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Montserrat and the United States Virgin Islands have an active relationship with the ECLAC

ECLAC as associate members of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

(CDCC). The CDCC was established in 1975 as a permanent subsidiary body of ECLAC to

promote development cooperation among Caribbean countries and to serve as an advisory and

consultative body to the Executive Secretary of ECLAC in respect of Caribbean issues and

circumstances. Recently, the Cayman Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands were admitted as

associate members of ECLAC. In March 2009, the Turks and Caicos Islands was admitted as an associate member of ECLAC.

Both the Cayman Islands and the Turks and Caicos are expected to be admitted as associate

member countries at the next ministerial session of the CDCC in January 2009.

In an effort to provide information on all member countries of the CDCC, increasing its associate

member countries and to provide information on each country, the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean has created

development profiles on each country. These profiles are available at [www.eclac.org](http://www.eclac.org).

annexed knowledge management system - development profiles. The information presented

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Recent observations made at the twenty-first session of the CDCC held in Port of Spain

The need to facilitate access to programmes and activities of the United Nations system

assistance in the partnership of their development process;

The need to promote the stability, diversification and strengthening of the economies the

vulnerability to natural disasters and environmental degradation;

strengthening the resilience of the people and societies;

- The need for more direct action, particularly in terms of social and economic analysis and evidence-based policy formulation to address the issues of vulnerability and social cohesion;

- The need for greater flexibility in the analysis of the position of the associate members with regard to the economic and financial impact of either their inclusion or exclusion in regional trade integration processes;
- The need to understand the economic and financial impact that the inclusion or exclusion of the European Union (EU) and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) would have on their economies;
- The need to address the impacts of the increasing pattern on intraregional migration in the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the Caribbean.

### *Monitoring and Management*

in the work of the Economic and Financial and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). In this regard, the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean includes information on the Non-Self-Governing Territories in much the same way as it does of the independent countries in the subregion. This is dependent on the availability of relevant information for member countries. The Caribbean country notes had been prepared for Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands, Montserrat and the United States Virgin Islands. Also, for the first time, a review of the economic performance of the Turks and Caicos had been included in the CDCC "Economic Survey of Caribbean countries".

### *Technical Cooperation*

#### Montserrat

In December 2006, the ECLAC Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean provided assistance to the GOM in preparing a project proposal for the conduct of a pre-drilling analysis of the geothermal energy potential in the island. In June 2007, at the request of the GOM to assist them in evaluating an envelope of technical proposals submitted by a consortium of local and international companies, a pre-drilling study.

#### Netherlands Antilles

In 2004, we provided support to a seminar entitled 'Between Sustainable Tourism and Local Development: Prospects and Paradoxes' organized by the Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation of the University of Amsterdam.

Hispanics and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) negotiations with respect to CARICOM.

In 2005, the SHQ supported the organization of the Second International Trade Conference organised by the Ministry of Economic and Labour Affairs, Netherlands Antilles. We presented papers at the forum on the Netherlands Antilles and the Caribbean Economy and on Special and Differential Treatment, respectively.

In 2006, we visited the Netherlands Antilles to collect macroeconomic data for the preparation of publication the 'Economic Survey of Latin America and the Caribbean'

We also provided support to the IOM Regional Seminar "Building Capacity to Manage Migration in the Caribbean", convened in Curacao, as well as provided technical assistance to

The SHO supported the conduct of a national workshop on migration and integration that was organized by the Committee on Population and Development of the Central Statistical Office in addressing migration in the Caribbean region,

Meetings were also held with senior officials of the Department of Social Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Infrastructures to discuss follow up to the Caribbean.

We also worked with the Government of Antigua, which with the Central Bureau of Statistics, in the area of data collection (with particular reference to migration) and evidence based policy formulation, and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Infrastructure in the area of population ageing at the national and sub-regional levels.

### Turks and Caicos

In 2005, at the request of the Government of the Turks and Caicos, we concluded meetings with the Minister and Governor, respectively to discuss further collaboration between ECLAC/CDCC and the territory, including its application for associate membership in the Intergovernmental organization.

During the period 2004-2006, we supported the convening of the seminar on 'Development Ranking in the Caribbean' organized by ECLAC, CDB and investment agencies of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Annual Budgetary Control System, Regional Model, Gender Sensitive National Planning and Budgeting sponsored by the OIM/PII and the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Gender and Development

## BVI

In 2005, we concluded discussions with the Government of the British Virgin Islands on their priorities for technical assistance in the areas of economic data analysis, forecasting and modeling techniques.

## The Cayman Islands

In 2004, we carried out a Socio-Economic Assessment of the impact of Hurricane Ivan on the island of Grand Cayman.

In 2005, we conducted an orientation of the ECIAC methodology for conducting a macro socio-economic assessment of the public and private sectors in George Town, Grand Cayman.