Responding to the Regional Priorities of the Caribbean

Progress report on the implementation of the 2014-2015 programme of work for the Caribbean
Overview: Responding to Regional Priorities

- Global mandates
- CDCC mandates
- Technical cooperation: Regional requests
- Technical cooperation: National requests
- Ongoing research
- Looking ahead to 2016-2017
Responding to Regional Priorities: Global Mandates

• Beijing+20 Review process:
  – Prepared subregional report on the implementation of the Platform for Action in the Caribbean (November 2014)
  – Convened Caribbean Technical Meeting on the Beijing+20 Review (November 2014)
  – Adopted a Caribbean Statement on ongoing Caribbean challenges regarding gender and development, with plan of action (November 2014)
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• Third International Conference on SIDS:

  – Convened preparatory SIDS negotiators meetings (April and June 2014)

  – Convened High-level side event at the Third International Conference on SIDS (September 2014)
Responding to Regional Priorities: Global Mandates (cont’d)

• SDG process
  – Convened the Caribbean Development Roundtable (April 2014)
  – Published the Caribbean Development Report (October 2014)
  – Convened technical meeting on proposals for SDGs (March 2015)
Responding to Regional Priorities: Global Mandates (cont’d)

• Financing for Development process

  – Supported negotiating process (January 2014)

  – Developed debt proposal (June 2015)
Responding to Regional Priorities: CDCC Mandates

• **Resilience Building and Disaster Assessment (CDCC resolution 81[XXV])**
  – Convened meeting on linking PDNA to DaLA methodology (February 2014)
  – Capacity building in disaster assessment methodology (February – May 2014)
  – Disaster assessment and resilience building portfolio assigned to the Subprogramme (April 2014)
  – Updated DaLA methodology launched (April 2014)
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- Promoting the rights of persons with disabilities (CDCC resolution 82[XXV])
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- Revitalizing the MSI/Regional Coordinating Mechanism (CDCC resolution 84[XXV])
  - Convened the Sixth meeting of the TAC/RCM
  - Piloted ICT platform for knowledge sharing
Responding to Regional Priorities: CDCC Mandates (cont’d)

- Support for the work of ECLAC/strengthening regional integration (CDCC resolution 85[XXV])
  - Associate Member participation:
    • Caribbean Synthesis Review (Beijing+20)
  - KM/ICT4D:
    • Digital currency
Responding to Regional Priorities: CDCC Mandates (cont’d)

• Support for the work of ECLAC/strengthening regional integration (CDCC resolution 85[XXV])
  – Trade and regional integration:
    • EU/CARIFORUM EPA impact study
    • High-level engagement on optimizing benefits of trade and regional integration
Technical Cooperation: Regional Requests

- **Energy Security:**
  - Grenada/Saint Lucia/Saint Vincent and the Grenadines: EE
  - Dominica/Martinique/Saint Lucia: EE and RE

- **Financing for Development:**
  - Antigua and Barbuda/Barbados/Belize/Saint Kitts and Nevis: fiscal management development account project
Technical Cooperation: Regional Requests (cont’d)

• Data for evidenced-based decision-making:

  – Capacity building: disseminating micro data from national censuses and surveys

  – Capacity building: time-use surveys to understand gender dynamics within households
Technical Cooperation: National Requests

• Ageing populations:
  – Turks and Caicos Islands: Population projections (Feb 2015)

• Energy security:
  – Saint Lucia: Street lighting policy (Oct 2014)

• Supporting rural development:
Ongoing Research

- Responding to the Ageing Caribbean societies
- Leveraging Big- and Micro-data
- Opportunities for Blended Financing
- Development impact of PetroCaribe
- Enhanced support to Associate Members
Looking ahead to 2016-2017: Priority areas of research

• Financing for sustainable development

• Creative industries: Sustaining growth and economic diversification

• Trade policy reform

• Inclusive social protection
Looking ahead to 2016-2017: Priority areas of research (cont’d)

• Rights of Persons with disabilities

• San Jose Charter on Ageing

• Planning for the 2020 round of censuses

• Diversification of the tourism product in non-traditional sectors
Thank you.

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