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Responding to the regional priorities of the Caribbean: Report of the CDCC

Mexico City, 23-27 May 2016
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Regional context

- High unsustainable debt
- Multilateral and bilateral trade integration
- Unbalanced energy portfolio mix
- Impact of climate change and natural disasters
- Social inclusion and population ageing
High unsustainable debt

2013

10 Caribbean countries

× 60%

GDP

Debt

= US$ 49 billion

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Regional context

Multilateral and bilateral trade integration

- Removing non-tariff barriers
- Eliminating export subsidies
- Liberalizing financial and investment regimes
- Reducing tariffs

Increased international competition

Reduced policy space available to small vulnerable economies
Regional context

Unbalanced energy portfolio mix

Fossil fuels: 95%
Renewable energy: 3%

Greater reliance on renewable energy sources
Regional context

Impact of climate change and natural disasters

- 70% Losing shoreline
- 70% Population affected
- 328 Natural disasters
- US$27 billion

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Regional context

Social inclusion and population ageing

Old age dependency ratio: 20

2035

22%

78%
Highlights of the work of the Committee:
Work of the CDCC

17th meeting of the monitoring committee

26th session of the CDCC

Programme of work of the Secretariat

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Addressing debt reduction in the Caribbean

Financing for Caribbean development

Sustainable Development Goals for the Caribbean
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26th session of the CDCC

The debt overhang: Balancing adjustment with sustainable development in the Caribbean

A strategic approach to implementation of the sustainable development goals in the Caribbean

Preparing for an ageing population in the Caribbean

Adoption of resolutions
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Programme of work of the Secretariat

- Global advocacy
- Technical assistance
- Regional initiatives
- Research and analysis
- Regional training
- Outreach

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Secretariat programme of work: Regional initiatives

Proposal on Debt for Climate Adaptation Swaps

Resilience Building and Disaster Assessment

Rights of persons with disabilities

Regional Coordinating Mechanism

Associate Members
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Secretariat programme of work: Regional initiatives

Resilience Building and Disaster Assessment

- **PDNA**
  - **February 2014**

- **DaLA**
  - **April 2014**

Updated DaLA methodology

- **Stronger overall framework**
- **More sensitive to Caribbean reality**
Associate Members

May 2015

11 Studies
8 Meetings
3 T.A.

Caribbean Regional Seminar

7 Report on assistance provided to 7 territories

Development needs of Associate Members

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Secretariat programme of work: Technical assistance

Antigua and Barbuda
- Competitive pricing

Saint Kitts and Nevis
- National manufacturing strategy

Bahamas
- DaLA
- Trade data

Saint Lucia
- Street lighting policy

Jamaica
- Praedial larceny

Turks and Caicos
- Population projections
Secretariat programme of work: Research and analysis

- Digital and mobile currency in the Caribbean
- Population ageing in the Caribbean
- Energy efficiency in the transport sector
- The economies of the Caribbean
- Caribbean perspective in ECLAC flagships
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Secretariat programme of work: Research and analysis

Digital and mobile currency in the Caribbean

Expert group meetings → Entrepreneurs → Regulators

- Protect consumers
- Prevent money laundering
- Macroeconomic stability
Population ageing in the Caribbean

- Caribbean Conference on Ageing
- ECLAC study on ageing

- Improve pension provision
- Policies on financial abuse
- Deal with elder abuse
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Secretariat programme of work: Research and analysis

Energy efficiency in the transport sector

- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Grenada

Energy efficiency in the transport sector

Expert group meetings

Better coordination on transport and energy policy

Enhancing efficiency in the transport sector
The economies of the Caribbean

Preliminary Overview

Economic Survey

Comparative analysis of macroeconomic trends
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Secretariat programme of work: Research and analysis

Caribbean perspective in ECLAC flagships

- LAC in the World Economy
- Social Panorama of Latin America
- FDI in LAC

Strengthen external trade relations

Gender and equality

Caribbean focus
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Secretariat programme of work: Outreach

Strategic Planning and Outreach

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The Hummingbird

FOCUS

People reached: 15,620
Countries reached: 35
Mobile compatible: 4

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Strategic Planning and Outreach

- ECLAC Caribbean website
- ECLAC Caribbean social media

- People reached: 22,000
- Countries reached: 45
- Language backgrounds: 12
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