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Twenty-second meeting of the Monitoring Committee
of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

Port of Spain, 8 December 2025

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening session

Opening statements will be made by José Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), and Kennedy Swaratsingh, Minister of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development of Trinidad and Tobago, in his capacity as Chair of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Monitoring Committee will have before it for consideration and adoption the provisional agenda and the provisional annotated agenda of the meeting.

The Committee may also wish to consider the preliminary programme for the meeting and any other procedural matters, as necessary.

Working documents:

- Provisional agenda (LC/MCCDCC.22/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (LC/MCCDCC.22/2)

Reference document:

- Preliminary programme of the twenty-second meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

3. Unlocking Caribbean potential: enhancing growth and development through South-South cooperation

Enhancing growth and development through South-South cooperation can unlock the Caribbean's potential by promoting economic diversification, fostering innovation, building resilience and creating robust partnerships that contribute to sustainable development and regional integration. The Committee will have before it a summary report of the seminar under that theme, held on 8 December 2025, and may wish to consider and endorse the recommendations for next steps emerging from the seminar.

4. Improving official data and statistics to guide poverty reduction in the Caribbean

Poverty reduction in the Caribbean is essential for improving the quality of life of individuals and for fostering economic growth, social stability and environmental development. The Committee will be briefed on the Symposium on Statistics for Poverty Reduction in the Caribbean, held on 17 October 2025, and may wish to consider and endorse the outcomes of the Symposium.

Reference document:

- Report of the Symposium on Statistics for Poverty Reduction in the Caribbean (LC/MCCDCC.22/DDR/1)

5. CDCC at 50: celebrating Caribbean cooperation, inspiring our future

The Committee will have an opportunity to reflect on the role that CDCC has played since its establishment in 1975 in supporting member States' and associate members' efforts to address the development challenges in the subregion, which includes seeking solutions through dialogue and research and providing a space to shape the subregion's positions on critical issues of regional and global concern. Looking to the future, the Committee may wish to consider how to better leverage ECLAC and its forums to foster solidarity and strengthen advocacy for the Caribbean in a changing global landscape, in line with the UN80 Initiative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

6. Implementation of the 2024 programme of work for the Caribbean

Subprogramme 12 of the ECLAC programme of work focuses on subregional activities in the Caribbean. In 2024, emphasis continued to be placed on economic recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, in particular on investment in adaptation and economic transformation. Development efforts included capacity-building, technical and institutional strengthening, support for improved evidence-based policymaking, research and analysis, and technical cooperation.

The Monitoring Committee may wish to take note of implementation of the 2024 programme of work and reaffirm subregional priorities that member States would wish to see addressed in 2026.

Working document:

- Implementation of the 2024 programme of work. Subprogramme 12: subregional activities in the Caribbean (LC/MCCDCC.22/3)

7. Other matters

Under this agenda item, delegates may raise any other matters requiring the consideration of the Monitoring Committee.

8. Date and venue of the thirty-first session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

In accordance with article 10 of the Constituent Declaration of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (LC/CAR/G.780/Rev.1), the Chair of the sessions shall follow the principle of rotation among the member countries in the English alphabetical order of their names. The rotation of the Chair therefore moves to Antigua and Barbuda for the thirty-first session of the Committee in 2026.

The Monitoring Committee shall decide on the date and venue of the thirty-first session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee, which should be held prior to the forty-first session of ECLAC scheduled in October 2026.

9. Conclusions and recommendations

Closing remarks will be made by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC and the Chair of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee.