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UNDESA and OAS
in collaboration with the Government of St. Lucia host:
“Using Information for Decision-making on Sustainable Development - Issues and
Challenges for Caribbean SIDS” – A Resource Persons’ Meeting
at the Rex St. Lucian Resort
May 27th-28th ,2003
St. Lucia, West Indies

AGENDA

Day One – May 27th , 2003		Information Challenges for Sustainable Development
8:30a.m – 9:00a.m	<i>Opening Ceremony</i>	Chaired by, Ministry of Physical Development, Environment and Housing of St. Lucia
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	<i>Opening of Meeting</i> 1.1 Introduction of Participants 1.2 IDSD Project and Workshop Objectives	Ms. Leisa Perch, OAS/USDE
9:15 a.m – 10:15 a.m.	<i>Session 1: Overview of Information Challenges for Caribbean SIDS</i> - 10 minute overview from IDSD Assessment Report - General Data Challenges facing the Caribbean * <i>Plenary discussion</i>	Ms. Leisa Perch, OAS Mr. Lance Busby, UN/ECLAC
10:15 a.m. –10:40 a.m.	Coffee/Tea Break	
10:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<i>Session 2: Data/Statistics/Standardization</i> - Environment, Gender and Social Statistics - Lessons Learned from the UNSD/CARICOM Project - Generating and Using Social and Environmental Data * <i>Plenary Discussion Addressing Data Quality, Quantity and Standardization</i>	Moderated by Edwin St. Catherine, Dir. Of Stats (St.Lucia) Ms. Reena Shah, United Nations Statistics Department Mr. Peter A. Murray, OECS/ESDU

NB. Participants should arrive in St. Lucia on May 26th, 2003 and should make their way directly to the Hotel. The Rex St. Lucian is located in Rodney Bay.

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12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	<p>Session 3: <i>The Decision-making Process – Relevant Issues and Challenges (Part 1)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participatory Approaches and Mechanisms for Decision-making – Panel Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community involvement; • bottom up vs. top-down approaches; • community-based management and consensus-building 	<p>Moderated by Ms. Angela Skeete, CARICAD</p> <p>Ms. Natasha Nunez, CNIRD Mr. Allan Smith, CANARI Mr. Kai Wulf, SMMA Ms. Claudia de Windt, OAS/USDE</p>
12:45 p.m. – 14:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
14:00 p.m. – 14:40p.m.	<p>Session 3 (cont'd): <i>The Decision-making Process – Issues and Challenges</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel Discussion cont'd 	CNIRD, CANARI, SMMA, OAS
14:40 p.m. – 15:40 p.m.	<p>Session 4 – <i>Generating Information for Sustainable Development – National and International Applications</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Country perspectives on issues and challenges in generating and using information for decision-making – land use planning, sustainable tourism, disaster management and coastal zone management - UNCSD Sustainable Development Indicators Programme – Outputs and Guidelines 	<p>Moderated by Dr. Neville Trotz, CARICOM/ACCC</p> <p>Representatives of IDSD Participating Countries – Barbados, Belize, Jamaica and St. Lucia</p> <p>Mrs. Birgitte Alvarez-Rivero, UN Division for Sustainable Development</p>
15:40 p.m. – 15:55 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break	
15:55 p.m. – 17:15 p.m.	<p>Session 4 (cont'd) – <i>Generating Information for Sustainable Development – National and International Applications</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information for decision-making – Experience of Costa Rica - Summary of Present Reporting for Major UN Conference and Follow-up and Outcomes of the UNCSD Discussion on Reporting <p>*followed Plenary Discussion</p>	<p>Dr. Edgar Gutierrez-Espeleta, Sustainable Development Observatory</p> <p>Mrs. Birgitte Alvarez-Rivero</p>
17:15 p.m. – 17:30 p.m.	Summary of the Day's Discussions	Leisa Perch, OAS

End of Day One

Day Two – May 28th, 2002

“Responding to the Challenges of Information Generation and Management”

<p>8.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.</p>	<p><i>Session 5: Information Networking at National and Regional Levels – Lessons Learned</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Jamaica Sustainable Development Network Programme – Networking at the National Level - CEPNET – successes, constraints and lessons learnt - Networks: effectiveness in improving access to information 	<p>Moderated by Mr. Herold Gopaul, CEHI</p> <p>Ms. Valerie Gordon, Jamaica Sustainable Development Network Program</p> <p>Mr. Luc St. Pierre, UNEP/RCU</p> <p>Mrs. Maritza Hee-Houng, IDSD Consultant</p>
<p>10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><i>Session 6: Management of Information – The Potential for Multi-dimensional systems</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current regional efforts in designing and developing Integrated information systems –issues and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Information System for Tourism • Automated Land Evaluation System (ALES) • Coastal Resource Inventory System (CRIS) 	<p>Moderated by Mr. Bishnu Tulsie, Ministry of Physical Development, Environment and Housing</p> <p>Ms. Gail Clarke, CTO</p> <p>Dr. Lystra Flechter-Paul, FAO</p> <p>Mr. Ian King, CARICOM/ACCC</p>
<p>10:30 a.m. –10:50 a.m.</p>	<p>Coffee/Tea Break</p>	
<p>10:50 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.</p>	<p><i>Session 6 (cont'd): Management of Information – The Potential for Multi-dimensional systems</i></p>	<p>CPACC, CTO, FAO and CDERA</p>
<p>11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Session 7: Technology as a Bridge to the Information Gap</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICT for Development – overview of the SWAN Project in Belize and the potential for expansion/Overview of UN Resolution 	<p>Mr. Mustafa Toure, Consultant</p>
<p>12:30 p.m. – 13:35 p.m.</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>	
<p>13:35 p.m. – 14:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Session 8: Training and Capability – Critical Needs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Indicative Priority Needs for training and capacity-building in information management 	<p>Presentation and Discussion led by Mr. Mustafa Toure, Consultant</p>
<p>14:00 p.m. – 16:00 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Session 9: Recommendations and Way Forward</i></p> <p>(1) Break Out Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategies for Improving Information-sharing on Sustainable Development - Development of National Information Policies - Priority Training Needs for IDSD to address in key thematic areas 	<p>All</p>

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16:00 p.m. – 16:15 p.m.	Coffee/Tea Break	
16:15 p.m. – 17:00 p.m.	<i>Session 9 cont'd</i> (2) Report from Breakout Groups	
17:00 p.m. – 17:20 p.m.	<i>Session 10: Conclusions, Recommendations and Next Steps</i>	Leisa Perch, OAS
17:20 p.m. – 17:30 p.m.	<i>Closure of the Meeting</i>	Government of St. Lucia and OAS/UNDESA

****End of Workshop****