With respect to tourism, the secretariat carried out research in an effort to complement the work being conducted by other entities and to introduce new dimensions in the analysis of the tourism product in the Caribbean. The secretariat's work focused on providing an overview of the Tourism Area Life Cycle framework and its implications for tourism competitiveness and tourism strategies identifying the success stories and Caribbean destinations based on their tourism life cycles. The report, Tourism Lifecycle, Tourism Competitiveness and Upgrading Strategies in the Caribbean, LC/CAR/L.166, explores the upgrading strategies Caribbean countries have used in maintaining competitiveness throughout their tourism life cycle.

In order to better understand the situation as it pertains to tourism, an econometric study, LC/CAR/L.190, provides an analysis of the main determinants of competitiveness in the Caribbean tourism stay-over industry, using panel data for the period 1995 to 2006. The analysis is based on observations available for the 34 member countries of the Caribbean Tourism Organization, with the exception of Mexico. The paper was discussed at the Second Meeting of Ministers of Tourism of the Greater Caribbean, which was convened by the Association of Caribbean States in the city of Barranquilla, Colombia, 24 April 2009.

## **2.7 Small- and medium-sized enterprises**

A workshop on boosting small- and medium-sized enterprise development and competitiveness in the Caribbean was convened in Port of Spain on 14 May 2009. The objective of the exercise was to improve the capacity of public institutions in the establishment of methodologies to design policies and tools for the promotion of small- and medium-sized enterprises networks, (report LC/CAR/L.207). Information obtained at the meeting aided the completion of a study, Research on Policies and Institutions to Support Small- and Medium-scale Enterprises in the Caribbean: Trinidad and Tobago Report (LC/CAR/L.247), which examines the policy

framework within which these enterprises operate. It also examines the role of key implementing agencies for government's policy on the sector and that of the respective line ministries. The study explores the degree to which these organizations are able to deliver value added technical, financial and export promotion services to clients on a subsidized basis.

## **2.8 Other activities**

The secretariat convened a training workshop on the use of the Module to Analyze Growth of International Commerce (MAGIC Plus) and the Competitive Analysis of Nations (Trade CAN 2009) software, two robust and versatile packages for analyzing trade performance. The workshop was held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on 19-20 October 2009. The aim of the workshop was to provide a functional overview of the software package, to enable participants to use the software in order to inform more evidence-based trade strategies, and build capacity for researchers and trade negotiators to provide more rigorous, analytical policy research to inform future trade negotiations, (report LC/CAR/L.240).

During the biennium, the secretariat continued its substantive contributions to the ECLAC flagships, aiming to increase coverage of the Caribbean in these reports. At the same time, it continued to provide technical support which included missions and special studies to advance national development, integration and regional cooperation among member States, upon request. Data availability on which to base crucial analysis remains an impeding factor in the ability to carry out an adequate research and technical assistance agenda.

## **Subject area 12.3: Environment and technology**

The secretariat's work in environment and technology concentrated mainly on activities in energy and renewable energy, biotechnology, climate change and disaster impact assessment and risk reduction. Two extrabudgetary projects were implemented to support the work being carried out by the Caribbean Subregional Headquarters.

### **3.1 Climate change**

Phase One of the (DFID-funded) project entitled a 'Review of the Effects of Climate Change in the Caribbean' was completed during the biennium and was complimented by the implementation of an ongoing United Nations Development Account-funded project on "Understanding potential economic impacts of climate change in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)". The implementation of both projects was carried out in collaboration with ECLAC Subregional Headquarters in Mexico and ECLAC Headquarters in Santiago, Chile. Phase Two of the project commenced at the end of the biennium.

Under the aegis of the DFID-funded project, Phase 1 activities consisted of the elaboration of scoping studies for the technical planning necessary for undertaking a Stern-type report for the Caribbean, as well as the conduct of three media/public outreach activities destined to raise awareness about the project, and climate change in general. In addition to the workshops, national consultations were held in nine countries during Phase One. Two meetings of the High-level Advisory Committee on the Economics of Climate Change were convened to provide guidance on the follow-up work related to the project on the Economics of Climate Change. Reports are provided in documents LC/CAR/L.194 and LC/CAR/L.214, respectively. In addition, an expert meeting was convened in Barbados, 13 March 2009, to review the preliminary findings of the studies of Phase 1 of the project in order to obtain substantive feedback that would realize finalization of these studies before their dissemination to policymakers in the Caribbean.

Information contained in the document, *Climate Change: Selected Economic Dimensions*, (LC/CAR/L.205) highlights several key economic issues of the climate change debate. The seven sections of the report review the approach to the climate change challenge stressing the need to depart from “business as usual” approaches in order to address climate change.

Under the United Nations Development Account project, thematic studies were prepared as inputs for Caribbean policymakers participating in the 15<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties in December 2009, in Copenhagen, Denmark. A Caribbean report was prepared with initial projections for economic impacts on tourism, water, agriculture, energy and macroeconomics. These studies were also used as contributions to a Latin America and Caribbean regional report prepared by ECLAC Headquarters. In addition, document LC/CAR/L.231, *The Economics of Climate Change*, examines the economic principles of uncertainty and the precautionary approach, and addresses the key drivers of climate change. The study makes recommendations for the Caribbean to address climate change at the national level. Document LC/CAR/L.232, *A Study on Climate Change in the Caribbean: Impacts of Climate Change in Small Communities*, concluded that the impacts of climate change would exacerbate the economic conditions of small communities and render populations more vulnerable.

### **3.2 Biotechnology**

The study on the development of biotechnology in the Caribbean, LC/CAR/L.184, focuses on the use of fermentation and enzyme technologies, tissue culture and recombinant DNA technology and is more greatly applied to plant varieties than animal species. The issues raised in the study were presented to the Expert Meeting on Biotechnology: Development and Climate Change in the Caribbean which was convened on 28 April 2009, (report LC/CAR/L.198). That meeting brought together experts as well as students engaged in the field of biotechnology research in the Caribbean and was a collaborative effort between ECLAC and the Office of Research of the University of the West Indies, (report LC/CAR/L.201).

A briefing note entitled *Biotechnology: Origins and Development in the Caribbean* (LC/CAR/L.186) was prepared and published during the biennium. An educational video on water was also prepared by the secretariat with funding from the Global Water Partnership-

Caribbean for use in building awareness of policymakers and the public with respect to water resources use and management.

### **3.3 Energy issues**

A meeting on energy efficiency, convened in Port of Spain, 29 April 2009, was designed to inform the preparation of a report on energy efficiency in Latin American Energy Organization countries. Representatives of Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados and Guyana, as members of that organization, participated. Discussions at the meeting focused on the use of a pre-designed survey aimed at obtaining information on energy usage by sector in order to make recommendations on increasing energy efficiency in Latin American Energy Organization countries (document LC/CAR/L.201).

The results of country assessments in researching the potential for employing renewable energy technologies to mitigate climate change in Guyana, Jamaica and Barbados are provided in document LC/CAR/L.233. It provides an understanding of the potential for alternative energy technologies in the Caribbean and suggests that the focus on renewable energy and biofuels by these countries should yield good, long-term results. The recommendations of the study were intended to assist countries in achieving their long-term objectives of reducing poverty and promoting healthy economies and sustainable livelihoods, in keeping with the Millennium Development Goals.

### **3.4 Disaster assessments**

During the period under review, the secretariat continued to provide support to Caribbean countries both in the conduct of assessments and training relating to the impacts of natural disasters. The following impact assessments were carried out during this cycle:

- (a) The Cayman Islands: Macro Socio-economic Assessment of the Damages and Losses caused by Hurricane Paloma. The assessment was prepared at the request of the Government of the Cayman Islands, following the damages caused by Hurricane Paloma in 2008 (document LC/CAR/L.193).
- (b) Turks and Caicos Islands – Macro Socio-Economic Assessment of the Damage and Losses caused by Tropical Storm Hanna and Hurricane Ike. The assessment was prepared at the request of the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands following the damages caused by Tropical Storm Hanna and Hurricane Ike (document LC/CAR/L.185).
- (c) Special mention must be made of the invaluable financial support received from UNDP as well as technical support provided by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture and CARICOM in the conduct of these assignments.
- (d) Evaluation reports have been prepared for the Core Team Training Workshops on the ECLAC Damage and Loss Assessment Methodology, in Kingston, Jamaica, 17-18 June 2008 and 29-31 October 2008 (documents LC/CAR/L.174 and LC/CAR/L.187). The workshops were convened jointly with the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ).



(e) As part of its objective of strengthening capacity, ECLAC conducted a three-day basic level training course for selected government officials from Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago in the use of the ECLAC Damage and Loss Assessment. This exercise was conducted in Port of Spain, 26-28 August 2009, in collaboration with the Santiago-based ECLAC Disaster Evaluation Unit.

### **3.5 Other activities**

The secretariat continues its work in developing and maintaining a sustainable development database, which provides a substantive description of ongoing and planned SIDS-related projects and programmes in the Caribbean. In response to the debate on aluminium smelting in Trinidad and Tobago, the secretariat produced a brief on the facts on the aluminium smelting industry.

## **SUBJECT AREA 12.4: Statistics and Social Development**

Work in the area of statistics and social development continues with the aim of strengthening the capacity of member countries to improve the quality and availability of data for evidenced-based decision and policymaking. Increased collaboration was forged with the Statistics Division and CELADE at ECLAC Headquarters around joint initiatives for strengthening support for the Caribbean, resulting in joint meetings and an agreed work plan developed with the CARICOM Secretariat. Activities carried out during the biennium included work in social development, poverty, gender equality and gender-based violence, ageing, youth, social vulnerability, migration, and the provision of support to member States, upon request. The implementation of three extrabudgetary projects which focus on data gathering and analysis, in the main, served to strengthen regional capacity to collect, analyze and produce data on the informal sector, the Millennium Development Goals and on household surveys, making such data more accessible and reliable.

### **4.1 Caribbean Development Report**

The Caribbean Development Report is a new, refereed journal produced by the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean. The objective of this journal is to publish articles that provide a biennial assessment of the most salient aspects of socio-economic development in the Caribbean. It is offered as a forum to the academic community, policymakers and researchers working on the Caribbean to highlight critical development research on the Caribbean. The framework for this report can be found in the mandate of ECLAC to monitor and report on the implementation of major United Nations global summits on social development and to support Caribbean governments in their efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. The inaugural issue was produced in 2007. The second volume, LC/CAR/L.245, published in December 2009, contains seven articles by nine contributors.

## **4.2 Millennium Development Goals**

Various technical services were made available to member States with respect to their obligations under the Millennium Development Goals. To this end, the secretariat is implementing a United Nations Development Account funded-project “Strengthening the Capacity of NSOS in the Caribbean Small Island Developing States to Fulfil the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Other Internationally Agreed Development Goals (IADGs)” which seeks to ensure the further strengthening of institutional capabilities for generating reliable social and economic statistics. To date, two expert group meetings and one meeting of the Steering Committee have been convened. These events provided a platform for officials from national statistical offices, United Nations entities, relevant governmental agents and regional intergovernmental bodies to discuss issues related to Millennium Development Goal and Internationally Agreed Development Goal monitoring and reporting, (documents LC/CAR/L.191, LC/CAR/L.192 and LC/CAR/L.212).

The project also envisages the production of a Caribbean regional report on Millennium Development Goals to be available for the high-level plenary meeting of heads of State and Government to be held during the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly in September 2010. The secretariat has developed a meta database entitled ‘CMDGInfo’ (Caribbean MDG Info) based on Goal standard definitions and concepts adopted by the United Nations Statistics Division (and other United Nations agencies) to promote the harmonization of indicators. This activity was supported by the recommendations made at the second expert meeting, Port of Spain, 16-17 June 2009, after reviewing the first draft of the Caribbean Millennium Development Goals Meta database. Document LC/CAR/L.217, *The Status of Millennium Development Goal Monitoring and Reporting in Selected Caribbean Countries*, presents a summary of the findings and recommendations of a survey administered by ECLAC to member States in the implementation of this initiative.

The secretariat also completed a study identifying the linkages between gender equality, poverty and achieving the Goals. Document LC/CAR/L.213, *Gender Equality, Poverty and Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the Caribbean Subregion*, reviewed progress on the basis of the most recent data available from official reports and statistics. A particular focus on Goal targets introduced by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in 2005, addressing sexual and reproductive health related issues, was given in document LC/CAR/L.204, while a third study assessed the degree of implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action. It also addressed issues of data availability to monitor population and development-related Goal targets.

## **4.3 Crime, violence and poverty**

There continues to be a growing concern that the increasing incidence of violence affecting a number of Caribbean SIDS could derail the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and reduce development potential, through diversion of expenditure away from social development and poverty reduction, to national security. As a consequence, in document LC/CAR/L.172, the secretariat sought to contribute to the body of knowledge on crime and violence through an exploration of the possible policy linkages between poverty, crime and

violence, using data from Jamaica, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. The findings of this study was presented to the expert meeting convened on 4 April 2008 with experts noting the importance of identifying the risk profile of specific family structures, determining and documenting the impact of crime on the victim and developing a profile of the perpetrator.

#### **4.4 Population issues**

In light of the 15th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development in 2009 (ICPD+15), governments were called upon to assess progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action and to identify gaps in achieving these goals. In response, the secretariat convened jointly with UNFPA and CELADE an expert meeting in Antigua and Barbuda, 20-21 August 2009, hosted by that Government. That meeting focused on the specific Millennium Development Goal targets on population and development, with particular emphasis on the targets introduced by UNFPA in 2005 and their review in the Caribbean (document LC/CAR/L.220)

During the biennium, the secretariat prepared a study which reviewed progress in the implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action since 1994. Document LC/CAR/L.219, Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action in the Caribbean (1994-2009), notes that, with the inclusion of reproductive health, all goals set by the Plan of Action of the ICPD have been incorporated in the Millennium Development Goals.

Given the importance of the changing age structure to subregional development, ECLAC joined with Help Age International to convene the Caribbean Regional Development Centre meeting in Barbados, 6-10 October 2008. The secretariat also collaborated with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in the implementation of a project on ageing with the aim of assisting Caribbean countries to establish and strengthen national policies and programmes to support the elderly.

As in many other parts of the developing world, little is known or written about disability in the Caribbean. In this regard the secretariat delivered, in November 2009, a report on planning for social policies and poverty reduction with special focus on disability in the Caribbean. ECLAC continues to address the issues affecting persons living with disabilities in the Caribbean. Document LC/CAR/L.237 describes the initiatives taken by the United Nations and other regional and international organizations in relation to persons with disabilities and provides examples of some initiatives and commitment at the national level for a selected number of countries.

A major aspect of preparations for the 2010 Round of Censuses has been the training of personnel in the conduct of surveys and in the use of the related software for analysis. ECLAC has conducted two workshops, in Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago, aimed at improving national statistical capacity in the use of the Retrieval of Data for small Areas of Microcomputer software. The workshops focused on demographic data analysis, strengthening national machineries in census taking and addressing the need to include gender indicators in census questionnaires. The workshop was supported by CELADE and UNFPA (documents LC/CAR/L.182 and 238).

## 4.5 Youth

The secretariat continues to undertake research on a situational assessment and analysis of the adolescent and youth population in selected countries of the wider Caribbean. A study, LC/CAR/L.180, on the Socio-demographic Analysis of Youth in the Caribbean – A Three-country Case Study, was based on the 2000 round of census data for selected countries in the subregion and provided an analysis of available and accessible census data (2000 census round) for three Eastern Caribbean countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada and Saint Lucia, with a focus on the situation of children, youth and young families. The circumstances related to living arrangements and household composition, religion, health and well-being, migration, education and professional formation, economic activities, civil status and reproductive patterns were detailed in the document.

The study was discussed at the Regional Meeting on Youth and Families in Transition, jointly convened with the United Nations Children’s Fund. The meeting focused on the situation of children in the Caribbean, particularly on the rights of the child. One of the results of the meeting was the recognized need for strengthening relations among development partners, as expressed in the ongoing joint activities with the United Nations Children’s Fund and the United Nations Development Fund for Women in the area of youth and gender (document LC/CAR/L.195).

## 4.6 Gender

With support from the Division for Gender Affairs at ECLAC Headquarters, the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean has begun work on the Caribbean component of the project entitled, Establishment of a Gender Equality Observatory in Latin America and the Caribbean. The overall objective of the gender equality observatory is to assist in the fulfilment of gender equality goals and targets in the Caribbean subregion and increase their visibility by making available to governments strategic gender-related information. Funding support for the project is provided by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation and the Ibero-American Secretariat, pursuant to section 2 of the Quito Consensus.

To date, the Caribbean Technical Meeting on the Establishment of a Gender Equality Observatory was convened on 6-7 October 2008, aimed at strengthening the relationship between users and producers of gender statistics and defining a basic set of indicators necessary for the functioning of the Gender Equality Observatory in the English-speaking Caribbean. The meeting also addressed issues related to the indicators and analytical tools for policymaking and the provision of ongoing monitoring on issues that are important in improving gender equality goals, programming and policy, including the Beijing Platform for Action and the Millennium Development Goals (document LC/CAR/L.178).

The forty-third Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean was also hosted by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and convened in Port of Spain during the period 7-8 July 2009.

The fourth issue of the Women Development Bibliography, LC/CAR/L.246, includes both Caribbean and non-Caribbean references from a range of sources which strengthen research

and analytical capacity. Brief summaries of the content of most documents are included, while the documents published by the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean are available in full-text and may be downloaded free of charge at the following URL: [http://minisis.eclacpos.org/scripts/minisa.dll/144/bib\\_direct?DIRECTSEARCH](http://minisis.eclacpos.org/scripts/minisa.dll/144/bib_direct?DIRECTSEARCH).

#### **4.7 Statistics**

In the area of statistics, work continued towards strengthening the capacity of national statistical offices to improve the quality and availability of data to enable policymakers to make evidenced-based decisions. In this regard, two projects were simultaneously implemented: A United States Agency for International Development-funded project geared towards “Improving Caribbean Household Surveys” with the general objective of improving comparability of social statistics produced in the Caribbean through household surveys, and a United Nations Development Account-funded project on “Interregional Cooperation on the Measurement of Informal Sector and Informal Employment” aimed at improving data on informal sector and on informal employment. A third project, also financed under the United Nations Development Account, focused on “Strengthening the capacity of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) in the Caribbean Small Island Developing States to fulfil the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and other Internationally Agreed Development Goals (IADGs)”.

The twenty-first issue of the Selected Statistical Indicators, LC/CAR/L.183, provides a collection of current economic statistics and includes 10 additional social indicators, that is, Millennium Development Goal indicators and other development indicators. This is an annual publication produced by the Statistics and Social Development Unit which seeks to provide a full compendium of the key economic indicators along with socio-economic statistics for the 24 member countries of the CDCC. The initiative featured indicators on official statistics obtained from the national statistical offices and central banks for the period ending December 2007. The data collected have been re-cast into a form that is amenable to relational database query. At present, most of the time series have been transformed to a database format, which will allow remote users to build tables as required. The Unit provided inputs for the preparation of the Annual Economic Survey of Caribbean Countries and other key publications prepared by ECLAC.

Based on the need for a broad scope of reliable, timely statistical data, document LC/CAR/L.227, *The Statistical Infrastructure of Caribbean Countries*, provides an insight into the challenges to data collection facing Caribbean countries, updating an earlier version of a survey conducted in 2005 on the infrastructure of statistical organizations in the subregion. The study reveals a number of areas that could benefit from interventions at the subregional level, either individually or jointly by regional organizations and recommends concerted follow-up activity to be carried out.

The tenth volume of the Abstracts of Major Statistical Publications is a rich compendium of reference to all statistical publications currently produced and/or in circulation by all ECLAC/CDCC member countries (LC/CAR/L.224).

The secretariat convened a regional workshop on data sharing, ownership and harmonization of data as part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen the statistical capacities of

national statistical offices in the region. This formed part of the activities of the United States-funded project, “*Improving Household Surveys in the Caribbean*” which ended in December 2009 (document LC/CAR/L.225). Achievements of this project pertained to: the establishment of common data collection protocols, definitions and classifications for various social variables, strengthened capacity in national statistical offices to produce harmonized household survey data sets for comparable analyses at the regional and international levels, new variables for micro data sets, and improved electronic accessibility of systematized household micro level data sets via the Internet.

As consequence of the project activities, ECLAC was able to incorporate databases from Caribbean countries into the wider ECLAC BADEHOG database on household survey. Work has been carried out on the harmonization/systemization of household survey data sets collected from eight ECLAC/CDCC member States which were included in the database.

Work carried out in the area of informal sector was supported by the implementation of the Development Account-funded project “Interregional Cooperation on the Measurement of Informal Sector and Informal Employment”, implemented by ECLAC in collaboration with the International Labour Organization Caribbean Regional Office. The activities of the project were geared towards improving data on informal sector and informal employment for the promotion of evidence-based social policies at the national and interregional levels. The project provided avenues for improving the technical capacity of national statistical systems in participating countries to collect, compile, analyze and disseminate data on informal sector and informal employment, in line with internationally agreed methodological standards.

The project was piloted in Saint Lucia, where fieldwork, data processing and analysis for the 1-2 survey of the informal sector was carried out during the period April 2008 to January 2009. The results of that exercise were presented to a two-day Regional Workshop on Informal Sector Surveys in the Caribbean subregion, conducted in Saint Lucia, 12-13 November 2009. That workshop identified a way forward for the use of the 1-2 survey methodology in the Caribbean subregion, to collect data for assessing the informal sector’s contribution to GDP (document LC/CAR/L.229).

## **Subject Area 12.5: Knowledge and information management**

During this biennium, the secretariat, in response to the demands of economies that are becoming increasingly knowledge based, shifted its information delivery focus from one of documentation to one using the techniques of knowledge management. ECLAC acknowledges that Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is a vehicle for social and economic development to accomplish Goal 8 of the Millennium Development Goals.

## **5.1 Information management**

In pursuit of the goal of transforming the subregion into a knowledge society, the secretariat continued to organize meetings and seminars to further advance the work in the development of a public policy approach to the digital challenge in the Caribbean.

It has become increasingly important to support the process of the development of a regional ICT for Development Plan, by advocating for support and adoption of the eLAC 2010 Plan in the Caribbean. As a result, the Caribbean Subregional Headquarters prepared a study, LC/CAR/L.222, on the progress made in information and communications for development in the Caribbean which provides information on the progress and current state of development of Caribbean information societies. It addresses 29 of the 83 goals, under the six eLAC themes, which are to be monitored for eLAC 2010.

As a part of its contribution to the development and strengthening of capacity among information providers and users in the subregion, the Caribbean Knowledge Management Centre (CKMC) has supported the establishment of a Caribbean Information Society. To this end, the First Training Course on Information Society Measurement in the Caribbean was conducted in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, over the period 26-30 January 2009. The technical capacity building workshop was aimed at providing national statistical offices with the tools for implementing ICT surveys in households and the business sectors in the Caribbean. The workshop attracted 45 persons and was supported by the ECLAC/International Development Research Centre (IDRC) OSCILAC project being implemented by ECLAC Headquarters. The event was also supported by the International Telecommunications Union and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (document LC/CAR/L.197).

In addition to the above activities, a planning meeting of Partners of the Caribbean Information Societies Measurement Initiative took place on 28 and 29 September 2009 in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. This was organized jointly by ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, OSILAC, the University of the West Indies St. Augustine Campus and Mona School of Business. The Caribbean Information Societies Measurement Initiative is a component of the research proposal entitled “Networks for Development: The Caribbean ICT Research Programme”, recently approved for funding by the International Development Research Centre. The main objective of this programme is to “promote multi-stakeholder knowledge exchange and dialogue about the potential contribution of Information and Communications Technology for economic development and poverty alleviation in the Caribbean” (document LC/CAR/L.228).

## **5.2 Knowledge management**

Given the relative newness of the topic, the secretariat’s study, LC/CAR/L.234, Knowledge Management for Development: Towards a Practical Approach for the Caribbean, provides information on the status of knowledge management and its potential as a development tool in the Caribbean. This study was premised on the proposed knowledge management for development framework. The study focuses on raising awareness and increasing discussion among development practitioners and policymakers on this relatively new paradigm of knowledge management for sustainable development in the Caribbean. It proposes an approach for locating, collecting, creating, sharing and applying information and knowledge (from within

and outside the region) for development purposes in the Caribbean subregion. It also provides information which is aimed at improving national policies and strategies and community-level projects to support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the overall sustainable development of the Caribbean subregion.

Research findings were presented at a meeting of experts on Knowledge Management for Development: Towards a Practical approach for the Caribbean, convened in Port of Spain on 17 November 2009. The meeting provided an opportunity to introduce and share experiences and best practices, as well opportunities and challenges facing the subregion with regards to knowledge management for development (document LC/CAR/L.239).

### **5.3 Information tools**

The secretariat continues to produce the bi-monthly publication Current Awareness Bulletin. The Bulletin provides national planners, policymakers, researchers and libraries with up-to-date information on regional, economic and social issues. It serves as an outreach information service in those areas of cooperation which CDCC member governments have identified as crucial for regional, economic and social development. The Current Awareness Bulletin includes a list of documents recently prepared by the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, ECLAC Headquarters and other United Nations agencies, as well as the most recent acquisitions by CKMC of United Nations documents, arranged by subject. The report is accessible through the website, [www.eclacpos.org](http://www.eclacpos.org), with links to abstracts of some documents, where available.

The secretariat also continues to produce the monthly newsletter Current Contents, which provides users with an insight into the contents of journals, and other publications recently received by ECLAC. Using the Caribbean Digital Library as a source, the secretariat continues to update development profiles of Caribbean countries, providing access to key policy documents for each country in one place. Facts and figures on government, the economy, and a range of social development issues are included. The CKMC manages the website, [www.eclacpos.org](http://www.eclacpos.org), of the Caribbean Subregional Headquarters which provides information on all activities carried out by the secretariat.

### **5.4 Business process analysis**

A business process analysis exercise was conducted by CKMC in an effort to streamline the operational environment for work undertaken by the secretariat. The exercise identified strengths and weaknesses and recommended improvements in day-to-day work processes (LC/CAR/R.112).

### **5.5 Other activities**

Activities centred on facilitation of greater levels of communication among members of the CARICOM Regional ICT Steering Committee, particularly as they related to the development of the Draft ICT/IS Action Plan for the period 2008-2010. Support was also provided to Trinidad and Tobago and the CARICOM secretariat in issues pertaining to the development of ICT policies.



Annex I**List of Publications****Limited and Restricted/ Working Paper Series 2008-2009****LIMITED**

LC/CAR/L.160	Proposed draft programme of work of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean: Subprogramme 12: Subregional activities in the Caribbean. Biennial Programme Plan. Biennium 2010-2011 (26/02/08)
LC/CAR/L.161	Provisional Agenda of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the CDCC (10/03/08)
LC/CAR/L.161/Add.1	Provisional annotated agenda of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the CDCC (08/04/08)
LC/CAR/L.162	Report on the Implementation of the ECLAC work programme: Subregional activities for the Caribbean 2006-2007 biennium – 1 January 2006 – 31 December 2007 (25/03/)
LC/CAR/L.162/Add.1	Reports on meetings convened for the 2006-2007 biennium (11/4/08)
LC/CAR/L.163 1	Report of the CDCC Working Group – Redefining and revitalizing the role of the CDCC in Caribbean regional development (9 April 08)
LC/CAR/L.164	The United States Sub-prime mortgage crisis and its implications for the Caribbean (9/4/08)
LC/CAR/L.165	Agenda of the Technical Advisory Committee (9/04/08)
LC/CAR/L.166	Tourism lifecycle, tourism competitiveness and upgrading strategies in the Caribbean (27/11/08)
LC/CAR/L.167	Summary of resolutions recently adopted by CDCC and resolutions of ECLAC and other organs of the United Nations which might be of special interest to member countries of the ECLAC/CDCC
LC/CAR/L.168	Impact of changes in the European Union import regimes for sugar, banana and rice on selected CARICOM countries (5/5/08)
LC/CAR/L.169	Report of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the CDCC (15/05/08)
LC/CAR/L.169/Rev.1	Report of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Session of the CDCC (16/05/08)

LC/CAR/L.170	Report of the ad hoc expert group meeting on social exclusion, poverty, inequality, crime and violence: Towards a research agenda for informed public policy in four Caribbean SIDS (13/5/08)
LC/CAR/L.171	Report of the meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism (14/5/08)
LC/CAR/L.172	Exploring policy linkages between poverty, crime and violence: a look at three Caribbean States (19/05/08)
LC/CAR/L.173	Economic Survey of the Caribbean (2007-2008), (28/7/08)
LC/CAR/L.174	Evaluation of the training workshop on socio-economic impact of disasters using the ECLAC methodology: A sustainable livelihood approach (12/8/08)
LC/CAR/L.175	Public debt sustainability in the Caribbean (3/9/08)
LC/CAR/L.176	Review of CARIFORUM-EU-EPA – Implications for the British and Dutch Caribbean OCTs (4/9/08)
LC/CAR/L.177	Review of CARIFORUM-EU-EPA in development cooperation and WTO compatibility (10/10/08)
LC/CAR/L.178	Report of the Caribbean technical meeting on the establishment of a Gender Equality Observatory in Latin America and the Caribbean (31/10/08)
LC/CAR/L.179	The escalation in world food prices and its implications for the Caribbean (19/11/08)
LC/CAR/L.180	Socio-demographic analysis of youth in the Caribbean – A three-country case study (24/11/08)
LC/CAR/L.181	The CARIFORUM-EU EPA: An assessment of issues relating to market access, safeguards and implications for regional integration (26/11/08)
LC/CAR/L.182	Retrieval of Data for Small Areas of Microcomputers (REDATAM) Training of Trainers Workshop (3/12/08)
LC/CAR/L.183	Selected Statistical Indicators of Caribbean Countries XXI 2007 (5/12/08)
LC/CAR/L.184	Biotechnology with special reference to the Caribbean (9/12/08)
LC/CAR/L.185	Turks and Caicos Islands – Macro Socio-Economic Assessment of the Damage and Losses caused by Tropical Storm Hanna and Hurricane Ike (10/12/08)

LC/CAR/L.186 Biotechnology: Origins and development in the Caribbean (22/12/08)

LC/CAR/L.187 Evaluation of the Core Team Training Workshop: Socio-economic Impact of Disasters using the ECLAC methodology: A sustainable livelihood approach (30/12/08)

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LC/CAR/L.188 Report of the Review of the economics of climate change meeting (3/3/09)

LC/CAR/L.189 Preliminary overview of the Caribbean 2008-2009, (9/3/09)

LC/CAR/L.190 An econometric study of the determinants of tourism competitiveness in the Caribbean (17/3/09)

LC/CAR/L.191 Report of expert group meeting on Development Account funded project on MDG monitoring and reporting in the Caribbean, February 2-3(26/3)

LC/CAR/L.192 Report of the first meeting of the Steering Committee meeting on Development Account funded project on MDG monitoring and reporting in the Caribbean (27/3/09)

LC/CAR/L.193 Cayman Islands: Macro socio-economic assessment of the damage and losses caused by Hurricane Paloma (2.4/09)

LC/CAR/L.194 Report of the Meeting of the High-level Advisory Committee of the Project A Review of the Economics of Climate Change (RECC) (8/4/09)

LC/CAR/L.195 Report on the Meeting of Social Policies for Children's Rights – Knowledge-building through partnerships in SIDS. Year-end Forum 2008 (1/5/09)

LC/CAR/L.196 Report of the expert group meeting on the CARIFORUM-EU EPA (14/5/09)

LC/CAR./L.197 Training course on measuring ICT access and use in households and businesses (21/5/09)

LC/CAR/L.198 Report on the meeting on biotechnology: Development and climate change In the Caribbean (22/6/09)

LC/CAR/L.199 Antigua and Barbuda: Survey of Living Conditions and Household Budgets 2005 – User Manual (25/06/09)

LC/CAR/L.200	Questionnaire and survey methodology. Antigua and Barbuda: Survey of Living conditions and household budgets 2005 (26/06/09)
LC/CAR/L.201	Report of the Expert Group Meeting on Energy Efficiency (3 July 2009)
LC/CAR/L.202	Evaluation report on Expert Group Meeting on Development Account-supported project on MDG/IADG monitoring in the Caribbean: 2-3 February 2009 (9/07/09)
LC/CAR/L.203	Evaluation report on Expert Group Meeting on Development Account-supported project on MDG/IADG monitoring in the Caribbean: 16-17 July 2009 (9/07/09)
LC/CAR/L.204	The status of demographic and health-related MDGs in Caribbean countries (15/7/09)
LC/CAR/L.205	Climate change: Selected economic dimensions (10/06/09)
LC/CAR/L.206	Questionnaire and survey methodology: Saint Lucia – Survey of Living Conditions and Household Budget 2005/2006 (11/8/09)
LC/CAR/L.207	Report of the workshop on boosting SME development and competitiveness in the Caribbean (12/8/09)
LC/CAR/L.208	Saint Lucia: Survey Of Living Conditions and Household Budgets 2005/2006 - User's Manual (17/8/09)
LC/CAR/L.209	Agenda of the fourteenth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC (31/7/09)
LC/CAR/L.210	Preliminary report on the implementation of the ECLAC Work Programme: Subregional activities for the Caribbean 2008-2009 biennium (covering the period 1 January 2008 - 31 August 2009)
LC/CAR/L.211	Belize: Macro Socio-economic assessment of the damage and losses caused by Tropical Depression 16 (1/9/09)
LC/CAR/L.212	Report of the Second Expert Group Meeting on the Development Account Supported Project on MDG/IADG monitoring in the Caribbean (3/9/09)
LC/CAR/L.213	Gender equality, poverty and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the Caribbean subregion (7/9/09)
LC/CAR/L.214	Report of the Meeting of the HLAC of the Project: A Review of the Economics of Climate Change (RECC) (1/10/09)

LC/CAR/L.215	Report of the second meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism (5/10/09)
LC/CAR/L.216	Economic Survey of the Caribbean 2008-2009 (8/10/09)
LC/CAR/L.217	The status of Millennium Development Goal monitoring and reporting in selected Caribbean countries (16/10/09)
LC/CAR/L.218	Report of the fourteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC (30/10/09)
LC/CAR/L.219	Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action in the Caribbean (1994-2009) (30/10/09)
LC/CAR/L.220	Report of the Caribbean Subregional Meeting to assess the Programme of Action of the ICPD 15 years after its adoption (2/11/09)
LC/CAR/L.221	Evaluation report of the Subregional Meeting to assess the Programme of Action of the ICPD 15 years after its adoption (3/11/09)
LC/CAR/L.222	Monitoring of ELAC 2010 Progress of ICT development – Caribbean Information Society (6/11/09)
LC/CAR/L.223	Report on the training workshop on the use of the ECLAC Disaster and Loss Assessment (DALA) Methodology for the evaluation of natural disasters (6/11/09)
LC/CAR/L.224	Major Statistical Publications – Abstracts Vol. X 2009 (17/11/09)
LC/CAR/L.225	Report of the ECLAC workshop on data sharing, data ownership and the harmonization of survey datasets (19/11/09)
LC/CAR/L.226	Evaluation report: Report of the ECLAC workshop on data sharing, data ownership and the harmonization of survey datasets (19/11/09)
LC/CAR/L.227	The statistical infrastructure of Caribbean countries (20/11/09)
LC/CAR/L.228	Report of the Planning Meeting of Partners of the Caribbean Information Societies Measurement Initiative (24/11/09)
LC/CAR/L.229	Regional workshop on Informal Sector Surveys in the Caribbean subregion (26/11/09)
LC/CAR/L.230	Evaluation report: Regional workshop on Informal Sector Surveys in the Caribbean subregion (27/11/09)

LC/CAR/L.231	The economics of Climate Change (30/11/09)
LC/CAR/L.232	A Study on Climate Change in the Caribbean: Impacts of Climate Change in Small Communities (1/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.233	A study on renewable energy issues in the Caribbean: Potential for mitigating climate change (3/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.234	Knowledge Management for Development: Towards a practical approach for the Caribbean (7/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.235	Disaster Risk Reduction in the Education sector among selected Caribbean Small Island Developing States (9/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.236	Report on the Expert Group Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction in the Education Sector (11/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.237	A further study on disability in the Caribbean: Rights, commitment, statistical analysis and monitoring (14/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.238	Report on Retrieval of data for small areas of microcomputers (REDATAM) national training workshop (15/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.239	Report of the expert group meeting on knowledge management for development: Towards a practical approach for the Caribbean (16/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.240	Evaluation report of the training workshop on the use of the Module to Analyse Growth of International Commerce (MAGIC Plus) and the competitive analysis of Nations (TRADECAN 2009) software (17/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.241	Report on Expert Group Workshop on Macro-econometric Modelling in the Caribbean: New Challenges and new Directions (18/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.242	Report of the seminar on Caribbean Development Thinking: the Path covered and the way forward (14/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.243	The impact of the financial crisis on women in the Caribbean (18/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.244	Economic Growth in the Caribbean (21/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.245	Caribbean Development Review II (1/12/09)
LC/CAR/L.246	Women in Development Bibliography – 4 <sup>th</sup> Edition (2.12.09)

LC/CAR/L.247 Research on policies and institutions to support small and medium-scale enterprises in the Caribbean: Trinidad and Tobago Report (28/12/09)

LC/CAR/L.248 Preliminary study on the progress achieved in implementing the Mauritius Strategy.

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LC/CAR/R.95 Research on policies and institutions to support small and medium scale enterprise in the Caribbean by Colin McDonald (7 March 2008)

LC/CAR/R.96 Report on small and medium-sized enterprises in Suriname by Rishma Radjie (17/3/09)

LC/CAR/R.97 Policies and institutions supporting small and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs) in Jamaica by Claremont Kirton and David Tennant (25/3/08)

LC/CAR/R.98 Policy Linkages between poverty, crime and violence: A look at three Caribbean States by Gabrielle Henderson (3/4/08)

LC/CAR/R.99 Interviewers' instruction handbook – 2008 survey on household unincorporated enterprises and the informal sector by Sebastien Merceron (19/03/08)

LC/CAR/R 100 Guidelines for conducting surveys of the informal sector and informal employment by Sebastien Merceron (19/03/08)

LC/CAR/R101 Tabulation plan: 2008 survey on Household Unincorporated Enterprises and the informal sector by Sebastien Merceron (19/03/08)

LC/CAR/R.102 Review of the Economics of Climate Change (Juan Llanes Reguiero) (2/3/09)

LC/CAR/R.103 Project document: Review of the Economics of Climate Change (Ulric Trotz) (3/3/09)

LC/CAR/R.104 Report of the workshops and press conferences on Review of the Economics of Climate Change in the Caribbean (RECC) Indi McLymont and Jan Voordouw (2/4/09)

LC/CAR/R.105 Global economic crisis: CARICOM impacts and responses (Clyde Thomas) (30/4/09)

LC/CAR/R.106	Gender and the Economic Partnership Agreement: An analysis of the potential gender effects of the CARIFORUM-EU-EPA (4/02/09) (Jason Jackson and Judith Wedderburn)
LC/CAR/R.107	Administrator's Manual for Standardizing Household datasets for upload into the Caribbean Household Surveys Databank/CHSD : Antigua and Barbuda (26/6/09)
LC/CAR/R.108	Climate Change and the Macro-economy in the Caribbean Basin: Analysis and Projections to 2100 (17/08/09) (Patrick Watson)
LC/CAR/R.109	Regional Report On The Impact Of Climate Change On The Tourism Sector (17/08/09) (Sandra Sookram)
LC/CAR/R.110	Review Of The Economics Of Climate Change In The Caribbean phase II water Sector (First Draft Regional Report ) (17/08/09) (Sharon Hutchinson)
LC/CAR/R.111	Administrator's Manual for Standardizing Household datasets for upload into the Caribbean Household Surveys Databank/CHSD: Saint Lucia (20/10/09)
LC/CAR/R.112	Business Process Analysis Exercise report (Marly Livia/Karina Flenik) (14/12/09)
LC/CAR/R.113	Economic impact of climate change: Regional analysis of extreme events (Dennis Pantin) (3/12/09)

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Annex II**List of Projects****Extrabudgetary (XB) funds - All ongoing projects for  
the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean****As at 31 December 2009**

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>FUNDING AGENCY</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>UKG/10/001:</b> Letter of Agreement between the Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and ECLAC. Project: Review of the Economics of Climate Change in the Caribbean (Phase 2)	DFID	Ongoing
<b>ROA/137-6A PO:</b> Understanding Potential Impacts of Climate Change in LAC (Project 08/09 AE)	UN Development Account (UNDA)	Ongoing
<b>AEC/08/005 POS:</b> Programa de Cooperación CEPAL - AECID 2008 - Políticas e Instrumentos para la Promoción del Crecimiento en América Latina y el Caribe II Componente 5: Desarrollo de Indicadores de Género	Trust Fund of the Government of France and the Ibero-American Secretariat	Ongoing
<b>ROA/122:</b> Strengthening the Capacity of NSOS in the Caribbean Small Island Developing States to Fulfil the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Other Internationally Agreed Development Goals (IADGs) - (Project 0809Z)	UN Development Account (UNDA)	Ongoing
<b>CAN/04/004:</b> Accelerating Change: Fourth Ministerial Conference on Women Meeting of ECLAC	CIDA	Ended
<b>CAN/04/002:</b> Caribbean Gender Equality Program	CIDA	Ended
<b>BID/07/001 :</b> Letter of Agreement between Inter-American Development Bank and ECLAC. Regional Overview Study: The CSME and Private Sector Development in the Caribbean Region Project: ATN/SF-10210-RG. CARICOM: Value Chains, Regional Integration and Competitiveness in the CSME	IDB	Ended
<b>GRP/6P/31A:</b> UNFPA – CEPAL Project GRP6P31A – Population and Development: Demographic Evolutions / Increased Use of International Standards and Approaches for Census Taking, and Resources Mobilized for Population and Housing Censuses	UNFPA	Ended
<b>GWP/08/001 (P005):</b> Memorandum of Understanding between the Global Water Partnership - Caribbean and ECLAC	Global Water Partnership	Ended
<b>UKG/08/003:</b> Letter of Agreement between the Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and ECLAC. Project: Review of the Economics of Climate Change in the Caribbean (Phase 1)	DFID	Ended

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>FUNDING AGENCY</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
<b>ITA/06/002 (POS):</b> Políticas para el Mejoramiento de la Productividad de las Pequeñas y Medianas Empresas a través del Fortalecimiento de Redes Empresariales	Government of Italy (Santiago)	Ended
<b>UNF/08/001:</b> Interagency Agreement between the United Nations Development Fund for Women and ECLAC	UNIFEM	Ended
<b>STA/07 Statistics:</b> Memorandum of Understanding between ECLAC and Central Statistical Office of Saint Lucia	ECLAC	Ended
<b>USA/07/001:</b> Improving Caribbean Household Surveys. Grant Agreement USA/ECLAC.	US State Department	Ended
<b>RLA6P32A POS:</b> ECLAC-UNFPA LAC-RO Annual Work Plan 2009. Salud sexual y reproductiva con énfasis en salud materna de mujeres indígenas: fortalecimiento del conocimiento e información	UNFPA (Santiago)	Ended
<b>ROA/67 Informal sector:</b> Project 0607A Interregional Cooperation on the Measurement of Informal Sector and Informal Employment	Development Account: 5th Tranche	Ended

## Annex III

**Seminars, workshops and consultations convened  
by the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean  
1 January 2008 to 31 December 2009**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b># Participants (Females)</b>
Training workshop on socio-economic impact of disasters using the ECLAC methodology: A sustainable livelihood approach, Jamaica (LC/CAR/L.174)	17-18 June 08	Jamaica	53 (25 females)
Training sessions for enumerators involved in the field work for the Informal Sector Survey, hosted by the Central Statistical Office (CSO)	9-11 July 2008	St. Lucia	28 (18 females)
Training workshop on socio-economic impact of disasters using the ECLAC methodology: A sustainable livelihood approach (LC/CAR/L.187)	29-30 October 2008	Jamaica	16 (8 females)
Retrieval of data for Small Areas of Microcomputers (REDATAM) Training of Trainers Workshop (LC/CAR/182)	5-14 November 2008	St. Lucia.	25 (10 females)
Capacity-Building Workshop on Information Society Measurement in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/L.197)	26-30 January 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	25 (15 females)
Conduct of public awareness workshops associated with the implementation of the Climate Change Project	3 - 10 March 2009	Bahamas St Kitts/ Nevis Trinidad and Tobago	107 (40 women)
Workshop On Boosting SME Development And Competitiveness In The Caribbean (LC/CAR/L207)	14 May 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	28 (8 females)
Regional workshop on data sharing, data ownership and the harmonization of survey datasets (LC/CAR/L.225)	26-27 August 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	29 (10 females)
Training Workshop On The Use Of The ECLAC Damage And Loss Assessment (DALA) Methodology For The Evaluation Of Natural Disasters (LC/CAR/L.223) Evaluation report LC/CAR/L.226	26-28 August 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	25 (14 females)
Regional workshop on informal sector surveys (LC/CAR/L.229) Evaluation report LC/CAR/L.230	12-13 October 2009	Saint Lucia	14 (6 females)
Workshop on the Module to Analyse the Growth of International Commerce (MAGIC Plus) and the Competitive Analysis of Nations (Trade CAN 2009) (LC/CAR/L.241)	19-20 October 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	15 (7 females)
National training workshop on REDATAM (LC/CAR/L.238) Evaluation report LC/CAR/L.240	7-11 December 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	25 (13 females)
Two-day training workshop on economic modelling for researchers and staff of planning institutes, central banks and similar institutions.		Trinidad and Tobago	22 (4 females)
<b>Total Participants in Training workshops</b>			<b>409 (178 females)</b>
National consultations with key stakeholders to inform the first phase of the project 'Review of Economics of Climate Change': Aruba, Barbados, Curacao, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Guyana, and Trinidad and Tobago			250 (100 females)
<b>Total Participants in Training workshops and consultations</b>			<b>659 (278 females)</b>

Annex IV

**Meetings convened by the  
Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean  
1 January 2008 – 31 December 2009**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Representatives/Experts from member States in attendance</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> session of the CDCC (LC/CAR/L.169/Rev.1)	22-23 April 08	Port of Trinidad and Tobago	43 <b>(25 women)</b>	Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, T&T, BVI, Netherlands Antilles., Puerto Rico, Turks & Caicos
14 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC (LC/CAR/L.218)	7-8 September 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	33 <b>(17 women)</b>	Belize, Cuba, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, US Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands
Meeting of the Working Group of the CDCC-Redefining and revitalizing the role of the CDCC in Caribbean regional development	March 08	Trinidad and Tobago	13 <b>(9 women)</b>	Barbados, Guyana, Suriname, Netherlands Antilles, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago
First Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism for the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy (LC/CAR/L.171)	21 April 08	Trinidad and Tobago	16 <b>(7 women)</b>	Belize, BVI, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia, T&T
Caribbean Subregional Meeting to assess the implementation of the ICPD POA 15 years after its adoption (LC/CAR/L.220)	20-21 August 2009	Antigua & Barbuda	63 <sup>2</sup> <b>(40 women)</b>	Antigua/Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts/Nevis, Saint Vincent/Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Aruba, Netherlands
Second Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Regional Coordinating Mechanism for the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy (LC/CAR/L.215)	7 September 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	17 <b>(6 women)</b>	Belize, Cuba, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, US Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands

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<sup>2</sup> (91% gave good rating)

<b>Expert group meetings</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Total No.</b>	<b>No. of female participants</b>
Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Social Exclusion, Poverty, Inequality, Crime and Violence: Towards a research agenda for informed public policy in 4 Caribbean SIDS (LC/CAR/L.170)	4 April 08	Trinidad and Tobago	14	7
Caribbean technical meeting on the establishment of a Gender Equality Observatory in LAC (LC/CAR/L.178)	6-7 October 08	Trinidad and Tobago	16	16
A meeting of experts to discuss issues pertaining to the information society in the Caribbean	26-30 January 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	10	7
Expert Group Meeting On The Development Account Supported Project On MDG/IADG Monitoring In The Caribbean (LC/CAR/L.191)	2-3 February 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	22	9
First meeting of the Steering Committee on strengthening the capacity of NSOs in the Caribbean SDS to fulfill the MDGs and other IADGs (LC/CAR/L.192)	3 February 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	2	-
One meeting of experts to discuss trade integration and productive restructuring in the Caribbean Expert Group Meeting CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (LC/CAR/L.196 and 196/rev 1)	12 Feb 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	46	18
Meeting on review of the economics of climate change (LC/CAR/L.188)	13-Feb-09	Barbados	53	15
Meeting of the High level Advisory Committee on the Climate Change Project -1 <sup>st</sup> meeting (LC/CAR/L.194)	12-Mar-09	Trinidad and Tobago	21	7
Expert meeting on biotechnology: Development and Climate Change in the Caribbean. Convened on 28 April 2009 (LC/CAR/L.198)	28 April 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	21	12
Meeting on Energy Efficiency (LC/CAR/L.201)	29 April 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	8	2
Second Expert group meeting on the Development-account supported project on MDG/IADG monitoring in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/L.212)	16-17 June 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	36	17
Meeting of the High level Advisory Committee on the Climate Change Project -2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting (LC/CAR/L.214)	21 August 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	26	8
Seminar on Caribbean Development Thinking: The Path Covered and the Way Forward (LC/CAR/L.242)	21 October 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	36	15
Regional expert meeting on disaster risk reduction in the education sector (LC/CAR/L.236)	26-27 October 2009	Kingston, Jamaica	25	14

<b>Expert group meetings</b>				
<b>Description</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Total No.</b>	<b>No. of female participants</b>
Expert Group Meeting on Knowledge Management for Development: towards a practical approach for the Caribbean (LC/CAR/L.239)	17 November 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	24	18
Macro econometric Modelling in the Caribbean: New Challenges and New Directions	20 November 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	22	4
Planning meeting of partners of the Caribbean Information Societies measurement initiative (LC/CAR/L.228)	28 and 29 September 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	21	11
<b>Total number of persons attending workshops and seminars convened by ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean</b>			<b>588</b>	<b>284</b>

Annex V

**ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean  
Requests for technical assistance services  
2008 -2009**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Description</b>
Antigua and Barbuda	Sep-08	Support to the COP of SPAW meeting Sept 2008
Aruba	12-13 May 2009	Assistance to the Government of Aruba on Climate Change matters, presentation on Climate Change issues at a lecture on 'Energy Matters and climate Change Matters'
Barbados	6-10 October 2008	Assistance to the Caribbean Regional Development Centre Regional Meeting (in partnership with ECLAC), contributing 2 presentations
Barbados		Technical support in the conduct of a Training workshop on DALA in Barbados requested by the Department of Emergency Management in Barbados
Barbados	13-17 October 2008	Support to the Sub-committees of the Regional ICT Steering Committee, 13-17 October 2008 in Barbados.
Barbados	Oct-08	TA to CARICOM in drafting Regional Plan of Action Ecaricom2010 ICT Steering Committee meetings
Belize	4-12 March 2009	Conducted a comprehensive Macro-Socio Economic and environmental Impact Assessment for Belize in the aftermath of tropical depression (TD16)
Belize	14-18 April 2008	Support to the scoping mission re UNDP- ECLAC partnership for the MDGs Needs Analysis Exercise, 14-18 April 2008 in Belize.
Belize		Follow-up discussions in Belize on disaster, MDGs and Bio fuels
Belize		MDG report & costing study in Belize:
Belize	4-12 March 2009	Comprehensive Macro-Socio Economic and environmental Impact Assessment for Belize in the aftermath of tropical depression (TD16). UNDP Belize funded travel.
BVI		Assistance to BVI with a Time Use Survey workshop.
Cayman Islands	16-21 January 2009	Conducted a Macro Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of Hurricane Paloma on the Cayman Islands. Draft preliminary report submitted to Government
Cayman Islands	1-5 December 2008	Provided advice and training to improve the capacity in demography, including recommendations on improvement of the vital statistics.
Cayman Islands	23-27 February 2009	Follow up visit to offer advice and training to improve the capacity in demography, especially in population projections at the Economic and Statistics Office in the Cayman Islands



<b>Country</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Description</b>
Dominica	6-9 May 2008	To participate in the UNDP research project on poverty and HIV/AIDS study, 6-9 May 2008 in Dominica.
Dominican Republic	22-24 October 2008	Assisted the 8th. Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas,
Dominican Republic	20-21 October 2008	Assisted in the conduct of the Regional Seminar 'Towards a Regional Strategy of MDG Statistical Conciliation, presented an overview of the Development Account funded project
Grenada	10-14 March 2008	Co-facilitated a workshop for stakeholders to draft a national policy on ageing in Grenada.
Grenada	Dec-08	Support to Grenada on the HIPCAR project
Guyana	14-17 2008.	Assisted in the conduct of a feasibility study on renewable energy in Guyana, use of molasses for the production of Bio ethanol, at the request from the Minister of Agriculture
Guyana		Support to the Government of Guyana into the feasibility of using ethanol as a source of energy in the Skeldon sugar factory.
Haiti	7-23 October 2008	Technical cooperation in a socioeconomic and environmental impact assessment of damages caused by hurricanes Gustav, Hanna and Ike, requested by The World Bank in coordination with the UNDP Haiti.
Haiti	11-22 February 2009	Port au Prince (Feb 11-22) Conducted training course on Application of the ECLAC' methodology in damage and needs and moderated group exercises with government officials 3. Conduct field mission in the Department of Nippes focusing on collecting and validating data on macro economic impact of 2007 hurricane season in the Dept; conducting meetings with Disaster Management Committees 4. Participated in disaster assessment exercise, namely calculated losses in the trade sector for Haiti
Haiti		Technical cooperation to participate in a socioeconomic and environmental impact assessment of damages caused by hurricanes Gustav, Hanna, and Ike, requested by The World Bank in coordination with the UNDP-Haiti. October 7 to 21. (PB126078)
Jamaica	15-16 December 2008	Assistance to the National Bio fuels Workshop. Kingston, Jamaica
Jamaica	29-31 October 2008	Conducted follow-up disaster impact assessment training to the Planning Institute of Jamaica
Jamaica	18-19 June 2008	Conducted refresher training course in the use of the ECLAC Disaster Impact Assessment Methodology in Jamaica, organised by the Planning Institute of Jamaica
Jamaica	26-29 November 2008	Support to the FES Regional Seminar on Migration and Human Trafficking in the Caribbean and contribute a presentation, in Jamaica.
Jamaica		Support to the Government of Jamaica in convening of a intra-governmental capacity-building seminar on Bio fuels
Jamaica		Liaise with Government of Jamaica re Gender Impact Assessment ( NEMO and Bureau of Women's Affairs)

<b>Country</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Description</b>
Jamaica	17-18 June 08	Training workshop on socio-economic impact of disasters using the ECLAC methodology: A sustainable livelihood approach (LC/CAR/L.174)
Jamaica	25-26 Feb.	technical assistance to Bureau of Women's Affairs in Jamaica
Jamaica		Update on the information on debt sustainability in the Caribbean Ambassador Wayne McCook of the Jamaican Delegation attending the CARICOM Heads of Government Conference.
Member countries	1-15 May in N. York	Technical support to the CSD-SIDS day at the UN and to provide assistance to Caribbean. SIDS participating as CDS-16,1
Member countries	4-10 February 2009	Support to CDCC member states at the 47th session of the Commission for Social Development. Contribute to two expert panels on youth (CoSD side events), discuss implementation & operationalization of MDG DA project with Executive Office/DESA, discuss project with UNSD, who is a member of the project SC, in New York.
Member Countries	25 February - 7 March 2008	Support to CDCC member states at the meeting of the Consultation of Commonwealth National Women's Machineries, 24 February, 2008 and (2) 52nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), , New York, USA.
Member Countries	24-25 April	Support to CDCC member states at in the 15th Meeting of Specialised Agencies and other Bodies of the United Nations Systems on the Advancement of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held on 23 April in Bogotá; and in the 41st Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on the Integration of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Bogotá.
Member countries		Support to CDCC member states at the technical capacity seminar with National Statistical Offices responsible for implementing ICT surveys in households and the business sector. OSILAC/ITU/UNCTAD/ECLAC
Member countries	5-14 Nov.2008	To finalize the logistics & participate in the (REDATM) Training-of-trainers Workshop, in St. Lucia.
Mexico	7-10 December 2008	Substantive support to the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung international conference on Natural Resources & the Greater Caribbean.
Montserrat	2 October 2008.	National consultations with key stakeholders to inform the first phase of the project 'Review of Economics of Climate Change'. UKG/08/003-(DFID project).1
Montserrat		6) Support to Government of Montserrat in conduct of a study on geothermal energy
St Kitts	12-14 May 2009	Support to the Caribbean Regional Seminar on 'Implementation of the Second International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism: Challenges and Opportunities in the Process of Decolonization in Today's World', in St. Kitts.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Description</b>
St Kitts and Nevis	15-Jul-09	Facilitate a one day training activity for permanent secretaries, Directors and Focal Points of line ministries in Gender Analysis and Planning
St Lucia	14 October 2008.	To convene national consultations with key stakeholders to inform the first phase of the project 'Review of Economics of Climate Change'. UKG/08/003- (DFID project).12 Oct. in Montserrat, 14 Oct. in St. Lucia. Antigua for flight arrangement
St Lucia	7-9 April 2008	To monitor the fieldwork for the Informal Sector Survey in St. Lucia.
St Lucia	9-11 July 2008	Support to the training of interviewers/supervisors for the Informal Sector Survey (ISS) & to monitor the progress of the fieldwork of the ISS, in St. Lucia. Project #0607A - Informal Sector Project.
St Lucia	10-12 Jan 2008	To participate in the Saint Lucia value chain workshop and post-mortem.
St Lucia	6-7 March	To provide Technical assistance for fieldwork & training of interviewers,,
St Lucia	10-14 March	Participate in the National Training Workshop for field staff for the 1-2 Surveys of the Informal Sector Project in St. Lucia.
St. Kitts	17-20 June 2008	Assisted Government officials, as a facilitator, at a national workshop to finalize a National Policy on Ageing in St. Kitts and Nevis.
Suriname		Desk research was carried out at the request of the Government of Suriname on the Quota system with respect to women's political participation and its implementation in the Caribbean. Suriname - women's political participation in LA and the Caribbean.
Suriname		Training in methodology e.g., for calculation of Terms of Trade indices, poverty line calculation methodology
Suriname		Courses on more up to date analytical techniques
Suriname		Training on encouraging better responses from local businesses in macroeconomic surveys.
Suriname		Suriname - women's political participation in LA and the Caribbean.
The Bahamas		To undertake the pilot phase of the Gender needs Assessment project in the Bahamas. This included the conduct interviews with key informants and focus groups discussions with relevant stakeholders, 30 June to 5 July 2008 in Exuma, The Bahamas.
The Bahamas	20-24 April 2009 in The Bahamas.	Technical support to the 31st Session of the RA IV Hurricane Committee and to make a presentation on the ECLAC Methodology to assess the Socio-Economic Impact of Disasters,
The Bahamas		Bahamas - Formulation of the country's gender policy. to assist in the development of a gender policy.
Trinidad and Tobago		Participation in Career Guidance seminar at UTT
Trinidad and Tobago	2009	Provided technical assistance in the review and evaluation of the national ICT policy

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Trinidad and Tobago		Substantive support to the National Secretariat for the Fifth Summit of the Americas 2009, Trinidad and Tobago
Trinidad and Tobago	March 23-25, 2009	Support to the Meeting of Plenipotentiary Officials of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG)
Trinidad and Tobago		Support to the Youth Forum of the Summit of the Americas presentation 'Youth and the United Nations'
Turks and Caicos	26 sep. to 7 Oct. 2008 in Turks & Caicos	Conducted a comprehensive Macro-socio Economic Impact Assessment for Turks & Caicos in the aftermath of Tropical storm Hanna & Hurricane Ike
<b>International organizations</b>		
ACS	28-29 January 2009	Assistance to the Preparatory Meeting & Fourteenth Ordinary Meeting of the Ministerial Council of the ACS,
ACS	30-Sep-08	23rd Meeting of the Council of National Representatives of the Special Fund
ACS		Technical assistance to the ACS in a review of its Special Fund
ACS	23-25 April 2009	To provide technical support to 2nd meeting of Ministers of Tourism of the Greater Caribbean (TMM-2) and to the 20th Meeting of Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism 23-25 April in Colombia.
AMCs		To provide strategic advice in programme and project development, as well as on regional implementation of relevant activities and research, at a meeting of EU Overseas Country and Territory delegates. Miami 5-7 June 2008
CaFAN		Support to the Caribbean Farmers Network (CaFAN) at the Meeting of Community-based Disaster Management in the Caribbean presenting a paper on the Economic Impact of Disasters on Agriculture in the Caribbean
CARICOM	7-Mar-08	Assistance to the First Meeting of the Project Advisory Committee(PAC) on Strengthening Capacity in Demographic Analysis in CARICOM,
CARICOM	14-17 April 2008 in Guyana.	Technical support to the 25th Special meeting of the Council for Trade & Economic Development (COTED) and presentation of work on the 'Potential Impacts of Climate Change on Vulnerable Groups & Communities,
CARICOM		To attend the CARICOM Workshop on the Development of Common Methodologies for the 2010 Round of Population and Housing Censuses, 25-29 May 2009 in Grenada.
CARICOM		Provided comments of the draft climate change strategy to the Sustainable Development Unit at CARICOM

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CARICOM	(July 2008	Assistance in providing a virtual space for the ICT Steering committee subcommittees interaction in the establishment of Communities of Practice
CARICOM	21-May	Regional Diplomatic Training Programme for Mid-Career Diplomats in CARICOM, 18-29 May 2009 Presentation on the United Nations Development Agencies
CARICOM	(May 2008), (Oct 2008) to	TA to CARICOM in drafting Regional Plan of Action Ecaricom 2010 ICT Steering Committee meetings
CDB	25-28 May 2009	Assisted as a panel member at the Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB),
CDB		Substantive support to the CDB Inter-Agency Review Meeting: St. Kitts and Nevis Country Poverty Assessment (CPA) Draft Report, 22 May 2009 in Barbados.
CDB	(Sep 2008).	Assisted in the CDB-hosted meeting: " Incorporating ICTs into the Regional Development Agenda: Using E-Government Systems as the Driver" for Policy Makers and Advisers
CEDERA	24 July 2008 in Barbados.	Assistance to CEDERA's first Technical Advisory Meeting on Regional Disaster Risk Management for Sustainable Tourism in the Caribbean Project.
CEDERA CEDEMA	19-21 May in Antigua and Barbuda	Presentation to CEDERA'S pre-board technical meeting on the lessons learned in the application of the ECLAC methodology for disaster assessment during the 2007 Hurricane season in the Caribbean.
CEDERA CEDEMA		Supported the Technical Advisory Meeting of the Regional Disaster Risk Management for Sustainable Tourism in the Caribbean Project convened by CEDERA. The meeting was convened 24 July 2008 ,
Commonwealth Secretariat	31 March to 3 April 2009 in Istanbul, Turkey.	Assisted in the conduct through the delivery of a presentation at the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE) Global Consultation entitled: Bridging Gaps: Risk Reduction, Relief & Recovery
DESA		Provided comments on paper on economics and climate change to DESA
ECOSOC		To finalize plans for the convening of the ECOSOC AMR meeting to take place 5-6 June 2009 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. 7-9 May 2009 in Jamaica. Staff member on personal leave 10 May at no extra cost.
GWPC		SSDU provided comments on a manual on water and tourism as requested by GWP-C
Help Age International	6-10 October 2008	Substantive support to the convening of the Twelfth regional meeting of Help Age International Caribbean Regional Development Centre, held in Barbados
IDB	9-11 January 2009	Technical Assistance to IADB in Project Finalization on Migration Data in the Caribbean.

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OAS	25 July 2008 in the Bahamas	Supported the Meeting on Regional Sustainable Energy convened by the OAS. This meeting sought to present the CREBAP initiative
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OECS	15-17 Jan 2008	Support to the 15th Meeting of the OECS Technical Advisory Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development.
OECS	15-16 June 2009	Support to the OECS Development Partners Working Meeting
PAHO	15-17 July 2008	Supported the PAHO Caribbean Training on Gender Mainstreaming for the Health Sector, 15-17 July and the UNTG Meeting on Poverty & Gender, 18 July 2008 in Barbados.
UNDP	8-11 December 2008 in Barbados	Assistance to UNDP in the conduct of the 'Comprehensive Disaster Management' a Catalyst for Change' conference,
UNDP	14-15 February 2008 in Barbados	Technical support in the conduct of a study on Vulnerability with a focus on Poverty and HIV/AIDS in Barbados and the OECS
UNDP		To participate in a one day consultation with the Tobago House of Assembly in connection with the UNCT Joint Programme on HIV and AIDS 24-25 January 2008 in Tobago
UNDP		Request for UNECLAC technical support to conduct a study on Vulnerability with a focus on Poverty and HIV/AIDS in Barbados and the OECS, 14-15 February 2008 in Barbados. No cost to ECLAC. Travel funded by UNDP Barbados.
UNDP		To work with staff of UNDP Office for Barbados and the OECS, and the Consultant in completing the draft report of the Study on Poverty, HIV and Gender Inequality in the OECS, 22-23 and 29-30 December 2008, Barbados. Staff member on annual leave 24 and 31 December and 2nd January 2009.
UNDP		To participate as a facilitator in UNDP Gender Mainstreaming Workshops and Working Sessions, 21-27 March 2009 in Belize. No cost to ECLAC, travel funded by UNDP Belize.
UNICEF	18-21 November 2008	To attend ECLAC-UNICEF jointly organized meeting 'social Policies for Children's Rights: Knowledge building through partnerships in a SIDS context & contribute two presentations. 18-21 November 2008 in Barbados - represent Director at opening and closing of the meeting and make two presentations (youth in the Caribbean, migration)
UNICEF	4-6 May 2009	To contribute to 'Millennium Development Goals workshop & make a presentation on MDG DA project and have discussions with UNICEF & UNDP on collaboration in implementation of the project 4-6 May in Barbados.