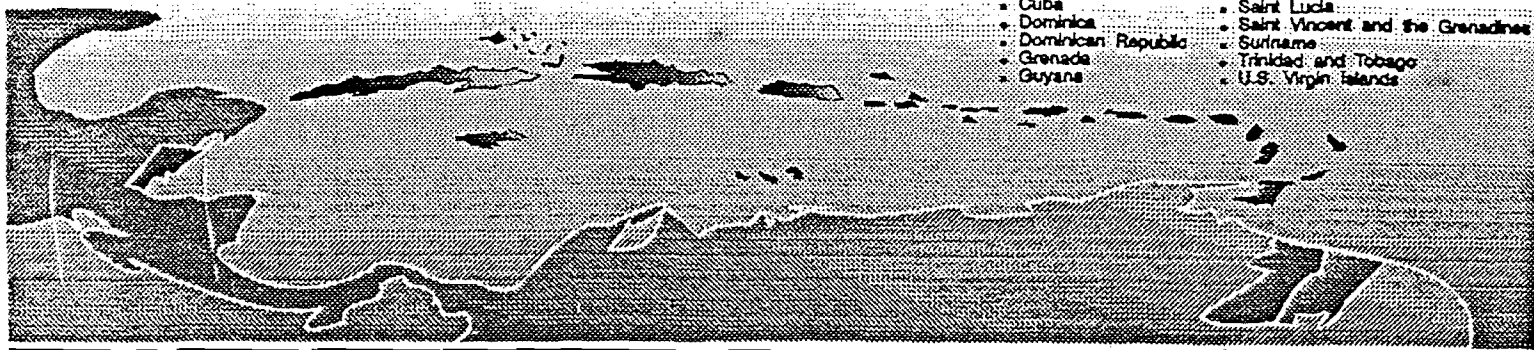




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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECLAC/CDCC WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 1998-1999 BIENNIUM

Introduction

During the period January 1998 to May 1999, biennium 1998-1999, the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Secretariat of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), focused its attention on the analysis of issues of special relevance to the economic, social and sustainable development of the Caribbean subregion.

The programme of work for the 1998-1999 biennium continues to place emphasis on the promotion of cooperation in functional and sectoral areas both among CDCC member and associate member countries and between them and the countries of Latin America. The secretariat continued its work with the Consultative Group on Smaller Economies of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) as well as with the Secretariat of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS). Functional relations were maintained with the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Latin American Economic System (SELA), the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and other regional and subregional institutions.

During the period being reviewed, the secretariat convened the seventeenth session of the CDCC in two phases, the technical session was held in Trinidad and Tobago during the period 23-24 March 1998 while the ministerial session was held in Aruba on 15 May 1998 to coincide with the twenty-seventh session of the Commission, also held in Aruba, 10-16 May 1998.

Among the priority objectives carried out during the biennium, mention must be made of the support provided by the secretariat to member governments and regional institutions in taking action on follow-up activities to the Programmes of Action adopted at the Global Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS), the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), The Fourth World Conference for Women (FWCW) and the World Summit for Social Development (WSSD). It was considered imperative that focus be given to follow-up to these conferences to ensure that the issues of significance to the Caribbean were taken into consideration at the time when these conferences were being reviewed and appraised.

With regard to the follow-up activities to the Global Conference on Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the Subregional Ministers Meeting held in Barbados in November 1997, the secretariat prepared a report reviewing the implementation of the SIDS-POA, to date, and evaluated the progress made in the execution of the joint work programme being carried out in collaboration with the CARICOM Secretariat. This was the cumulative result of the various meetings of the Inter-agency Collaborative Group, meetings of the SIDS Bureau and consultations with member States of the CDCC.

The work related to the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Plan of Action of the ICPD involved the preparatory activities for the Special Session of the General Assembly,

scheduled for 1999. This included the preparation of a Subregional Report for the Caribbean which was adopted at the subregional meeting convened in Trinidad and Tobago, 17 and 18 November 1999, with financial support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

In relation to the monitoring and implementation of the Programme of Action adopted by the WSSD, the secretariat, in collaboration with the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), carried out activities specifically aimed at the programme on poverty eradication in the Caribbean.

The CDCC, as the interim secretariat for the Caribbean Council for Science and Technology (CCST), continued to work towards the development of science and technology as a means of increasing the productive capacity of its member countries. In this regard, two projects funded by the Organization of American States (OAS), aimed at improving food processing and preservation and the teaching of mathematics and science at the primary level in selected Caribbean countries, were implemented.

An integral aspect of the work on environment and development related to the research on issues concerning environmentally sustainable development programmes and the implementation of aspects of the SIDS Programme of Action. To this end, the secretariat has developed a computerized environmental information database, including information on SIDS-related projects in the Caribbean.

With a view to strengthening the capacity of member countries with respect to socio-economic data and database formation, the secretariat continued to expand the coverage of its databases in terms of countries and subject matter. Activities are also underway to update in-house capacity to respond to the increased demand for information from member countries on the information super-highway. The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat continued to respond to the increased demand for information from member countries and is putting into place mechanisms to ensure that new information technology is made available to them.

Other activities undertaken during this period of work included the conduct of a joint mission by ECLAC and the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) to Saint Kitts and Nevis to make an assessment of the damages caused by Hurricane Georges; preparation of an audit of the management of the physical planning and development programme in Saint Lucia, and preparation of a study on the economic consequences of the proposed highway linking Guyana with Brazil, Suriname and French Guyana.

The secretariat continued to collect and collate information relevant to the economic and social development process in the region. Studies were prepared on global and hemispheric developments as they relate to the economies of the CDCC member countries as well as on the issues related to trade and the environment. The secretariat continued to prepare newsletters, which provide current information on trade, finance and development strategies and on other issues relevant to the region.

The secretariat continued to work in close collaboration with regional and national non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in developing their programme of work and providing technical support to their preparatory activities for regional and international conferences. Member States were kept abreast of the work of the secretariat, either through country visits or regular briefs with Ambassadors of member States to the United Nations and other international institutions. The countries visited during this period, included Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Suriname.

SUBJECT AREA 11.1 LINKAGES WITH THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND COMPETITIVENESS OF THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

The secretariat's programme of work under this subject area continued to seek to improve cooperation in the subregion. In that context, the secretariat undertook a wide range of activities, in collaboration with subregional institutions and United Nations agencies, aimed at promoting cooperation among CDCC countries and between CDCC countries and those of Latin America.

Trade and investment

Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA)

The secretariat continued to provide support to the Consultative Group on Smaller Economies, one of the groups established to ensure that the characteristics, needs and concerns of the smaller economies are taken into account in the ongoing negotiations of the FTAA.

In close collaboration with ECLAC offices in Mexico and Santiago, Chile, the OAS and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the secretariat has participated and provided technical support to the Consultative Group meetings, which have been held to date.

Association of Caribbean States (ACS)

The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat continued to provide technical assistance to the ACS Secretariat in the implementation of a number of activities related to its work programme and the development of its institutional structures.

The secretariat provided assistance to the ACS Secretariat in the preparation of a document on the obstacles to trade and investment in the ACS.

Documentation

The document *"A review of global economic developments – with comments regarding their impact on Caribbean policies – 1997"* (LC/CAR/G.533), discusses those global economic

developments, including the Asian crisis, which are of interest to the Caribbean policy-makers and highlights their implications for Caribbean policy.

The document: "*Trade and the environment in the context of the World Trade Organization*" (LC/CAR/G.525), examines the issues involved in the current debate on trade and environment, summarizes the conclusions and recommendations in the report of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Committee on Trade and the Environment and looks at the possible conflicts in the context of recent Caribbean trade and environmental policies.

The secretariat also prepared the following documents:

- A paper on the implications of the Asian Crisis for the Caribbean (WP/99/1).
- A paper on the liberalization of trade and its implications for labour markets in the Caribbean for the International Labour Organization ILO regional symposium on free trade and labour (WP/99/2).
- A paper on trade liberalization and fiscal policies: implications for the smaller Latin American and Caribbean countries (WP/99/3).

Information dissemination

The secretariat continued to prepare the quarterly newsletter "External Briefing Notes". The newsletter is a series of updates on external sector related activities of interest to CDCC member countries.

In 1998, the newsletter focused on the following issues: banana dispute between the European Union (EU) and the United States, updates of CARICOM, ACS and the OECS trade-related issues; the FTAA; the negotiations on a successor agreement to the Lome Convention; updates on the trade blocs in the region and around the world, including: Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), the Action Programme for Economic Cooperation among Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries (APEC), Central American Common Market (CACM) and the Andean Community; and developments within the WTO.

SUBJECT AREA 11.2: INTEGRATION AND REGIONAL COOPERATION

Under this subject area, ECLAC/CDCC secretariat continued its work towards deepening regional cooperation and integration.

Intergovernmental meetings

Seventeenth session of the CDCC

This meeting was convened in two phases.

- The technical session, held in Trinidad and Tobago during the period 23-24 March 1998, considered the report on the implementation of the 1996-1997 biennium.
- The session also reviewed the activities to be carried out during the 1998-1999 biennium as shown in the approved work programme.
- The meeting also discussed the proposed work programme for the biennium 2000-2001 and made amendments for discussion at the ministerial session of the CDCC.
- The ministerial session was held in Aruba 15 May 1998 to coincide with the twenty-seventh session of the Commission, also held in Aruba 10-16 May 1998.
- The meeting discussed the report of the technical session and adopted the programme of work for biennium 2000-2001, taking into account the amendments proposed by member States.
- This programme of work was approved by the twenty-seventh session of the Commission.

Expert group meetings

The secretariat convened the 'Strategic Planning Meeting on the Work Programme of the ECLAC/CDCC' in Port of Spain, 29 January 1998, to bring to the attention of institutions and agencies in the region, the work that the secretariat proposed to carry out during the 1998-1999 biennium. This was in an effort to identify possible areas of collaboration and to minimize the duplication of work between ECLAC and these organizations.

The report of the meeting was prepared and distributed (LC/CAR/G.526).

Documentation

The document "Intra-CDCC trade in the 1990s, (LC/CAR/G.542), provided information on the trade flows among CDCC member countries for the period 1990-1996 and examined the most recent developments in the countries' trade policies.

Information dissemination

The secretariat prepared three issues of the quarterly newsletter, "FOCUS" in 1998. The main focus of these newsletters were the Caribbean subregional meeting for the ICPD+5 mid-term review; focus on the international financial crisis; preparations for Year 2000 Round of Censuses; information and advocacy of the United Nations system in the Caribbean; ECLAC's twenty-seventh session; focus on the implementation of the SIDS-POA and on women's affairs.

Technical assistance

The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat, at the request of the Government of Guyana, prepared a study "*Trade and ecotourism effects of the proposed highway linking Guyana with Brazil, Suriname and French Guyana*" which examined the trade effects of the proposed highway linking Guyana with Brazil, Suriname and French Guyana.

Non-Independent Caribbean Countries (NICCs)

During the period under consideration, the secretariat continued to implement the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands-funded project "*Support to the ECLAC/CDCC associate member countries and other Caribbean non-independent countries relative to developing institutional linkages and accessing benefits from the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations*".

A major aspect of the project, during 1998, was preparation of the following studies:

- Integration of the NICCs in technical programmes of the United Nations system and in other intergovernmental bodies.
- An assessment of the NICCs participation in the programmes and activities emanating from the programmes of action of the United Nations world conferences in the economic and social fields.

These studies are expected to be completed during the first semester 1999.

- The secretariat is completing a series of country profiles on the NICCs.

- The secretariat is also preparing a special issue of the newsletter "The Associate" which would highlight the effects of sustained immigration in the Cayman Islands; the impact of immigration on the British Virgin Islands, St Maarten and the United States Virgin Islands; and on preparation of the NICCs for the Year 2000 Round of Censuses.

SUBJECT AREA 11.3 DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY

This subject area incorporates those activities, which relate to industrial development, tourism and science and technology. The programme on science and technology is carried out in collaboration with the CCST, for which ECLAC/CDCC serves as the interim secretariat.

More information on the work carried out by CCST during the period under review is provided in documents LC/CAR/G.547 and LC/CAR/G.548.

Meetings

Sixteenth Plenary Session of the CCST

The sixteenth Plenary Session was held in Barbados 10-11 December 1998 to review reports on the CCST secretariat's activities since the fifteenth Session and to consider proposals for the 1999 work programme as well as the programme of work for the next five years.

A report of the plenary session was prepared and distributed to member States, LC/CAR/G.558.

Other meetings and workshops

The CCST secretariat was involved in the organization and hosting of a number of collaborative meetings with other subregional institutions. Reports of these meetings and workshops are available from the CCST. A number of the meetings and workshops were carried out as part of the two OAS-funded projects: "*Improvement of the Teaching of Science and Mathematics at the Primary School Level*" and "*Small and Medium Food Enterprises in the Caribbean: Transfer and Development of Technologies for Industrial Food Processing and Preservation*".

The key meetings and workshops are listed below:

- CCST/OAS subregional workshop on Primary Science Training, held in St Thomas, United States Virgin Islands during the period 26 July to 15 August 1998, which was aimed at demonstrating new and creative approaches to the use of the environment in the teaching of science and mathematics.
- CCST convened a workshop on Simbiosis Food Technology Network in the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago, 26-30 October 1998, with the aim of introducing the "Simbiosis" network to participants and the establishment of a regional website and home page for food technology and biotechnology.

Documentation

The CCST issued the Fifteenth Annual Report of the CCST, LC/CAR/G.547, which was submitted to its sixteenth Plenary Session. The document provides information on the activities of the Council during the period December 1997 to November 1998. Included in these activities are topics related to renewable energy, diversification of the banana industry and the establishment of entrepreneurial development centres.

The CCST document "Proposed work programme of the CCST for 1999", LC/CAR/G.548, identifies 12 activities to be carried out by the Council. These include the ongoing preparation of the newsletter, studies in water resources, competitiveness and industrial development.

Information dissemination

The secretariat continued to prepare the quarterly CCST newsletter, which provides member countries with information on recent developments in the field of science and technology, including information on upcoming meetings.

Technical assistance

The secretariat offered assistance to the Ministries of Trade and Industry, Agriculture and Planning of the Government of Saint Lucia in the development of a framework for reviewing proposals for the establishment of small- and medium-sized industries as a spin-off from the banana industry.

SUBJECT AREA 11.4 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Under this subject area, the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean continued its collaboration with other regional and subregional institutions and prepared reports and working papers on various issues related to economic and social developments in the subregion.

Meetings

The secretariat convened, in collaboration with ECLAC Headquarters, a seminar to examine from a Caribbean perspective the document: *The Fiscal Covenant: Strengths, Weaknesses and Challenges* prepared by ECLAC Headquarters. The seminar took place in Trinidad and Tobago, 23 November 1998.

A report of this seminar was prepared and distributed to member States (LC/CAR/G.553).

The "Technical Meeting of Information Coordinators and Database Managers", held in Trinidad and Tobago on 23 April 1998, was convened in response to a request made at an inter-agency meeting hosted by ECLAC/CDCC in January 1998.

The meeting discussed the approaches to resolving the technical challenges associated with presenting and disseminating data, including making data accessible via the world wide web, and decided on a way forward towards greater collaboration and information exchange.

A report of this meeting was prepared and disseminated, (LC/CAR/G.536).

The secretariat participated in a seminar held in Jamaica, 4 December 1998, to consider from a national perspective the document *Fiscal Covenant: Strengths, Weaknesses and Challenges*.

With the generous support of UNFPA and the Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre (CELADE), the secretariat convened a subregional seminar for national officers in preparation for the year 2000 Round of Population and Housing Censuses. The seminar was held in Trinidad and Tobago, 2-4 December 1998.

A report of the meeting was prepared and distributed, (LC/CAR/G.554).

Documentation

The document "*Directions for the Reform Process in the Caribbean*", LC/CAR/G.534, outlines the recent economic performance of the Caribbean countries and some of the salient issues and problems confronting policy-making and discusses the trading relationships and the prospects facing the Caribbean in the changing regional and world environment.

The 1997 issue of the summary of economic trends in the CDCC countries, (LC/CAR/G.538), examines the economic performance of Caribbean countries in 1997. Areas highlighted are economic policies and structural reforms, economic activity, inflation and employment and international trade and payments.

The publication "National Accounts of Caribbean countries –methodologies, sources and quality...a comparative Caribbean study" reviews the methodologies used in the Caribbean for deriving production statistics on a sectoral basis, across countries. The major sectors are examined and comments made on the sectors (LC/CAR/G.552).

Two issues of the *Selected Indicators of Caribbean countries* were published by the secretariat, (LC/CAR/G.535 and LC/CAR/G.544). They were the tenth and eleventh issues, respectively, in a series of publications on *Selected Statistical Indicators of the Caribbean Countries* that are covered by ECLAC's activities. The publications include additional data sets.

Information dissemination

Since the start of 1998, the Caribbean Documentation Centre (CDC) has received over 12,082 serials, monographs and United Nations documents with about 1221 of these documents being added to the CARIB database available to users of the service.

To date, the Caribbean Documentation Centre has prepared and distributed 15 issues of the Current Awareness Bulletins and Current Contents.

The secretariat continued its maintenance and expansion of the electronic information facilities including the introduction of new information technologies.

The ECLAC/CDCC secretariat is currently updating its in-house technical capacity to respond to the increased demand for information from member countries.

Technical assistance

The secretariat provided support to the United Nations Dag Hammarskjold Library in organizing a workshop on United Nations Documentation Overview and Research Option on the United Nations Website, Trinidad and Tobago, 27-29 January 1999.

The secretariat provided support to the Information Services Unit of the CDB in completing an evaluation exercise on Information and Communications capability of GRENCODA at the fourth meeting of the CCCRIS meeting held in Grenada, 22-23 June 1998.

The secretariat continued the construction of a disaggregated trade database for the Caribbean subregion. A new software package designed to facilitate the process of capturing and searching trade data is being tested for use by users of the ECLAC/CDCC databases.

The secretariat continued its programme of maintenance and hosting of bibliographic and full-text databases for remote access as well as statistical and other databases.

Training

Training was provided to participants from member countries at the SIDSNET Trainers Meeting held in Barbados, 1-2 Feb 1999.

Training workshops in selected member countries were provided to bring users up to date in the use of the Computerized Documentation Services/Integrated Set of Information Systems (CDS/ISIS) software. This software is used for preparing data for entry into the database and for remote access.

SUBJECT AREA 11.5 HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Activities carried out under this subject area cover the full sphere of social development activities. This includes work carried out in women's' affairs, social development, poverty, issues related to the older persons, population and development gender issues, youth, employment and adolescent behaviour.

Meetings

The secretariat convened an expert meeting on the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, with special reference to the Special Session of the UN General Assembly on ICPD+5. This meeting was held in Trinidad and Tobago, 17-18 November 1998, with funding under the UNFPA *project CAR/98/PO3: Assistance to member states follow-up to ICPD+5*.

The meeting discussed and adopted the Caribbean Report on the Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, with special reference to ICPD+5, (LC/CAR/G.549).

National consultations

In collaboration with the CDB and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the secretariat undertook a series of consultations with the Government of Belize to develop a Plan of Action for the Eradication of Poverty in Belize.

A National Consultation meeting was held in Belize 23 – 30 June 1998, to consider guidelines for the development of the Plan of Action.

Reports on the national consultation and meeting of decision-makers on the implementation of the Plan of Action have been prepared. (LC/CAR/G.541 and LC/CAR/G.555)

The secretariat has prepared, in collaboration with the CDB, a Plan of Action for the Eradication of Poverty in Belize and a document on the Implementation of a Strategy for poverty Eradication in Belize. (These are documents LC/CAR/G. 546 and LC/CAR/G.556).

Project activities

The secretariat continued to implement two UNFPA-funded population projects:

Project: CAR/97/PO7: "Support to Population Research, Advocacy, Database Development and Training Activities"

This project is intended to improve the capacity of member States to maximize the use of census and socio-demographic data in development planning.

The major areas of attention were the preparation of studies on migration, teenage fertility; conduct of training programmes in census and data analysis; the maintenance of a socio-demographic data bank and publication of the newsletter on ICPD related activities.

Data analysis

This aspect of the project relates to the use of the REDATAM programme to generate demographic databases for use in the analysis of survey and census data. This software allows planners and policy makers to analyze data at the smallest geographical areas for planning exercises.

Training workshop

The secretariat convened the third workshop on the techniques for analysis of census and survey data for improved population and development planning in Saint Lucia, 27-31 July 1998, aimed at improving the skills of regional statisticians from 10 CDCC member States.

Migration research

The study on the “The impact of migration on Caribbean Micro-States”, LC/CAR/G.540, presents a systematic analysis of the impact of immigration on small islands and coastal States. The study includes an assessment of data availability on immigrants and provides an analysis of the social, demographic and economic characteristics of immigrants.

The second study “Return Migration, its consequences for development and recommended policies and strategies for governments”, LC/CAR/G.550, looks at the consequences for Caribbean countries of returning migrants to the region.

The third study “The contribution of remittances to social and economic development in the Caribbean”, LC/CAR/G.543, seeks to clarify the close linkages between migration and social and economic development in the Caribbean and discusses the various types of remittances, with a view to developing a set of policy measures for affecting the level of remittances.

Teenage fertility surveys - Addressing adolescent problems

The secretariat conducted two teenage fertility surveys in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada with a view to providing policy makers with the appropriate data and analysis needed to assist in their decision-making and problem-solving processes. Activities included an assessment of data availability, analysis of the social, demographic and economic characteristics of immigrants and identification of the impact on the social sectors. These studies are being edited prior to publication.

Newsletter - ICPD Follow-up - CAPD

The secretariat prepared four issues of the newsletter - “Caribbean Action on Population and Development - ICPD Follow-up News”, which provides current information on the implementation of the ICPD POA by member States and other organizations

Project CAR/98/PO3: “Assistance to the Regional ICPD+5 Report

This project was funded by UNFPA to facilitate a Subregional meeting to ensure that Caribbean government was substantially involved in the process of reviewing the ICPD POA and in the preparation of the Subregional Report.

The meeting was convened in Trinidad and Tobago and Tobago 17 –18 November 1998 to adopt a Caribbean report on the status of the implementation of the ICPD Plan of Action

SUBJECT AREA 11.6 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Over the period in question the secretariat focused its attention on critical issues related to sustainable development and environmental information management issues.

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (SIDS POA)

The secretariat has assumed the role of the operational secretariat for the SIDS POA in the subregion, seeking to promote the use of the SIDS POA as a framework for developmental activities in the Caribbean

Meetings

A meeting of the SIDS Bureau of the SIDS Regional Implementation Mechanism was convened in Trinidad and Tobago on 16 June 1998. A report was prepared and distributed, LC/CAR/G.545.

A Joint meeting of the SIDS Bureau and the Inter-agency Collaborative Group (IACG), which took place in Trinidad and Tobago on 6 November 1998, assessed progress in the implementation of the SIDS-POA and looked at the subregion's preparedness for the Special Session of the United Nations General assembly to review the implementation of the SIDS – POA (UNGASS).

The meeting was convened by the Joint Interim Secretariat for implementing the SIDS-POA.

A report of this meeting was prepared and distributed, LC/CAR/G.551.

Documentation

The secretariat has prepared a report on the status of implementation of the SIDS POA reflecting its major challenges, successes and lessons learnt.

The report was submitted to the United Nations General Assembly as part of the review process of the SIDS POA to be held in September 1999.

The publication "Implementation of the SIDSPOA: A Caribbean Perspective" (LC/CAR/G.520), provides information on the status of completion of all chapters of the SIDS POA for 14 countries

Environmental Information Management

The secretariat continues to implement a UNDP Special Unit of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (SU/TCDC)-funded project to develop and maintain a SIDS database of ongoing and planned, donor-financed, SIDS-related projects and programmes.

The database contains over 900 SIDS related projects in the Caribbean region.

Country reports are being prepared for CDCC member States with an analysis and compilation of the identified country projects.

Technical assistance

At the request of the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis, the secretariat conducted a joint ECLAC/ECCB Mission to assess the macroeconomic effects and the reconstruction requirements arising from the impact of Hurricane Georges on Saint Kitts and Nevis.

A report, LC/CAR/R.11, has been submitted to the Government for consideration

At the request of the Government of Saint Lucia, the secretariat conducted an audit of the management of the development planning process in Saint Lucia.

This audit reviewed all existing reports on the planning and development control legislation in Saint Lucia and all existing draft legislation, including the Draft Physical Planning Act and the OECS Model EIA Regulations, and any relevant precedents from other countries.

The report, LC/CAR/R.10, which provides comprehensive discussion drafts of a Physical Planning and Development Control Bill and accompanying EIA Regulations, together with explanatory notes, has been submitted to the Government of Saint Lucia for consideration.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED, 1998-1999

LC/CAR/G.525	Trade and the environment in the context of the World Trade Organization (2/1/98)
LC/CAR/G.526	Report of the strategic planning meeting on the work programme of the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean (19/2/98)
LC/CAR/G.527	Environmental Information Management in the Caribbean (8/11/97)
LC/CAR/G.528	SIDS ministerial decisions
LC/CAR/G.529	Implementation of the ECLAC/CDCC work programme for the 1996-1997 biennium (2/3/98)
LC/CAR/G.530	Subprogramme 12: Subregional activities in the Caribbean - Biennium 2000-2001 (9/3/98)
LC/CAR/G.531	Provisional Agenda of the seventeenth session of the CDCC (19/3/98)
LC/CAR/G.531/Add.1	Annotated Provisional Agenda of the seventeenth session of the CDCC (19/3/98)
LC/CAR/G.532	Summaries of recent resolutions adopted by the UN General Assembly, which may be of special interest to member countries of the CDCC (19/3/98)
LC/CAR/G.533	A review of global economic developments (with comments regarding their impact on Caribbean policies -1997) (31/3/98)
LC/CAR/G.534	Directions for the Reform Process in the Caribbean (31/3/98) -Ramsaran
LC/CAR/G.535	Selected Statistical Indicators of Caribbean countries, Vol. X 1997 (2/2/98)
LC/CAR/G.536	Report of the technical meeting of information coordinators and database managers (13/5/98)

LC/CAR/G.537	Report of the seventeenth session of the CDCC (15/6/98)
LC/CAR/G.538	Summary of Caribbean Economic Performance - 1997 (30/6/98)
LC/CAR/G.539 CCST/98/1	Report on the Workshop on Simbiosis and Food Technology Network in the Caribbean (15/6/98)
LC/CAR/G.540	The impact of immigration on Caribbean micro-States (15/6/98)
LC/CAR/G.541	Report on the National Consultation to develop a national Plan of Action for the eradication of poverty in Belize (24/7/98)
LC/CAR/G.542	Intra-CDCC trade in the 1990s (15/7/98)
LC/CAR/G.543	The contribution of remittances to social and economic development in the Caribbean (3/8/98)
LC/CAR/G.544	Selected Statistical Indicators of Caribbean Countries Vol XI 1998
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