Twenty-eighth session of the
Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC)

Virtual meeting, 10 September 2020

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

1400 hrs – 1430 hrs  Opening of the session (agenda item 1)

Statement by the Honourable Allen Chastanet, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Economic Growth, Job Creation, External Affairs and the Public Service of Saint Lucia, outgoing Chair of the CDCC

Statement by the Honourable Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development, and Information Technology of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, incoming Chair of the CDCC

Introductory remarks by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, ECLAC

1430 hrs – 1440 hrs  Election of Officers

Adoption of the agenda

Procedural matters and organization of work

1440 hrs – 1510 hrs  The Caribbean Outlook 2020: Exploring a creative and durable response to the COVID-19 challenge (agenda item 2)

Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, ECLAC, will present to the Committee a preview of the 2020 edition of The Caribbean Outlook. (30 minutes)

1510 hrs – 1630 hrs  Promoting sustained Caribbean growth and development: Regionalism and multilateralism revisited (agenda item 3)

Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies will lead the Committee’s dialogue on strategies to promote recovery and resilience and to advance the sustainable development of the subregion with his delivery of a keynote address. (30 minutes)

Ministerial dialogue (50 minutes).
1630 hrs – 1715 hrs  **Matters relating to the programme of work** (agenda item 4)

Presentations on the subregional activities undertaken in the Caribbean for the biennium 2018 – 2019; introduction of the programme of work for 2020; and the proposed programme of work for 2021 will be made by Ms. Diane Quarless, Director, Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean, Port of Spain. Key areas of work will be highlighted. (15 minutes)

Discussion (30 minutes).

1715 hrs – 1725 hrs  **Thirty-eighth Session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean** (agenda item 5)

Mr. Luis Yáñez, Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Secretary of the Commission, will provide information on the organization of work, main theme and to be addressed at the Thirty-eighth session of ECLAC, which will convene virtually during 26-29 October 2020. The Committee will be invited to comment on the preparations for the forthcoming session of the Commission. (10 minutes)

1725 hrs – 1740 hrs  **Consideration and adoption of resolutions** (agenda item 6)

Introducing draft resolutions for the Committee’s consideration. (15 minutes)

1740 hrs – 1745 hrs  **Date and venue of the twentieth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the CDCC** (agenda item 7)

1745 hrs – 1800 hrs  **Closure of the session** (agenda item 8)

Closing remarks will be made by Ms. Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary, ECLAC, and the Honourable Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development, and Information Technology of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Chair of the CDCC.