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PROGRAMME
SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE CARIBBEAN**

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A. INTRODUCTION

Eighteen months into the implementation of the 2008-2009 biennial strategic work programme, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean continues to focus on strengthening the delivery of activities through regular internal meetings with programme and research staff and consultations with member countries and other partner institutions. The scaling up of efforts advocating for more evidence-based development policy-making is being advanced utilizing the resources provided through the implementation of an additional seven extrabudgetary-funded projects. This effort is being undertaken in collaboration and in consultation with our major international and regional development partners – United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Caribbean Community (CARICOM), Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), Association of Caribbean States (ACS), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), World Bank, Department for International Development (DFID), Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC). and others.

In April 2008, the Twenty-second Ministerial Session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) was convened providing an excellent opportunity to revisit the question of its role and relevance in the subregion. Also, through this medium, the Caribbean subprogramme sought to advance a coordinated approach for the implementation of the Programme of Action for Small Island Developing States (SIDS-POA) and the Mauritius Strategy, with the conduct of the First Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Regional Coordination Mechanism (RCM) as agreed by CDCC member Governments in January 2006. Member countries at this meeting adopted the draft work programme for the 2010-2011 biennium which was subsequently approved at the Thirty-second Session of the Commission, held in the Dominican Republic in 2008.

During the period under review the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean prepared 19 technical reports while another 20 are in varying stages of progress, some nearing completion, awaiting editing and publication. Key publications were prepared on public-private alliance, public debt sustainability, an assessment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in the Caribbean, crime and violence, the United States subprime mortgage crisis and on the escalation in world food prices and the resulting impact on Caribbean economies.

In addition, a total of 308 persons participated in the 14 ad hoc expert meetings convened in the areas of economics, gender, youth, crime and violence, information, population and development, statistics and sustainable development, including climate change, as well as on the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy. The work of the Caribbean Knowledge Management Centre (CKMC) is promoting synergies in the area of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), such as the building of communities of practice and a Caribbean skills bank, as well as the completion of critical studies and convening of a few focused meetings and workshops.

In its ongoing effort at building capacity in the Caribbean, training was focused through the 10 technical workshops and eight national consultations 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 and in the use of the ECLAC Disaster Impact Assessment Methodology. To date 304 persons (130 females) have benefited from the training workshops carried out during this period. It is anticipated that the training component would be dramatically increased with the implementation of the various phases of the existing extrabudgetary projects. Plans are in place for the convening of eight training workshops in 2009, both at the national as well as the regional levels.

Overall, the number of references in policy documents, academic literature, and mass media to ECLAC publications and data in the Caribbean Basin has increased in 2009. Leading publications such as the “Economic Survey of the Caribbean” and the report on the global food crisis were successfully launched with wide media coverage, including major international networks such as the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). In this biennium, the secretariat’s media coverage included full page articles concerning outputs of the office in national newspapers in the respective member countries as well as interviews with regional and international news agencies. Coverage was also provided in national media in some countries for specific activities, such as the conduct of disaster assessments and the conduct of workshops on the effects of climate change.

Additionally, the introduction of the Working Paper Series publications in the Caribbean Subregional Headquarters has attracted the attention of researchers who continue to request copies of selected issues. Further evidence of the contribution of the subprogramme’s research to policy-making is the inclusion of its research and policy documents among the resource and reference material on the websites of several regional Central Banks, regional organizations as well as selected government ministries in several member countries. A promotional video on integrated water resources management was also completed and disseminated in 2008.

There has been an increase, during the biennium, in the number of requests for support from regional partners, particularly for providing technical inputs into various development processes and serving as leaders in a number of technical initiatives especially through the United Country Teams (UNCTs). In essence, technical cooperation was delivered in the fields of gender, ageing, sustainable development, and disaster and risk assessment, census management, and statistics, among others. In response to the approximately 175 requests received for technical support from member countries, United Nations agencies and other regional institutions, the secretariat carried out more than 144 missions to sensitize member countries on its work or in response to specific requests. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago jointly hosted with ECLAC the Forty-third Meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Conference for Women of Latin America and the Caribbean in July 2009.

Support for the implementation of national ICT strategies continues to be explored with the enhancement of the subprogramme’s website and the digitization of the office’s official records. Technical support is being provided to the CARICOM Secretariat in the development of a web portal for the CARICOM Steering Committee on Information Technology of which ECLAC is one of the key participants. Newsletters and all documents, including ICT profiles of

selected countries, prepared by the secretariat are now available online at the ECLAC/CDCC website www.eclacpos.org.

A tabular presentation of the programmatic commitments within the framework of the programme of work of the ECLAC system for the biennium 2006-2007 is shown in Table 1 and Table 2, listed below. A more descriptive report on the activities carried out in the respective thematic areas follows the two tables. Additional information on meetings, seminars and workshops, publications and field projects is annexed to this report.

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 sub region, with Latin America and with the broader international community.*

<p>Expected accomplishment 1:</p> <p>(a) Increased knowledge of policy makers, 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>1.1 Indicator of achievement 1¹</p> <p>(a) (i) Increased number of participants rating as “useful” the meetings and forums organized by the subprogramme.</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> 2008-2009: 725 [682]</p> <p>(a) (ii) Increased number of references in policy documents, academic literature and mass media to ECLAC publications and data on development in the Caribbean Basin.</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> 2008-2009: 300 [170]</p>
<p>Expected accomplishment 2:</p> <p>(b) Improved human resource capacity and technical expertise for economic and social policy-making in the Caribbean</p>	<p>2.1 Indicator of achievement 2</p> <p>(b) Increased number of participants in training activities organized by the subprogramme who assess the training received as “useful” or “very useful” for their work</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> 2008-2009: 425 [392]</p> <p>(b) Increased number of requests for technical assistance in the Caribbean satisfactorily fulfilled by the subprogramme</p> <p><i>Performance measures</i> 2008-2009: 400 [175]</p>

¹ Figures in brackets indicate status as at 30 June 2009

Table 2 presents a snapshot of the performance of the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean for the biennium under review.

**Table 2: Status of implementation of the work programme for 2008-2009: outputs by category
As at 30 June 2009**

<i>Category</i>	<i>Programmed</i>	<i>Added</i>	<i>Total Outputs</i>	<i>Completed 30/6/2009</i>
Substantive servicing of meetings	5	0	5	4
Expert groups, rapporteurs, depository services	9	6	15	12
Recurrent publications	5	0	5	2
Non-recurrent publications	20	14	34	20
Other substantive activities	23	3	26	6
Advisory services ²	12	0	12	0
Training courses, seminars and workshops	7	2	9	5
Field projects	1	7	8	1
Total outputs	82	32	114	50

² This refers to the number of areas advisory services were offered

IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES BY SUBJECT AREAS

Subject area 12.1: Cooperation and integration

ECLAC continues to work towards a coordinated approach for the implementation of the SIDS-POA and the Mauritius Strategy. This is carried out through the operationalization of the RCM as agreed by CDCC member governments at the Twenty-second Session of the CDCC held in April 2008. Activities undertaken under this thematic area focused on building partnerships and strengthening the overarching context/regional integration process in the subregion.

1.1 Subregional integration

During the period under review, the Subregional Headquarters convened the Twenty-second Ministerial 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 consideration of the 2010-2011 work programme, major results of the Session were the consideration of the report of the first meeting of the 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 and LC/CAR/L.169/Rev.1 was presented to the Thirty-second Session of ECLAC held in the Dominican Republic, 9-13 June 2008.

A significant aspect of the Twenty-second Session of the CDCC were discussions which centered on the revitalization of the CDCC and the secretariat's 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 establishment of the working group arose out 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 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 following reports were also submitted to the session for consideration:

(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. Member countries requested the secretariat to prepare an implementation plan to include a timeframe for follow-up and to report to the fourteenth Meeting of the Monitoring Committee in 2009.

(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 has been scheduled for 8 September 2009 to review the work in progress on the 2008 – 2009 biennium and to consider the implementation of its programme of work for the 2010-2011 period. The meeting will adopt the reports of the meeting of the TAC and the meeting of Associate Member countries, both convened for 7 September 2009.

1.1.1 Regional cooperation

As part of its ongoing efforts to keep member States updated on development issues, the secretariat continues to hold briefing sessions with subregional representatives at the United Nations, in Washington D.C, CARICOM and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) secretariats. Through visits by the Director and other staff, CARICOM Permanent Representatives to the United Nations were addressed on three occasions on the activities of the secretariat and on issues which were 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, while the secretariat made a number of substantive presentations and submitted background reports as a contribution to the outcomes of the meeting.

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.

1.1.3 Associate Member Countries (AMCs)

In order to ensure that the needs of the AMCs are adequately addressed, ECLAC has convened a special meeting of the AMCs in Port of Spain for 7 September 2009, to review structural arrangements and legislative bases of the Working Group of ECLAC Associate Member Countries in order to better position the AMCs to participate in programmes of the

wider United Nations system including its specialized agencies. In addition, strategic advice in programme and project development, as well as on regional implementation of relevant activities and research, was provided to the meeting of European Union (EU) Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) delegates held in Miami, 5-7 June 2008. Further, census management assistance requests have come from many AMC members. These are being addressed. The Caribbean Subregional Headquarters responded to requests and completed disaster impact assessment surveys for the Turks and Caicos Islands and Cayman Islands during this cycle and representatives of AMCs participated fully in 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.

1.2 Regional Coordinating Mechanism (RCM)

Work continues towards building a coordinated approach to the implementation of the SIDS-POA and the Mauritius Strategy. To this end, the secretariat convened the first Meeting of the TAC of the RCM for the Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy, 21 April 2008, Port of Spain. The main task of this meeting was the consideration of 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 would guide the preparations for the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD). The TAC reconfirmed its role as a facilitating and coordinating mechanism thus reflecting a work programme that was not of an implementing nature. It also acknowledged the importance of the National Focal Point Mechanisms to achieving the work of the RCM; and recognized the existence of diverse mechanisms across the region As a contribution to this overall objective.

The second meeting of the TAC is scheduled to be convened on 7 September 2009.

The secretariat is presently completing a study on the progress achieved in implementing the Mauritius Strategy. This report would provide an update on progress made towards the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy as a contribution to preparations for the five-year review of the MSI by the General Assembly in 2010. A Caribbean regional meeting for this purpose is to be convened jointly by ECLAC and the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) in the last quarter of 2009.

The secretariat continued to prepare quarterly issues of the "FOCUS" newsletter which provides information on its ongoing work and increases awareness of the current issues of interest to the Caribbean public and policy makers. So far, four issues have been produced, covering topics on United Nations reform, the subprime crisis, youth, public and private partnerships, ageing, disaster and risk assessments and climate change. Staff and other difficulties have impeded progress in the completion of the remaining issues, all of which are scheduled for imminent release.

Subject area 12.2: Economic development

During 2008, studies were prepared on public-private alliance, the United States sub-prime mortgage crisis and the escalation in world food prices and its resulting impact on Caribbean economies. The food crisis study provided an analysis on the main effects of world food inflation on the 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 Economic Development Unit during this period was the preparation of the Economic Survey of the Caribbean for 2007 and 2008. 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 and other expertise continued as a crucial means towards this end. The economic survey and food crisis reports were publicly launched in Port of Spain with the attendance of representatives from the government, the diplomatic community, other United Nations agencies and the media. Information on the report and on the launch was provided in the local media: television and daily newspapers on Saturday 4 October 2008 and days following the launch.

2.1 Economic development

The Economic Survey of the Caribbean - 2007 (annual publication), provides an overview of the economic performance of countries of the CDCC for the year 2007 and their outlook for 2008. The report consists of three chapters. The first chapter provides a regional analysis of the main economic indicators from a comparative perspective starting with a brief discussion of the principal events in the world economy. The second chapter deals with two selected topics that are pivotal for the economic development of Caribbean countries, namely public debt sustainability and competitiveness in the tourism sector. The last chapter presents country briefs with the main macroeconomic developments in 2007 and the outlook for 2008. (Document LC/CAR/L.173).

The Economic Survey of the Caribbean – 2008 was finalized in August 2009, with an in-depth focus on the current global economic crisis and its impact on the Caribbean. Chapters on the regional overview and individual country profiles highlight this analysis on economic growth and the role of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the Caribbean.

The preliminary overview report 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. As is well known, small open economies, such as those of the Caribbean, are highly influenced by developments in the world economy through a variety of channels of transmission that include international trade, tourist arrivals, remittances, foreign direct investment (FDI) and external financing. The intensity of these effects will depend, among other things, on the fiscal position, the external gap, and the level of public debt and international reserves of Caribbean countries. These issues, together with policy responses devised by Caribbean governments to tackle the current situation are analyzed from a regional comparative perspective. A preliminary assessment of the financial sector in various Caribbean countries is also included, as well as a discussion and evaluation of the cyclicity of fiscal policies over the last decades. Country briefs of the seven Most Developed

Countries (MDCs): 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 (ECCU): Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines make up the substantive contents of report LC/CAR/L.189

2.2 Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)

Five studies directed at examining the implications for CARIFORUM countries of the EPA between the European Union and the CARIFORUM (CARICOM and the Dominican Republic) were completed in 2008 and included an assessment of the gender impact of the EPA, conducted in collaboration with UNIFEM. Other topics examined were the implications of the EPA in trade, regional integration, the WTO and regional development. These issues were discussed at an Expert Meeting on the CARIFORUM-EU EPA held in February 2009 in Port of Spain. ECLAC also prepared a paper addressing the implication of the United States sub-prime crisis for the Caribbean.

An assessment of issues relating to market access, safeguards and implications for regional integration examines the main issues relating to liberalisation and market access in goods, safeguards and the protection of domestic sectors, revenue implications and fiscal changes, liberalisation of trade in services, implications for regional integration and the governance structure of the EPA. The paper identifies and discusses a number of areas that may prove to be problematic during the implementation phase of the Agreement. These include the implications of the MFN clause, the capacity of the region to react quickly to prevent injury and implement safeguards, the non-cumulation in sugar related products, the shift to non-tariff revenue sources, especially in the least-developed countries, the make-up and power relations within the various EPA commitments and CARICOM bodies, and the articulation between the relevant EPA committee and the CARICOM/CARIFORUM Secretariat. (Document LC/CAR/L.181).

A review of the CARIFORUM-EU EPA in development cooperation and WTO compatibility examines the nature and scope of the development cooperation measures identified in the Agreement, the form and type of technical assistance to support institutional and policy reforms, the appropriateness of instruments and effectiveness of aid disbursement. The issue of WTO compatibility of regional trade agreements for goods and services, the compatibility of the MFN 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 are analyzed in report LC/CAR/L.177. A look at the impact of changes in the EU import regime for sugar, banana and rice on selected caricom countries shows the effects on CARICOM countries of changes in the EU import regimes for banana, rice and sugar. Changes have been pursued by the EU since the formation of the Single Market in 1992 and were determined by both internal and external factors - cost to the EU budget and WTO requirements, respectively.

The study on economic modelling in the Caribbean: Review of CARIFORUM-EU EPA – implications for the British and Dutch Caribbean OCTs provides an assessment of the likely implications of the EPA for the seven British and Dutch Caribbean OCTs in the Caribbean in the areas of regional integration, rules of origin, services trade liberalisation, public procurement market liberalisation and financial services. A secondary objective of the study is to assess the integration options facing the Caribbean British and Dutch OCTs vis-à-vis CARICOM and the EU, respectively. (Document LC/CAR/L.176).

A comprehensive review of the gender effects of the EPA 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, government expenditures including social sector spending.

2.3 Fiscal policy (public debt sustainability)

The issue which examines public debt sustainability in the Caribbean was addressed in the paper LC/CAR/L.175, which examines the sustainability of current public debt profiles in the most indebted Caribbean countries: Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, and St. Kitts and Nevis – from the standpoint of its sustainability. 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 Subprime mortgage crisis and its implications for the Caribbean, the secretariat prepared, in 2008, a policy brief which suggested that the United States recession brought about by the subprime 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. The study addresses empirically these issues from a regional perspective in the paper “The escalation in world food prices and its implications for the Caribbean”, LC/CAR/L.179.

The study entitled “Tourism life cycle, tourism competitiveness and upgrading strategies in the Caribbean”, LC/CAR/L.166, provides an overview of the Tourism Area Life Cycle (TALC) framework and considers its implications for tourism competitiveness and tourism strategies based on existing literature. It presents an overview of tourism competitiveness in the Caribbean; highlights the success stories; it analyzes Caribbean destinations on their tourism life cycles and explores how Caribbean countries have maintained their competitiveness throughout the tourism life cycle and in particular the role of upgrading in that context.

An econometric study of the determinants of tourism competitiveness in the Caribbean, LC/CAR/L.190, analyzes the main determinants of competitiveness in the Caribbean tourism stay-over industry using panel data for the period 1995 to 2006, based on an augmented version of an empirical model by Craigwell (2007). The analysis is based on observations available for the 34 member countries of the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) except for Mexico.

2.4 Other activities

A workshop on boosting SME development and competitiveness in the Caribbean was convened in Port of Spain on 14 May 2009 with the objective of improving the capacity of public institutions in the establishment of methodologies for the design of policies and tools to foster the promotion of SME networks. Report of the workshop is contained in document LC/CAR/L.207. During the biennium, the secretariat continued its substantive contributions to the ECLAC flagships, aiming to increase coverage of the Caribbean in these reports.

During the biennium, the secretariat 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 an adequate research and technical assistance agenda.

Subject area 12.3: Environment and technology

In the area of sustainable development, the secretariat continues to treat with the issue of natural disasters and improvement of the training techniques to carry out assessments of damages and losses. In the present biennium, attention was also focused on the issues of climate change, energy efficiency and biotechnology. Two extrabudgetary projects were implemented to support the work being carried out by the Caribbean Subregional Headquarters.

3.1 Climate change

Two projects on the subject matter supported the work of the secretariat. The first was Phase One of a DFID-funded project entitled a ‘Review of the Effects of Climate Change in the Caribbean’ 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)”. Both projects received support from the respective units at ECLAC, Mexico, and at ECLAC Headquarters in Santiago, Chile. Phase Two of the DFID project is expected to commence shortly.

Implementation of the project on a ‘Review of the Economics of Climate Change in the Caribbean’ commenced in September 2008, with the research focused on costing the impacts of emitting greenhouse gases, as well as the cost of abatement or non-action. This Phase was an attempt to assess the likely economic impacts of climate change on key sectors of Caribbean

economies, aimed at stimulating governments, regional institutions and private sector actions to develop and implement policies to mitigate and adapt to climate change. The project was successfully completed on 15 March 2009.

Under the Development Account project, a number of thematic studies have commenced with a view to preparing inputs for Caribbean policy makers participating in the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) due to take place in December 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark. A Caribbean report is to be prepared with initial projections for economic impacts on tourism, water, agriculture, energy and macroeconomics. These studies will also be used as contributions to a Latin and Caribbean regional report, which is being spearheaded by ECLAC Headquarters.

Under the aegis of the DFID-funded project, three public media workshops were convened in the Bahamas, 3 March 2009; St Kitts and Nevis, 6 March 2009; and in Trinidad and Tobago, 10 March 2009. These workshops were aimed at popularizing the programme in the Caribbean and attracted 95 persons to the workshops. In addition to the workshops national consultations were held in nine countries during Phase One.

Meetings of the High level Advisory Committee on the Economics of Climate Change project were convened in Barbados, 12 March 2009, and in Trinidad and Tobago on 21 August 2009. These meetings provided guidance on the follow-up work related to the project on the Economics of Climate Change.

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 (rDNA) technology and is more greatly applied to plant varieties rather than animal species. The issues raised in the study were presented to the Expert Meeting on Biotechnology: Development and Climate Change in the Caribbean. Convened on 28 April 2009, report LC/CAR/L.198. This meeting sought to bring 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 (UWI). Presentations were made by ECLAC on the study as well as by experts and researchers from UWI and the University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT). Student presentations were vetted by the experts who offered guidance to them in trouble shooting. The meeting realised the links between the potential for biotechnological products to address the impacts of climate change in the Caribbean and raised awareness of the issue of intellectual property rights in the use of products of biotechnology. Participants requested that a follow-up meeting be held in 2010. (Meeting 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 prepared with funding from the Global Water Partnership-Caribbean for use in building awareness of policy makers 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 (OLADE) countries. Representatives of Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados and Guyana, as members of OLADE participated. The meeting discussed the predesigned survey that participants were asked to complete and focused on obtaining information on energy usage by sector in order to make recommendations on increasing energy efficiency in OLADE countries. (Meeting report LC/CAR/L.201).

The secretariat is in the process of preparing a study on understanding the potential for alternative energy technologies in the Caribbean. This study will be available during the fourth quarter of 2009.

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. (Report 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. (Report 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 (IICA) and CARICOM in the conduct of these assignments.

(d) Evaluation of the Core Team Training Workshop: Socio-economic impact of disasters using the ECLAC methodology, which was held in Kingston, Jamaica, 29-31 October 2008 (document LC/CAR/L.187). The report provides an in-depth evaluation of the training workshop on the new approaches to the ECLAC methodology for assessing natural disasters with a focus on the sustainable livelihood approach

(e) Evaluation of the training workshop on socio-economic impact of disasters using the ECLAC methodology: A sustainable livelihood approach, which was held in Kingston, Jamaica, 17-18 June 2008 LC/CAR/L.174. The report provides an in-depth evaluation of the training workshop on the new approaches to the ECLAC Methodology for assessing natural disasters with a focus on the sustainable livelihood approach;

(f) Two training workshops were convened in Jamaica jointly with the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ) in the use of the ECLAC Disaster Assessment Methodology. Several national counterparts trained in the use of the methodology were able to apply the techniques in the conduct of an internal assessment in 2008. Further training is being carried out at a regional workshop in the use of the ECLAC Methodology planned for 26-28 August 2009 in Port of Spain.

A study being prepared on the cumulative effects of natural disasters and their development implications for the subregion is expected to take into account the current global economic crisis and the challenges which small States, such as the Caribbean SIDS, are expected to face in the light of climate change. The study being prepared on post-disaster mechanisms in selected countries of the Caribbean subregion will review the status of the use of gender analysis tools in disaster risk management in the region. It will provide an overview of DRM programmes in the subregion and the conceptual frameworks in use for disaster management.

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. The main section focuses on a cost-benefit analysis of the industry by highlighting carefully referenced facts.

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 to make evidenced-based decisions and policy-making. Activities carried out during the biennium included work in social development, poverty, issues related to accelerating gender equality, ageing, violence and youth, domestic violence, social vulnerability of Caribbean SIDS, inter and intraregional migration, and the provision of support to member States, upon request.

In this regard, the implementation of three extrabudgetary projects which focus on data gathering and analysis, in the main, would serve to strengthen regional capacity to collect, analyze and produce data on the informal sector, the MDGs and on household surveys, making such data more accessible. This would address the major concern of data availability for analysis and enable more evidenced-based policies for development programmes.

In April 2008, ECLAC convened an expert meeting to discuss the findings of a study on linkages between poverty, crime and violence in four Caribbean SIDS. The meeting provided a forum to review theories and methodologies to address the issues of social exclusion, poverty, inequality, crime and violence. Experts noted the importance of identifying the risk profile of specific family structures, determining and documenting the impact of crime on the victim and developing profiles of perpetrators.

4.1 ICPD +15

In 1994, under the auspices of the United Nations, the UNFPA convened the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo. The international community conducted a global debate on population-related issues and their implications for sustained social and economic development, and adopted by consensus a global Programme of Action (PoA). In light of the upcoming 15th anniversary of ICPD in 2009 (ICPD+15), governments are called upon to assess progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action and to identify gaps in achieving these goals.

In response to this event, the Caribbean Subregional Headquarters convened jointly with UNFPA and CELADE an expert meeting in Antigua and Barbuda, 20-21 August 2009, hosted by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda. The meeting focused on the specific MDG targets on population and development, with particular emphasis on the targets introduced by UNFPA in 2005 and their review in the Caribbean.

4.2 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

The Caribbean Subregional Headquarters continues to offer member countries support in meeting their obligations under the MDGs. To this end, the secretariat is implementing a United Nations Development Account 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)”. The project would serve to ensure the further strengthening of institutional capabilities for generating reliable social and economic statistics among the various Caribbean States.

The secretariat completed a study identifying the linkages between gender equality, poverty and achieving the MDGs. A second study will assess the degree of implementation of various programmes of action in the area of population and development as well as review data availability to monitor population and development-related MDG targets with a particular focus on the MDG targets introduced by UNFPA in 2005. This study was finalized in August 2009 and was presented at the Caribbean regional meeting on ICPD+15 held in Antigua and Barbuda, 20-21 August 2009.

On 2 February 2009, the Steering Committee of the Development Account-supported Project on MDG/IADG Monitoring was formally established. Regional experts at the first meeting of the project, held in Port of Spain on 2-3 February 2009, recognized the status of MDGs and IADGs monitoring and reporting in the Caribbean, both at the country and regional levels. The meeting also sought to provide a platform for discussions among the stakeholders present to identify areas in need of technical assistance that could be provided through the project. (Meeting report: LC/CAR/L.191).

4.3 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 intended that the highlighted issues would be used as a basis for countries to respond collectively and collaboratively to specific development challenges. The framework for this report can be found in ECLAC's mandate 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.

4.4 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. An additional concern is that increasing violence might threaten social cohesion, give rise to instability and slow down progress in the Caribbean Single Market and Economy (CSME) processes.

As a consequence, the secretariat prepared the study entitled "Exploring policy linkages between poverty, crime and violence: a look at three Caribbean States." This study 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. (LC/CAR/L.172).

An expert meeting was convened on 4 April 2008 to discuss the findings of a study on linkages between poverty, crime and violence in 3 Caribbean SIDS. The meeting provided a forum to discuss the differing theories and methodologies useful in addressing the issues of social exclusion, poverty, inequality, crime and violence. Experts noted 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.

4.5 Population Issues

Given the importance of the changing age structure to subregional development, ECLAC joined with Help Age International to convene, the Caribbean Regional Development Centre (CRDC) meeting in Barbados, 6-10 October 2008. In addition, the secretariat is assisting the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) in the implementation of the development account-funded project on ageing. Activities of the project will assist countries in the Caribbean to establish and strengthen national policies and programmes to support the elderly in their country.

As in many other parts of the developing world, little is known or written about disability in the Caribbean. In this regard the secretariat will deliver in November 2009, a report on planning for social policies and poverty reduction with special focus on disability in the Caribbean.

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. To this

end, 28 statistical officers from 10 Caribbean countries received training in the use of the REDATAM software, ahead of the 2010 round of Population and Housing Censuses. The workshop 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 - Training in REDATAM programme and UNFPA. (Document LC/CAR/L.182).

4.6 Youth

The secretariat continues to do research on a situational assessment and analysis of the adolescent and youth population in selected countries of the wider Caribbean.

The study 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. This study provides 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. Special attention is given to the description of their 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. (LC/CAR/L.180).

The study was discussed at the Regional Meeting on Youth and Families in Transition, jointly convened with UNICEF. 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 UNICEF and UNIFEM in the area of youth and gender. (Document LC/CAR/L.195).

4.7 Gender

In recent times, attention has been drawn to the absence of valid information on the contribution of women to the economy and social protection especially in relation to unpaid work performed by women in the Caribbean. To this end the secretariat will be conducting a time use survey to explore this issue in more detail.

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. To date, the Caribbean Technical Meeting on the Establishment of a Gender Equality Observatory in Latin America and the Caribbean was convened in 6-7 October 2008. This technical meeting was aimed at strengthening the relationship between users and producers of gender statistics and define the 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 policy-making 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. (Meeting report LC/CAR/L.178).

The Forty-third meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean would be convened in Port of Spain during the period 7-8 July 2009. It was hosted by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and ECLAC. The overall goal of the gender equality observatory will be 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 (AECID) and the Ibero-American Secretariat (SEGIB), pursuant to section 2 of the Quito Consensus.

4.8 Statistics

In the area of statistics, work continues towards strengthening the capacity of national statistical offices to improve the quality and availability of data to enable policy makers to make evidenced-based decisions. In this regards, three projects are being simultaneously implemented. A United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-funded project is geared towards “Improving Caribbean Household Surveys” with the general objective of improving comparability of social statistics produced in the Caribbean through household surveys and to ensure international standards of comparability. A United Nations Development Account-funded project on “Interregional Cooperation on the Measurement of Informal Sector and Informal Employment” aims to improve data on informal sector and on informal employment for the promotion of evidence-based social policies at the national and interregional levels. The third project focuses 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)”. This project is also financed under the United Nations Development Account.

4.8.1 Informal Sector

Work in the area of informal sector is supported by the implementation of a Development Account-funded project “Interregional Cooperation on the Measurement of Informal Sector and Informal Employment”, Project 0607A. The project aims to improve data on informal sector and informal employment for the promotion of evidence-based social policies at the national and interregional levels. It is expected that the project will raise awareness among national statistical offices and other relevant government agencies in participating countries, of the importance of collecting and disseminating data on the informal sector and informal employment, as well as of compiling exhaustive estimates of GDP. The project would work towards 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.

ECLAC has been engaged in overseeing the completion of the fieldwork, data processing and analysis for the 1-2 survey of the Informal Sector which is currently winding down in Saint Lucia (pilot country for the project). The regional training workshop on the informal sector will be convened in Saint Lucia, 13-14 October 2009. This workshop is being used as a forum for promoting the best practices and providing technical training and advice to countries in the

region that are interested in measuring the Informal Sector and Informal Employment. The results of the pilot work carried out in Saint Lucia and the related documentation will be presented to workshop participants.

4.8.2 Statistical Indicators

The twenty-first issue of the Selected Statistical Indicators (SSI), LC/CAR/L.183, provides a collection of current economic statistics and includes 10 additional social indicators i.e. MDG 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 the 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. The document would be released in November 2009.

The tenth volume of the Major Statistical Publications – Abstracts is a rich compendium of reference to all statistical publications currently produced and/or in circulation by all ECLAC/CDCC member countries. It will be released in September 2009.

4.8.3 Data Sharing

The Caribbean Subregional Headquarters continues to work towards the enhancement of information on data sharing and addressed those issues related to the ownership of the data. It continues to highlight the benefits and modalities of data sharing, using household surveys, and is aimed at improving policy-making decisions in the Caribbean. In furtherance of this objective, the secretariat is preparing a study on statistical infrastructure of National Statistical Offices in the Caribbean.

4.8.4 Household Surveys

The implementation of the USAID-funded project is geared towards “Improving Caribbean Household Surveys” with the general objective of improving comparability of social statistics produced in the Caribbean through household surveys and to ensure international standards of comparability. It is expected that the project would seek to build consensus among National Statistics Offices (NSOs) in the Caribbean on common data collection protocols, definitions and classifications for various social variables; strengthen the capacity of NSOs to produce harmonized household survey data sets for comparable analyses at the regional and international levels and new variables for their micro data sets; and improve electronic accessibility of systematized household micro level data sets via the Internet.

The household surveys project seeks to establish a “CARIBBEAN BADEHOG” to house databases from Caribbean countries and will be accessible to bona fide users. To date, work has been carried out on the harmonization/systemization of household survey data sets collected thus

far from eight ECLAC/CDCC member States. The end product of this component will be the upload of the datasets into BADEHOG which is ECLAC Headquarters' Household Survey database. To that end, staff from the Statistics subunit will benefit from the training exercise which will be facilitated by colleagues at ECLAC, Santiago.

4.8.5 Databases

The secretariat is at present working towards simplifying access to the databases of the secretariat. To this end it is preparing inputs for ECLAC, Santiago's BADEINSO database as well as annual flagship publications (Social Panorama and Statistical Yearbook). Letters of request have been sent to the NSOs and the follow-up for those requests is ongoing.

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 using the techniques of knowledge management.

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 monitor the eLAC in the Caribbean. As a result, the Caribbean Subregional Headquarters has prepared a study on the progress made in information and communications for development in the Caribbean. The study provides information on the progress and current state of development of Caribbean information societies. It addresses the 83 goals which are to be monitored for eLAC 2010. The report looks at those cases where the goals allow for quantifiable indicators, and where this information is available from data already available from ECLAC's archives or other secondary sources. These were collected and presented graphically with relevant commentary so as to give an informed position of ICT development in the Caribbean, which will allow for comparisons with Latin American countries and countries in other regions.

To complement this activity, a meeting on the Information Society Measurement in the Caribbean was convened in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago on 30 January 2009. (Meeting report: LC/CAR/L.197).

The CKMC, as a part of its contribution to the development and strengthening of capacity among information providers and users in the subregion, and in response to requests from member countries in the field of ICT, has been working towards the setting up of a Caribbean Information Society. To this end, it has conducted the First Training Course on Information Society Measurement in the Caribbean 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 sector in the Caribbean. The workshop attracted 45 persons and was supported by the OSCILAC project implemented from ECLAC Headquarters. The event was also supported by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). To support the expanded programme on information management, the secretariat also prepared a study on approaches to measuring the information society in the Caribbean and will convene a workshop in the last quarter of 2009 to address this subject.

5.2 Information tools

The secretariat continues to produce the bi-monthly publication Current Awareness Bulletin (CAB). The Bulletin provides national planners, policy makers, 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 CAB includes the following: a list of documents recently prepared by the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, ECLAC Headquarters and other United Nations agencies, as well as the most recent acquisitions by the CKMC of United Nations documents, arranged by subject. The report is accessible through the website, 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 the government, the economy, and a range of social development issues are included. The CKMC manages the website, www.eclacpos.org, of the Caribbean Subregional Headquarters which provides information on all activities carried out by the secretariat.

5.3 Business Process Analysis

An international business process analysis exercise is currently being implemented in an effort to streamline the operational process of key work flow activities being undertaken by the secretariat. The exercise is expected to identify strengths and determine ways in which the day-to-day work processes can be improved. A separate study on the status of knowledge management and its potential as a development tool in the Caribbean is in process and is expected to be completed during the last quarter of 2009 for presentation to a planned regional workshop.

5.4 Technical assistance

Technical assistance was provided mainly in the area of the reform of national information systems. In addition, the subprogramme on information and statistics also responded to several requests for support for member States and regional institutions.

Annex I**List of Publications****Limited and Restricted/ Working Paper Series****2008-2009 (to June 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 nd Session of the CDCC (10/03/08)
LC/CAR/L.161/Add.1	Provisional annotated agenda of the 22 nd 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 US Subprime mortgage crisis and its implications for the Caribbean (9/4/08)
LC/CAR/L.165	Agenda of the TAC (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 nd Session of the CDCC (15/05/08)
LC/CAR/L.169/Rev.1	Report of the 22 nd 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 4 Caribbean SIDS (13/5/08)
LC/CAR/L.171	Report of the meeting of the TAC of the RCM (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 3-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/CARI/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)
- 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 HLAC 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: Survey of Living conditions and household budgets 2005 (26/06/09)

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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) Reviewed by Asha (LC/CAR/L.172)
- 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)

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Annex II**List of Projects****Extrabudgetary (XB) FUNDS - All ongoing Projects for the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean**

Information updated as at 9 July 2009

Project Title	Funding	Starting Date	Ending Date
	Agency		
CAN/04/004: Accelerating Change: Fourth Ministerial Conference on Women Meeting of ECLAC	CIDA	10/2/2004	30/6/2009
CAN/04/002: Caribbean Gender Equality Program	CIDA	14/4/2004	30/6/2009
BID/07/001 : 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	18/10/2007	31/7/2008
GRP/6P/31A: 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	18/10/2008	31/12/2008
GWP/08/001 (P005): Memorandum of Understanding between the Global Water Partnership - Caribbean and ECLAC	Global Water Partnership	1/8/2008	31/12/2008
UKG/08/003: 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	9/9/2008	15/3/2009
ITA/06/002 (POS): Políticas para el Mejoramiento de la Productividad de las Pequeñas y Medianas Empresas a través del Fortalecimiento de Redes Empresariales	Government of Italy (Santiago)	1/2/2006	30/5/2009
UNF/08/001: Interagency Agreement between the United Nations Development Fund for Women and ECLAC	UNIFEM	1/2/2008	5/6/2009
STA/07 Statistics: Memorandum of Understanding between ECLAC and Central Statistical Office of Saint Lucia	ECLAC	//	30/6/2009
AEC/08/005 POS: 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	3/9/2008	31/12/2009

Project Title	Funding	Starting Date	Ending Date
	Agency		
USA/07/001: Improving Caribbean Household Surveys. Grant Agreement USA/ECLAC.	US State Department	25/5/2007	30/9/2009
RLA6P32A POS: 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)	//	31/12/2009

Annex III**SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS CONVENED BY THE SUBREGIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR THE CARIBBEAN, since January 2008**

Description	Duration	Venue	No.
Training workshop on socio-economic impact of disasters using the ECLAC methodology: A sustainable livelihood approach (LC/CAR/L.174)	17-18 June 08	Jamaica	53
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
National consultations with key stakeholders to inform the first phase of the project 'Review of Economics of Climate Change'	12 October 2008	Montserrat	25
National consultations with key stakeholders to inform the first phase of the project 'Review of Economics of Climate Change'	14 October 2008	St Lucia	25
Training workshop on socio-economic impact of disasters using the ECLAC methodology: A sustainable livelihood approach (LC/CAR/L.187)	29-30 October 08	Jamaica	16
Retrieval of data for Small Areas of Microcomputers (REDATAM) Training of Trainers Workshop	5-14 Nov.2008	St. Lucia.	22
Capacity-Building Workshop on Information Society Measurement in the Caribbean	26-30 January 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	45
Conduct of public awareness workshop associated with the implementation of the Climate Change Project	3 March 2009	Bahamas	3
Conduct of public awareness workshop associated with the implementation of the Climate Change Project	6 March 2009	St Kitts/Nevis	42
Conduct of public awareness workshop associated with the implementation of the Climate Change Project	10 March 2009	Trinidad and Tobago	45
Total Participants in Training workshops			304
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 Trinidad and Tobago			
Total Participants in National consultations			250
Total Participants in Training workshops and consultations			554

Annex IV**MEETINGS CONVENED BY THE SUBREGIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR THE CARIBBEAN, since January 2008**

Description	Duration	Venue	No.	Representatives/Experts from member States in attendance
INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETINGS				
22 nd session of the CDCC (LC/CAR/L.169/Rev.1)	22-23 April 08	Port of Spain	43	Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, T&T, BVI, Netherlands Antilles., Puerto Rico, Turks & Caicos (25 women)
Meeting of the Working Group of the CDCC-Redefining and revitalizing the role of the CDCC in Caribbean regional development	March 08	Port of Spain	13	Barbados, Guyana, Suriname, Netherlands Antilles, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago (9 women)
Meeting of the TAC of the RCM	21 April 08	Port of Spain	16	Belize, BVI, Guy, Jamaica, St. Lucia, T&T (7 women)
Participants at intergovernmental meetings			72	
EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS				
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	Port of Spain	14	Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago (7 women)
Caribbean technical meeting on the establishment of a Gender Equality Observatory in LAC, (LC/CAR/L.178)	6-7 October 08	Port of Spain	16	Antigua/Barbuda, BVI, Dominica, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts/Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago (16 women)
A meeting of experts to discuss issues pertaining to the information society in the Caribbean (LC/CAR/L.197)	26-30 January 2009	Port of Spain	30	Anguilla, Antigua/Barbuda, Barbados, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, St Kitts/Nevis, St. Vincent/Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad/Tobago. 15 women participants
An expert group meeting to review the achievements regarding improvement of social statistics for measuring and monitoring Millennium Development	POS 2-3 February 2009	Port of Spain	22	Antigua/Barbuda, Bahamas, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts/Nevis, Saint Lucia, St.

Description	Duration	Venue	No.	Representatives/Experts from member States in attendance
Goals (LC/CAR/L.191)				Vincent/Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad/Tobago, Netherlands Antilles, US Virgin Islands. (6 women participants)
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)	12 Feb 2009	Port of Spain	46	Antigua/Barbuda, Barbados, Dom. Rep., Grenada, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, St. Lucia, St. Kitts/Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago (18 women)
Meeting on review of the economics of climate change (LC/CAR/L.188)	13-Feb-09	Barbados	53	Anguilla, Aruba, Barbados, BVI, Cuba, Dom Rep., Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Neth. Ant., St. Lucia, St. Vincent/Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, US Virgin Islands (15 women)
Meeting of the High level Advisory Committee on the Climate Change Project (LC/CAR/L.194)	12-Mar-09	Port of Spain	21	Araba, Bahamas, BVI, Dom. Rep. Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, Neth. Antilles, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, US Virgin Islands (7 women)
Expert meeting on biotechnology: Development and Climate Change in the Caribbean. Convened on 28 April 2009,	28 April 2009	UWI, Trinidad and Tobago	6	
Meeting on Energy Efficiency (IC/CAR/L.198)	29 April 2009	Port of Spain	8	8 experts, including 2 women
Expert group meeting on the MDG/IADG: Child mortality, maternal health and diseases	16-17 June 2009	Port of Spain	20	
Participants at expert meetings			236	
Total number of persons attending workshops and seminars convened by ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean			308	

Annex V

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

Country	Dates	Description
Antigua and Barbuda	postponed	Study on Implications of Reduction and Ultimate Elimination of Import Duties
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.

Country	Dates	Description
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
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

Country	Dates	Description
Jamaica		Liaise with Government of Jamaica re Gender Impact Assessment (NEMO and Bureau of Women's Affairs)
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.

Country	Dates	Description
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.
T&T		Participation in Career Guidance seminar at UTT
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		Substantive support to the National Secretariat for the Fifth Summit of the Americas 2009, Trinidad and Tobago

Country	Dates	Description
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
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS		
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
CARICOM	(July 2008)	Assistance in providing a virtual space for the ICT Steering committee subcommittees interaction in the establishment of Communities of Practice

Country	Dates	Description
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).	CDB is hosting a meeting on "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 the CEDERA's first meeting of the Technical Advisory Meeting of the Regional Disaster Risk Management for Sustainable Tourism in the Caribbean Project.
CEDERA	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		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.
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
OAS		Participation in OAS meeting - Sustainable energy

Country	Dates	Description
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
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.