

## 4.0 GROUP PRESENTATIONS

*There were three thematic areas for group discussions.*

- Communication and organizational details
- Structure, composition and mode of operation for the regional Centre for forestry, Research, Management and Development.
- Evaluation of the research/ management needs and status of Forestry in the region.

Participants were divided into two groups to discuss those themes. Discussion followed by answering specific questions outlined in Appendix 1.

### **Group 1 consisted of:**

- Guyana
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Jamaica
- FAO Representative

### **Group 2 consisted of:**

- Antigua & Barbuda
- St. Lucia
- Barbados
- Dominica
- Guyana

## 4.1 PRESENTATION – GROUP 1

### 1. Communication

Emails and fax have been the tried and trusted methods so these methods should be utilized. However, the Heads of the Organisations (Forestry) should be targeted for correspondence.

## **Ministries /Organizations Responsible for Forestry**

### **Trinidad and Tobago**

Organization: Ministry of Public Utilities and Environment.

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Commissioner of Forestry  
Forestry Division  
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St. James, Port of Spain  
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### **Guyana**

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Commissioner of Forestry  
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**Organizations Responsible for Forwarding Forestry Development in the Region**

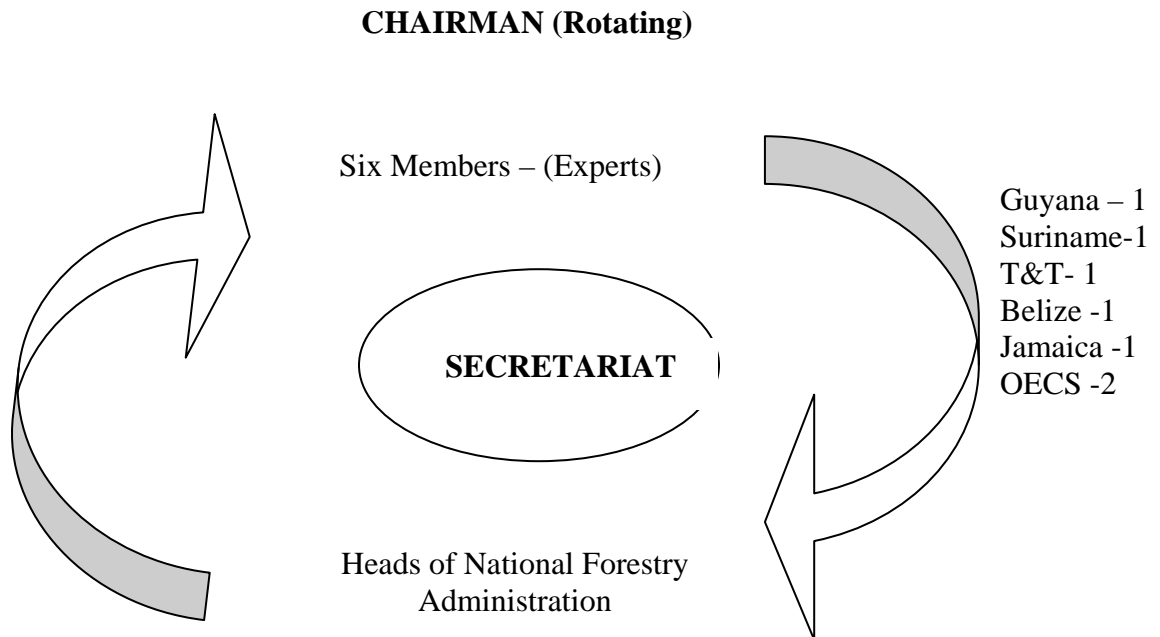
<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Role</u>
FAO	Policy Support
IITF	Policy and Research
CANARI	Research
WWF	Policy and Research
IWOKRAMA	Research
UWI & UG	Education and Training
TROPENBOS	Research
IIBC	Research
NATIONAL FORESTRY ADMINISTRATIONS	Policy/Research/Human Resource Development

**Funding Agencies**

EU  
ITTO  
CIDA  
DFID  
GTZ

**2. Structure and Composition**

**Composition of Steering Committee**

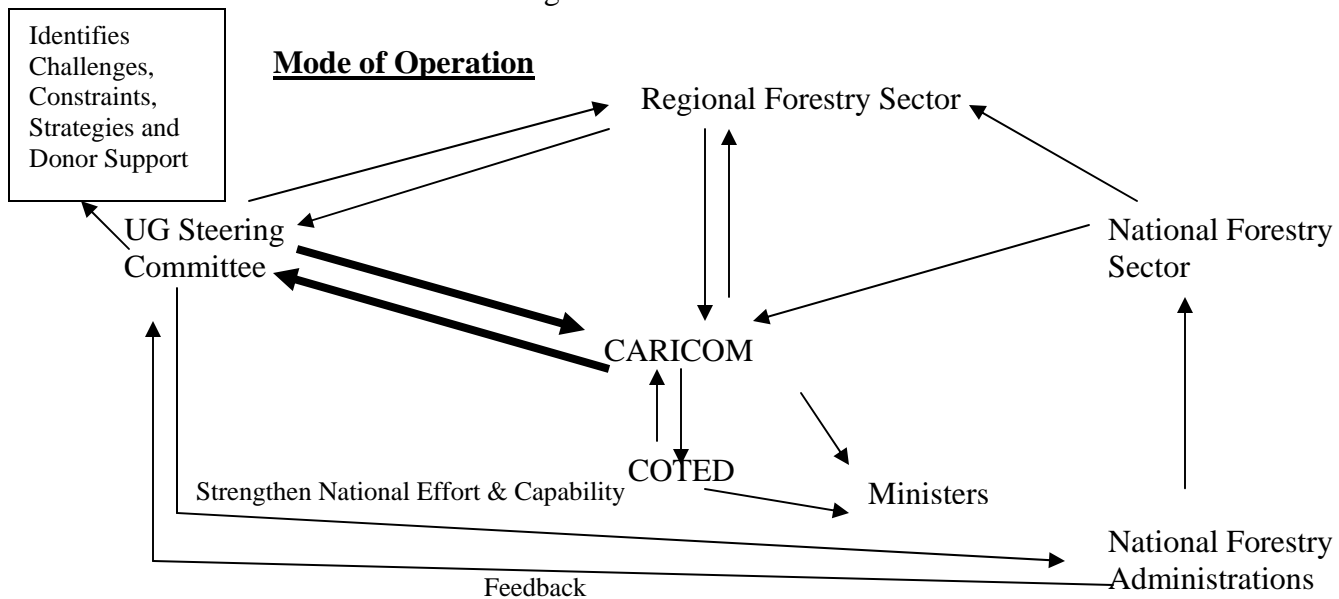


The chairmanship would be rotated among the various countries. The other members would come one each from the other countries. The OECS would have two (2) representatives who would rotate. The secretariat would be formed by the members. The seven (7) members would be from heads of the National Forestry Administrations in the various countries.

### Functions of the Centre

The centre would function to:

- Gather information on the forestry sector
- Report on current development
- Identify constraints and challenges
- Identifies priorities for action
- Recommends strategic actions
- Strengthens national efforts and capabilities
- Advises, liaises and supports the national forestry administration
- Coordinate regional initiatives



The Regional forestry sector includes the non-governmental organizations, and other forestry organizations involved in forestry planning and development. The national forestry Administration would liaise with the regional forestry sector. The steering committee (now formed) would communicate and liaise with the Regional Forestry Sector. However, the steering committee would have its main communication flow with CARICOM. CARICOM through COTED will be able to get information to and feedback from the ministries of the countries it

represents. The steering committee is also expected to liaise directly with the National Forestry Administrations.

### 3. **SWOT Analysis**

#### **Strengths**

- Common language with the exception of Haiti and Suriname
- Core group of dedicated foresters in the region
- Common judicial, administrative systems, procedures, etc.
- People who know each other (This makes interaction between forestry departments easier)
- A long history of sustainable forestry practice in some territories.
- Active non-governmental organizations in the region
- Selective logging practices.

#### **Weaknesses**

- No forest or very little forest in some territories
- Vague land use coordination in many territories
- Very little public awareness of forest values (dumping rubbish etc.)
- Very little sharing of information at the national and regional levels
- Poor communication between land use agencies at the national level.

#### **Opportunities**

- Regional cooperation (research etc.)
- Increased trade among neighbours in tropical hardwood
- Integrated research to reduce costs
- Exchange programmes in forestry
- Management as well as common experience with respect to aspects of forestry.
- Regional standards for several forestry initiatives.
- Easier movement of experts across the region to facilitate and assist

## **4.2 PRESENTATION – GROUP 2**

### **1 Communication**

The University of Guyana should explore possibilities of video conferencing through Schools of Distance and Continuing Education in each country. This however is only recommended as a back up method of communication.

It is recommended that annual mandatory meetings of the steering committee be held with support funding from CARISEC. It must be expected that if service must be given then at least an annual meeting should be put in place without a grouse over funding issues.

Other means of communication can also be utilized where they are applicable, these include; fax, letters, telephone and emails.

### **Ministries /Organizations Responsible for Forestry**

#### **Antigua & Barbuda**

Matters related to meetings, i.e. invitations, nominations etc. can be sent to;

Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Marine Affairs and Agro-Industry  
Independence Avenue and Queen Elizabeth Highway  
P.O.Box 1282  
St. John's, Antigua & Barbuda

In the Case of the Permanent Secretary  
Fax – 1-268-462-4962  
Phone- same as fax but fax has to be sent indicating that a call will be made or giving a number for the PS or Director to call.

Director of Agriculture  
Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Marine Affairs and Agro-Industry  
P.O.Box 1282  
St. John's Antigua & Barbuda  
Fax: 1-268-462-6104  
Phone: 1-268-462-1213

The best way to contact is to send a fax and resend if no answer is given, then call to ensure document has been received.

Email: Not available

For all technical matters the Senior Forestry Officer can be contacted

Senior Forestry Officer  
Cc Director of Agriculture  
Same address as PS & DA

Fax information both DA & PS so that it can be forwarded to the Senior Forestry Officer by either person

### **Dominica**

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## **Organisations Responsible for Forwarding Forestry Development in the Region**

The term responsibility was debated since it could be passed on where it was not necessary true. It was therefore necessary to look at this area in the following manner where one can see clearly what the various organizations do.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Policy Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAO</li> <li>• National Government</li>   <li>• CANARI</li> <li>• Regional Participation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitator</li> <li>• Project initiation &amp; Proposer</li> <li>• Implementation</li> </ul>
Caribbean Forester's Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IITF</li> <li>• USAID/USDA</li> <li>• US Forest Service</li> <li>• Regional Participation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitation</li> <li>• Funding</li> <li>• Funding</li> </ul>
Land Cover Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Puerto Rico</li> <li>• USDA</li> <li>• FAO</li> <li>• Regional Participation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitator</li>   <li>• Implementation</li> <li>• Implementation</li> </ul>
OPPAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OECS/NMRU</li> <li>• Fisheries/Forestry Physical Planning</li> <li>• OECS Members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitator</li> <li>• Implementation</li>   <li>• Participation</li> </ul>
Other Conventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change</li> <li>• Desertification</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Ramsar</li> <li>• CITIES</li> <li>• Montreal Protocol</li> <li>• Forestry Resources</li> <li>• Assessment</li> <li>• UNFF</li> <li>• Basel Convention</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In each territory the agency responsible for the different conventions vary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
CARICOM Lead Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Guyana</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead Facilitator</li> </ul>
Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECIAF</li> <li>• GSA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum and Training (accredited certification)</li> </ul>

## **1. Structure and Composition**

### **Composition of Steering Committee**

Should provide guidance to the Centre and should comprise of the following:

Representation based on geographical and Socio-cultural differences

1. Leeward Island – 1
2. Winward Island -1
3. Continental Caribbean – 1 (G, S, Be.)
4. Large Island – 1 (J, T&T)
5. Barbados – 1
6. Haiti -1
7. Bahamas – 1
8. Academia – 1 (University of Guyana)
9. Private Grouping – timber and non timber businesses.

**Total membership of nine.**

The chairman would rotate from the different countries.

### **Functions of the Centre**

The following suggestions were made for the purpose of the establishment of the centre

- Information Clearing House- having all the different kinds of information as it relates to forestry and forestry related activities. (Database generation)
- Forum for forestry policy analysis, forestry management analysis, forestry research, forestry policy formulation and implementation.- There is need for a centre where the National Forestry Administrations can go to find out what are some of the best policy analysis and the best methodologies that work etc. Also problems that are affecting industry. The centre can serve to facilitate this forum.
- Coordination of Human Resource Development from the level of the forestry nursery man to the level of the forestry policy analyst. This is so because the centre can have the links to offer the support for example If the centre is aware of the Human resource need of the region and the strengths, the centre can serve to link the need with the resource in areas of training etc.

- Resource mobilization – this is related to the above purpose however this would have to do with linking resources to actual jobs for example if Antigua needs someone to advise on a specific area, they can be linked to someone in Barbados who has the expertise and can be seconded for a year or so. (Financial, personnel etc.)
- Promoting
  - Public Awareness – One wants to know that the centre exists and that there is working taking place
  - Public Relations- One wants to know there are good relations existing between the foresters and the ministers etc.
  - Public Education- This will facilitate the above two (awareness and relations). The centre therefore can facilitate the appropriate public education for various issues example to educate children there may a different project undertaken for a given period as against educating the parliamentarians. These would be specific projects designed for the specific target group for given periods as against the 100 posters blasting around.
- Coordinating International Conventions- facilitating relations between the forestry sector and the various conventions.
- Development of Industry
- Train and Coordinate Regional disaster response teams.

This group did not attempt to answer question three since the members felt that it would have taken much more time to seriously answer the question. As such they spent more time answering the other questions.

## **4.3 GROUP DISCUSSION (GENERAL)**

### **4.31 Mode of Communication**

Dr. Patsy Francis, Dean of The Faculty of Agriculture, University of Guyana, commended both groups for their presentations and indicated that the first line of communication will be email. However teleconferencing will be pursued.

She also indicated that from the presentations one can clearly see that many possibilities are open for methods of communication.

### **4.32 Steering Committee Representation**

It was suggested that the Steering Committee should have 9 or 11 persons. The composition recommended by Group 2 was adopted by general consensus after much deliberation. It was agreed that the University of Guyana would always have a representative on the Steering Committee. This representative however would not have voting privileges and cannot be a chairperson.

Dr. Francis urged that a chairperson be voted in at this forum.

The following countries were nominated to have their representatives be the chairperson.

- Trinidad and Tobago
- Guyana
- St. Lucia

Votes taken resulted in the following:

Guyana – 5 votes

Trinidad and Tobago - 3 votes

St. Lucia – 4 votes

It was decided that Guyana would chair and St. Lucia would be Vice-Chair. If for some reason the Commissioner of Guyana Forestry Commission cannot hold that position then St. Lucia would be asked to take it up. It was stressed that country representation on this committee must come from the highest level of forestry management in that country.

### **4.33 Location of the Centre**

A general consensus was given that the centre be located in Guyana. This was on the basis that the University of Guyana would continue to be the main facilitator of the project and have secretariat responsibilities.

### **4.34 Action Plan**

The following **Action List** was prepared:

- Upon receiving the documentation of discussions, it is expected that representatives will forward their comments and recommendations within a month's time so that action can be taken.
- A budget for the establishment of the Centre is to be prepared by the University of Guyana team and forwarded to the other persons for comments and recommendations.
- Possible funding agencies must be identified.
- Attempts must be made to inform Bahamas and bring them on board.
- The complete document must be completed to be presented to COTED in January 2007.

## **4.4 CLOSING REMARKS**

In summing up Dr. Francis said that each country should have an inventory of their resources and hopes that all the participants including herself are up to the challenges given at the opening ceremony. There must be a commitment to do what is necessary, persons must return and talk to their Ministers and get them to support the project. Lobbying must be done since Forestry and Agriculture must be developed. She congratulated all on time well spent and indicated that she knows it will bear much fruit.

General closing comments were given by representatives from the various countries all raising the point of moving forward and feeling that the meeting was fruitful.

Ms. Knights gave the vote of thanks, challenging all to return to their countries and do what is necessary to push for representation and support of the committee and centre.

## **5.0 APPENDICES**

### **5.1 APPENDIX 1 - GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**



**APPENDIX 2**  
**REGIONAL FORESTRY STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION**  
**JULY 25 – 26, 2006**

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### **5.3 APPENDIX 3 – BUDGET FOR REGIONAL CENTRE**