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Twenty-sixth session of the  
Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

Basseterre, 22 April 2016

## ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### 1. Opening of the session

#### (a) Opening ceremony

The programme for the opening ceremony will be circulated once finalized.

#### (b) Election of officers

Pursuant to rule 13 of the Constituent Declaration and Functions and Rules of Procedure of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (LC/CAR/G.780/Rev.1), the Bureau of the session shall comprise the Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur. Pursuant to rule 14, members of the Bureau shall hold office for the duration of the session and until the convening of the next session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee.

#### (c) Adoption of the agenda

#### Working documents:

- Provisional agenda (LC/L.4145(CDCC.26/1))
- Annotated provisional agenda (LC/L.4146(CDCC.26/2))

The Committee will have before it for consideration and adoption, with any amendments deemed appropriate, the provisional agenda and annotated provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat.

**(d) Procedural matters and organization of work**

**Reference document:**

- Preliminary programme

The Committee may wish to consider the preliminary programme for the session and any other arrangements of a procedural nature, as may be deemed necessary.

**2. The debt overhang: balancing adjustment with sustainable development in the Caribbean**

**Reference document:**

- Report of the fourth meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable (LC/CAR/L.490)
- ECLAC proposal on debt for climate adaptation swaps: a strategy for growth and economic transformation of Caribbean economies (LC/CAR/L.492)

Under this item, a strategic approach to implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Caribbean will be outlined, in the light of the unique challenges that the countries of the subregion continue to face.

The fourth meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable, which convenes on 21 April 2016, will examine measures to address the Caribbean's debt obligations while seeking to promote sustainable development. Consideration will be given to practical solutions that support more effective debt management and harness green industries to promote economic transformation in the Caribbean. The Committee will receive a summary of the discussions held, and will be invited to endorse the recommendations that emerge from the Roundtable.

**3. Preparing for an ageing population in the Caribbean**

**Reference documents:**

- Report of the Caribbean Conference on Ageing, Elder Abuse and the Rights of Older Persons (LC/CAR/L.488)
- Ageing in the Caribbean: implications of a changing population (LC/CAR/L.489)

The Committee will be invited to consider the range of development challenges that will attend the ageing of the population in the Caribbean. The Caribbean Conference on Ageing, Elder Abuse and the Rights of Older Persons, held in Dominica on 30 November and 1 December 2015, drew attention to key issues of concern, including declining health and disability; growing economic and social vulnerability; and the increased incidence of isolation and loneliness. The implications for governments and communities in respect of the anticipated rise in demand for economic and social welfare to support older persons will also be addressed.

The Committee will have before it the report of the Caribbean Conference on Ageing, Elder Abuse and the Rights of Older Persons, as well as a policy brief entitled "Ageing in the Caribbean: implications of a changing population" containing key policy recommendations. The Committee will be invited to discuss the issues raised and take note of the recommendations contained in the policy brief.

#### **4. Matters relating to the programme of work**

##### **Working document:**

- Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019. Subprogramme 12: subregional activities in the Caribbean (LC/L.4148(CDCC.26/3)).

##### **Reference documents:**

- Implementation of subprogramme 13 of the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015 (LC/L.4150)
- Programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017. Subprogramme 13: subregional activities in the Caribbean (LC/L.4149).

A presentation will be given on the work of ECLAC in the Caribbean during the 2014-2015 biennium. The Committee will be invited to review the report on the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015, consider the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017, and endorse the proposed programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019.

#### **5. Thirty-sixth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)**

The secretariat will provide information on the organization of work, main theme and objectives for the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC, to be held in Mexico City on 23-27 May 2016. The Committee will be invited to comment on the preparations for the forthcoming session of the Commission.

#### **6. Welcome of new associate members of ECLAC to the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee**

Pursuant to article 5 of the Constituent Declaration and Functions and Rules of Procedure of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (LC/CAR/G.780/Rev.1), membership of the Committee may be acquired by countries within the sphere of action of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean that become members or associate members of ECLAC. Sint Maarten was granted associate membership of ECLAC at the thirty-fifth session of the Commission in Lima in May 2014 and will therefore be welcomed as a member of the Committee.

#### **7. Date and venue of the eighteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee**

Pursuant to article 11 of the Constituent Declaration and Functions and Rules of Procedure of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (LC/CAR/G.780/Rev.1), the venue of the meetings of the Monitoring Committee shall be the subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, unless a member of the Committee offers to host the meeting.

#### **8. Consideration and adoption of resolutions**

The Committee will consider and adopt its resolutions.

#### **9. Other matters**

This item provides for consideration of any other issues which delegations may wish to raise.

#### **10. Closure of the session**