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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean convened a two-day technical meeting to review the draft Caribbean report on the Millennium Development Goals, “*Caribbean Millennium Development Goal Achievement and Prognosis: A 2010 Review*” and provide guidance to the Consultant in the finalisation of the report. The technical meeting was convened within the framework of the United Nations Development Account-funded project “Strengthening the Capacity of National Statistical Offices in the Caribbean Small Island Developing States to fulfil the Millennium Development Goals and other Internationally Agreed Development Goals”. The meeting was held at ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on 24-25 June 2010.
2. The Caribbean report was intended to provide an assessment of achievements and constraints in the countries of the subregion to accomplish the Goals 10 years after the Millennium Declaration in 2000. The report would also contribute to the ECLAC Latin America and Caribbean report.
3. The main objectives of the meeting were to:
 - (a) Review the draft Millennium Development Goal Caribbean report
 - (b) Provide substantive feedback on data, key trends, gaps, achievements and constraints to achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Caribbean
 - (c) Identify areas for further attention and suggest recommendations for policy actions/ interventions
 - (d) Provide guidance to the consultant for completion of the report.

II. ATTENDANCE

4. In attendance were focal points in the area of the Millennium Development Goals from three Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee member States, as well as members of the Review Committee established to provide oversight and management in the preparation of the report. Those members included representatives of United Nations Country Teams covering the English- and Dutch-speaking Caribbean (Barbados and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago), and regional organizations. The composition of the meeting by gender was seven men and seven women.

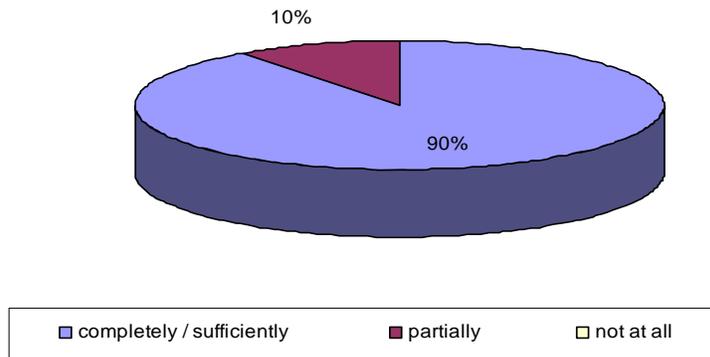
III. SUMMARY

5. An evaluation was carried out among all participants at the conclusion of the two-day technical meeting. Responses were received from 10 (90.9 %) of the 11 participants and, as such, were deemed reflective of the entire group. The summary was sectioned out according to the key aspects of the meeting that were evaluated in the questionnaire.

A. Organizer's objectives

6. The initial question sought participants' views on the extent to which the meeting met the objectives set by the organizers. Those views were rated on a 3-point scale ranging from "completely/ sufficiently" to "not at all". Of the 10 respondents, 9 (90%) indicated that the objectives were "completely/ sufficiently" met.

Figure 1
Extent to which the meeting met the organizer's objectives



7. One participant indicated that the meeting's objectives were "partially" met and cited the following reason for that choice:

- "We perhaps could have spent some time identifying solutions instead of describing the issues and challenges".

B. Participants' objectives

8. Participants were provided with an opportunity to elaborate on their expectations for the meeting. Without exception, respondents identified the main expectation as providing inputs for the review and finalisation of the Caribbean Millennium Development Goal report. In addition, respondents described more specific expectations and these included:

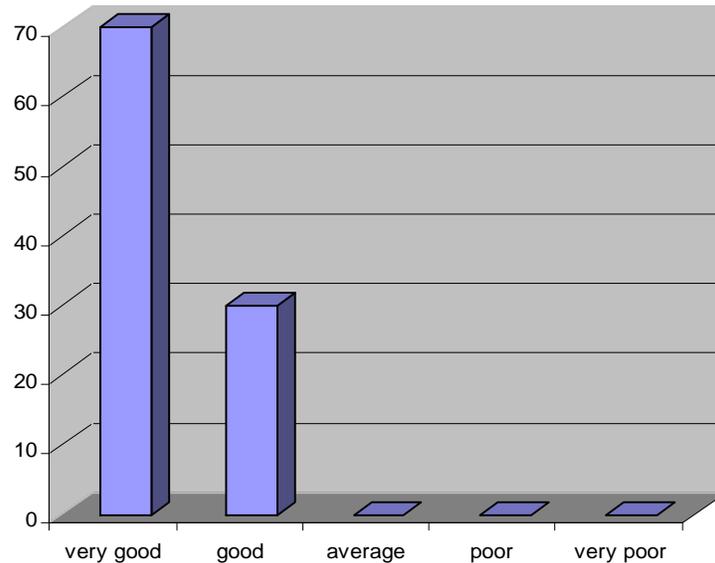
- "Pinpoint areas of lag in the achievement of the MDGs and the best practices for achievement"
- "Discussing the achievement and challenges which the Caribbean countries are facing and how to move forward"
- "Compare the report of the Caribbean MDGs to the specific MDG country report and brainstorm in order to come to harmonization, customization and come to a general Caribbean Report"

9. Participants were then asked to rate, on a 3-point scale, the extent to which their expectations (articulated above) were actually met. Without exception, all respondents indicated that those expectations were "completely/ sufficiently" satisfied.

C. Opportunities for sharing national experiences

10. Participants rated the usefulness of the meeting as a forum for sharing national experiences along a 5-point scale, as shown in figure 2.

Figure 2
Usefulness of the meeting for sharing national experiences



D. Delivery of the presentations

11. Participants rated the delivery of the four main agenda items along a 5-point Likert scale that ranged from “very good” to “very poor”, as summarized in table 1:

Table 1
Participants’ assessment of the delivery of the presentations

Column1	Delivery of presentations under agenda item 1	Delivery of presentations under agenda item 2	Delivery of presentations under agenda item 3	Delivery of presentations under agenda item 4
Very Good	50	40	40	50
Good	30	30	40	40
Average	0	10	10	0
Poor	0	0	0	0
Very Poor	0	0	0	0
No Response	20	20	10	10
Mean	2.9	3.1	2.4	2.2

E. Contribution of the meeting to improving the collection and reporting on the Goals

12. Participants were asked to state their perceptions of the meeting's contribution to improving the collection and reporting of Millennium Development Goals in their respective countries. The following were identified as the main contributions by seven of the respondents:

- “Very much; with sound strategy from CMDGR we can increase advocacy”
- “Given the questions/ points raised, focal points in countries could be asked more pointed questions directing their attention to concerns/ possible solution areas”
- “Advocate for the changes that are necessary to achieve targets”
- “The outstanding matters needed to be addressed in the report will provide focus for collecting and reporting data on the MDGs”
- “Clarity in the definition of indicators; familiarity with best practices on reporting in other regions”
- “A lot of issues have been raised that are comparable to my country especially regarding coordinating the MDGs further working on data collection and analysis”
- “I became more aware of the contribution of the stakeholders concerning collection of data regarding MDGs”

F. Topics to be included

13. Participants, who responded to this item, suggested the inclusion of the following topics:

- “More could have been said on the MDG costing particularly domestic resource mobilisation. Perhaps also some focus on public sector reform as part of governance should have been discussed. Furthermore, e-business in providing an enabling environment for business development and growth”
- “Addressing the needs of people with exceptionalities”

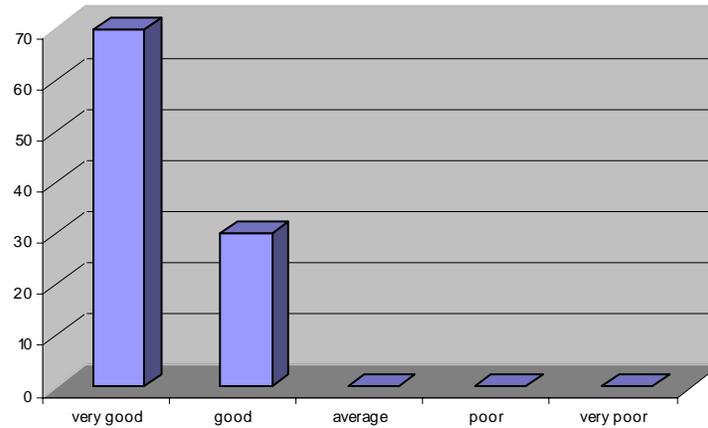
G. Topics to be excluded

14. Only one participant commented on this item and suggested the exclusion of “prognosis on achievement” from the agenda.

H. Logistical arrangements

15. Participants provided positive ratings for the logistical arrangements made for the meeting, with 70% rating the arrangements as “very good” and 30% stating it was “good”.

Figure 3
Participants' views of the logistical arrangements for the meeting



I. General comments

16. The final item on the evaluation questionnaire was an open-ended question for additional comments. Respondents, who commented, registered very positive reviews of the meeting as follows:

- “Very productive and rich discussions; certainly lots of issues to consider and reconsider as we strategize on how we achieve the goals”
- “Excellent workshop. A little too much work for one consultant”
- “Before the meeting I was not aware of the efforts being made to create the report, but the meetings gave me a good impression of what was happening in the Caribbean w.r.t. to MDGs. It was a dynamic two days and provided a lot of food for thought”
- “Great workshop – objectives achieved. Participatory, competent consultant
- “Effective meeting; good discussion regarding the goals”

Annex I

Evaluation Form

Objective:

The objectives of this Technical Meeting were to:

- (i) Review the draft MDG Caribbean Report;
- (ii) Provide substantive feedback on data, key trends, gaps, achievements and constraints to achieving the MDGs in the Caribbean;
- (iii) Identify areas for further attention and suggest recommendations for policy actions/interventions;
- (iv) Provide guidance to the consultant for completion of the Report.

1. Circle the word(s) which best describe the extent to which you believe the objectives of the organizers were met:

- a) completely/sufficiently b) partially c) not at all

2. If the answer to “1” is ‘partially’ or ‘not at all’, please state in what way objectives were not realized.

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3. What were your expectations for this Technical Meeting?

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4. Circle the word(s) which best describe the extent to which your expectations for this Technical Meeting were satisfied?

- a) completely/sufficiently b) partially c) not at all

5. If the answer to “4” is ‘partially’ or ‘not at all’, please state in what way your expectations were not realized.

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6. How would you evaluate the opportunity for sharing of national information:

- ___ Very good ___ Good ___ Average ___ Poor ___ Very poor

7. Using the scale below (1 - 5), how would you evaluate the delivery of the presentations?

- 1) Very good 2) Good 3) Average 4) Poor 5) Very poor

Agenda Item 1: ___
Agenda Item 2: ___
Agenda Item 3: ___
Agenda Item 4: ___

8. How will this Technical Meeting contribute to improving the collection and reporting of MDGs in your country?

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9. List below any topics you think should have been included.

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10. List below any topics you think should have been excluded.

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11. How would you evaluate the logistics (venue, administrative and technical support):

- ___ Very good ___ Good ___ Average ___ Poor ___ Very poor

12. General comments:

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Annex II**Responses to Open-ended questions**

Table 1
Extent to which the objectives of the organizers were met

	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Valid Percent</i>	<i>Cumulative Percent</i>
completely/ sufficiently	9	90.0	90.0	90.0
partially	1	10.0	10.0	100.0
Total	10	100.0	100.0	

Table 2
Extent to which the participants' expectations were met

	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Valid Percent</i>	<i>Cumulative Percent</i>
completely/ sufficiently	10	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 3
Opportunity for sharing national experiences

	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Valid Percent</i>	<i>Cumulative Percent</i>
very good	7	70.0	70.0	70.0
good	3	30.0	30.0	100.0
Total	10	100.0	100.0	

Table 4
Delivery of presentations under agenda item 1

	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Valid Percent</i>	<i>Cumulative Percent</i>
very good	5	50.0	50.0	50.0
good	3	30.0	30.0	80.0
not stated	2	20.0	20.0	100.0
Total	10	100.0	100.0	

Table 5
Delivery of presentations under agenda item 2

	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Valid Percent</i>	<i>Cumulative Percent</i>
very good	4	40.0	40.0	40.0
good	3	30.0	30.0	70.0
average	1	10.0	10.0	80.0
not stated	2	20.0	20.0	100.0
Total	10	100.0	100.0	

Table 6
Delivery of presentations under agenda item3

	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Valid Percent</i>	<i>Cumulative Percent</i>
very good	4	40.0	40.0	40.0
good	4	40.0	40.0	80.0
average	1	10.0	10.0	90.0
not stated	1	10.0	10.0	100.0
Total	10	100.0	100.0	

Table 7
Delivery of presentations under agenda item 4

	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Valid Percent</i>	<i>Cumulative Percent</i>
very good	5	50.0	50.0	50.0
good	4	40.0	40.0	90.0
not stated	1	10.0	10.0	100.0
Total	10	100.0	100.0	

Table 8
Evaluation of logistics (venue, administrative and technical support)

	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Valid Percent</i>	<i>Cumulative Percent</i>
very good	7	70.0	70.0	70.0
good	3	30.0	30.0	100.0
Total	10	100.0	100.0	