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Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

(a) Opening ceremony

The outgoing Chair of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) will make a statement to the Committee, before formally handing over to the incoming Chair, who will then make an inaugural statement to the Committee.

(b) Commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of ECLAC

In February 2018, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) celebrated the seventieth anniversary of its establishment as a regional commission of the United Nations. ECLAC was created to promote development in Latin America and the Caribbean, by advancing economic ideas that address the development challenges faced by the member States, and by assisting in the design of policy responses in the search for workable solutions, while fostering closer economic relations among countries of the region and beyond.

The Executive Secretary of ECLAC will reflect on the Commission's contribution to the region's development over the years and invite the Committee to share its thoughts.

(c) Election of officers

Pursuant to rule 13 of the Constituent Declaration and Functions and Rules of Procedure of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (LC/CAR/G.780/Rev.1), the Bureau of the session shall comprise the Chairperson, three Vice-Chairpersons and the Rapporteur. Pursuant to rule 14, members of the Bureau shall hold office for the duration of the session and until the convening of the next session of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee.

(d) Adoption of the agenda

Working documents:

- Provisional agenda (LC/CDCC.27/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (LC/CDCC.27/2)

The Committee will have before it for consideration and adoption, with any amendments deemed appropriate, the provisional agenda and annotated provisional agenda prepared by the secretariat.

(e) Procedural matters and the organization of work

Reference document:

- Preliminary programme

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

2. An outlook on sustainable development in the Caribbean

Reference document:

- The Caribbean Outlook - Summary (LC/CDCC.27/DDR/2)

The Caribbean Outlook - Summary outlines the principal development challenges facing the subregion and posits a future that might be achieved if a holistic and forward-looking response is adopted.

The Committee will be invited to share its views on the critical issues addressed in the document.

3. Promoting climate resilience and sustainable economic growth in the Caribbean

Reference document:

- Summary report of the fifth meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable (LC/CDCC.27/DDR/5)

The fifth meeting of the Caribbean Development Roundtable, to be held on 26 April 2018, will examine the ongoing work being undertaken as part of the ECLAC debt for climate adaptation swap initiative, which is intended to promote economic growth and diversification while building the resilience of the subregion through green investment. The meeting will explore avenues for promoting fiscal responsibility and financial management for more effective control of the Caribbean debt burden, and will address the impact of de-risking and the challenges to the offshore financial sector in the Caribbean.

The Committee will receive a summary of the discussions held and will be invited to endorse the recommendations that emerge from the Roundtable.

4. Second meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development

The Committee will receive a summary of the discussions held at the second meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, to be convened in Santiago from 18 to 20 April 2018. The Committee will be invited to comment on the efforts being undertaken by member States at national and regional levels to implement the Sustainable Development Goals.

5. Supporting implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in synergy with the small island developing States development agenda

The Committee will be invited to consider a proposal to strengthen the subregional mechanism to promote implementation of the small island developing States development agenda within the broader framework of the Sustainable Development Goals.

6. Matters relating to the programme of work

Reference documents:

- Implementation of the 2016-2017 programme of work. Subprogramme 13: subregional activities in the Caribbean (LC/CDCC.27/DDR/1)
- Programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 - Subprogramme 12: Subregional activities in the Caribbean (LC/CDCC.27/DDR/3)
- Proposed programme of work for 2020 - Subprogramme 12: Subregional activities in the Caribbean (LC/CDCC.27/DDR/4)

The Committee will be invited to review the report on the implementation of subprogramme 13 of the 2016-2017 programme of work, consider the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019, and endorse the proposed programme of work for 2020.

7. Thirty-seventh session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

The secretariat will provide information on the organization of work, main theme and objectives for the thirty-seventh session of ECLAC, to be held in Havana from 7 to 11 May 2018. The Committee will be invited to comment on the preparations for the forthcoming session of the Commission.

8. Consideration and adoption of resolutions

The Committee will consider and adopt its resolutions.

9. Other matters

This item provides for consideration of any other issues which delegations may wish to raise.

10. Date and venue of the nineteenth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)

Pursuant to article 11 of the Constituent Declaration and Functions and Rules of Procedure of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (LC/CAR/G.780/Rev.1), the venue of the meetings of the Monitoring Committee shall be the subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, unless a member of the Committee offers to host the meeting. The date of the meeting shall be determined by the Chair of the CDCC in collaboration with the secretariat.

11. Closure of the session

The Committee will be invited to endorse the summary conclusions of the session, pending the preparation and circulation of the draft report for comment. Closing remarks will then be made and the session will be closed.