Seventeenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

Port of Spain, 26 June 2015

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA
Opening session

Statements will be made by Arnaldo Brown, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica, in his capacity as Chair of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee, Winston Dookeran, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago, and Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

1. Adoption of the agenda

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

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

Working documents:

- Provisional agenda (LC/L.4013(MCCDCC.17/1))
- Annotated provisional agenda (LC/L.4014(MCCDCC.17/2))

Reference document:

- Preliminary programme

2. A coordinated strategy to address debt reduction for sustainable development in the Caribbean

Many Caribbean countries will be challenged to pursue the new sustainable development goals in circumstances in which they are experiencing low growth, severe fiscal stress and a severe debt burden. In light of this, a proposal for debt reduction and relief is being prepared by the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean. The Executive Secretary of ECLAC will present the essential aspects of this proposal to the Monitoring Committee.

Reference document:

- Debt reduction for sustainable development in the Caribbean (DDR/1)

3. Financing for Caribbean development

Ahead of the third International Conference on Financing for Development to be held in Addis Ababa in July 2015, the Monitoring Committee will receive a presentation on the key areas of financing for development in the Caribbean and novel financing opportunities to be advanced during the Conference, in support of the sustainable development agenda of the subregion.

The Monitoring Committee may wish to discuss the national and subregional priorities identified for attention at the third International Conference on Financing for Development.

Reference document:

- Financing for sustainable development in the Caribbean (DDR/2)
4. Sustainable development goals for the Caribbean within the post-2015 development agenda

The Monitoring Committee will receive a presentation on the outcome of the recently-concluded symposium on sustainable development goals. The areas of emphasis agreed to by Caribbean countries and the means of implementation will be highlighted.

The Monitoring Committee may wish to discuss the national and subregional imperatives identified for continued attention in respect of the small island developing States (SIDS) sustainable development agenda.

Reference document:

– The outcome of the symposium on sustainable development goals for the Caribbean within the post-2015 development agenda (DDR/3)

5. Progress in implementation of the 2014-2015 programme of work for the Caribbean

Subprogramme 13 of the programme of work of ECLAC is devoted to subregional activities in the Caribbean. For the current biennium, 2014-2015, emphasis was placed on strengthening development efforts in the Caribbean and on promoting enhanced cooperation with the wider Latin American region through a range of activities, including capacity-building, technical and institutional strengthening, support for improved evidence-based policymaking, research and analysis, and technical cooperation. Particular attention has also been given during this biennium to supporting national and regional reviews of—and input into— important global development processes and landmarks, including the sustainable development goals, Beijing+20, the third International Conference on Small Island Development States, and the post-2015 development agenda.

The Monitoring Committee may wish to take note of the ongoing implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015, and draw attention to or reaffirm the subregional priorities which member States would wish to see addressed during 2016-2017. Presentations will also be made on two key initiatives undertaken to support the subregion during the reporting period, on disaster assessments and risk management and the Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and CARIFORUM.

Working document:


6. Other matters

Under this agenda item, delegates may raise any other matters requiring the consideration of the Monitoring Committee.
7. Date and venue of the twenty-sixth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

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

The Monitoring Committee shall decide on the date and venue of the twenty-sixth session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee, which should be held prior to the thirty-sixth session of ECLAC, to take place in the first half of 2016.

8. Conclusions and recommendations

The Rapporteur will summarize the key conclusions and recommendations endorsed by the Monitoring Committee. Closing remarks will be made by the Executive Secretary of ECLAC and the Chair of CDCC.