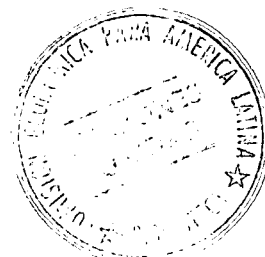


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F O R E W O R D

The selection of items for implementation has been made on the basis of the assumption that the ECLA Office for the Caribbean has on board the same complement of staff that existed on 1 April 1976, with the addition of a Regional Economic Adviser and an Associate Expert (Social Affairs). It should therefore be understood that the items selected represent the minimum, and that additions might be made depending on the pace of recruitments to the vacant professional posts.

Regarding the study of migration that is to be conducted by CELADE, the initial approach is to include it in an already approved migration study for Latin America being financed by CIDA. It may however be necessary (depending on the extent of needed financing) for an additional component to be drafted for submission to the Canadians. It should be noted that the indirect approach to the three items in the CDCC work programme through the general migration study is the only possibility for CELADE involvement during 1976 within the framework of already available financing.

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SOCIAL AFFAIRS

1. Study of migration for CDCC countries

It is proposed this study be undertaken primarily on the basis of CELADE input. This study will cover aspects of three sub-heads in the authorized CDCC work programme ^{1/} and provide the opportunity to consolidate data for the further work on those sub-heads.

2. Employment, unemployment and "mal-distribution" of income

The main inputs will be from the Social Affairs Unit in the Caribbean Office.

3. Demand of Labour Force in different economic organizations (e.g. peasant economy, plantations, etc.)

Start has already been made on social aspects of stimulating agriculture, Montserrat being used as test case for the enquiry and hypothesis. This exercise is accompanied by a parallel activity in the agriculture sector. The main inputs will be from the Caribbean Office.

4. Operational activities in collaboration with UNESCO on CDCC items:

- (a) Facilitating collaboration of Caribbean academic centres for strengthening and preservation of Caribbean cultures.
- (b) Developing public information media and cultural extension as components for implementation of education and cultural policies.

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- ^{1/} (i) Problems relating to population densities, internal migration, urbanization and external migration.
(ii) Migration of qualified personnel.
(iii) Growth and occupational mobility of labour force.

The apportionment of inputs between UNESCO and the Caribbean Office (Social Affairs Unit) is still to be decided. Also contact is foreseen with the project "Education and Development", which covers Latin America and the Caribbean.

AGRICULTURE SECTOR

5. Problems restricting domestic food production

This study is directly linked to the complementary study at 3 above. Input is from the Caribbean Office (Agriculture Economics Unit).

6. Bringing together associations of producers/exporters for reciprocal co-operation in the marketing of agricultural products

An initial survey (by correspondence) has been carried out in some CDCC countries, and the other countries are to be surveyed shortly. The input is from the Caribbean Office (Agriculture Economics Unit).

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

7. Application of the programmes of coastal area development proposed by the Group of Experts

This project includes beach erosion, sedimentation, exploitation of shore oil, pollution, utilization of swamps and wet land. It is expected that the main input will be from the appropriate section of Headquarters Secretariat.

REGIONAL CO-OPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

8. Assistance to the ECCM and CARICOM bodies complementing their efforts in furthering the integration process in the Caribbean Community.

This activity is carried out mainly on consultation basis, participation in working groups and assistance with negotiations in the Ministerial Councils and Committees. The inputs are drawn from all elements of the Caribbean Office.

9. Facilitating establishment of forms of association between CARICOM countries and other Caribbean countries

This activity is already ongoing, specific assistance having been given to the Government of Haiti by preparation of a dossier for submission to CARICOM. Additional studies not yet completed to facilitate the negotiations of Haiti for accession, include (a) "Estimated revenue impact resulting from adoption by Haiti of the CARICOM common external tariff"; (b) "Comparative study of Haiti's fiscal incentives for investors with the CARICOM Scheme of Harmonized Fiscal Incentives to Industry"; (c) "Study of the application of the CARICOM Agricultural Marketing Protocol to Haiti".

These inputs are drawn primarily from the Caribbean Office (Agriculture Economics Unit) and the Directorate of the Office.

10. Analysis of the External Trade of CDCC countries, determining the trade obligations and commitments to third countries

The main inputs for this would be from ECLA Headquarters. Within the scope of this activity the possibilities are also to be examined for organizing a seminar on the multilateral trade negotiations within the framework of the CECLA project.

11. Specialist meetings authorized by CDCC

Efforts will be made to finalize arrangements for the meeting on the Law of the Sea and the meeting of Rectors of Universities, and to convene these meetings prior to the Second Session of the CDCC.

