UNDESA/OAS Resource Persons' Meeting on Information for Decision-making for Sustainable Development
Guiding Questions/Comments for the Working Groups

Working Groups/Break-out Sessions

Group 1: Topic – Strategies for Improving Information for Sustainable Development – in the IDSD thematic areas

- Identify mechanisms to address key challenges in information generation.
- What are some basic principles that countries can follow/should consider in developing information for sustainable development?
- Propose Key strategies for improving information for sustainable development for Caribbean SIDS.
- What some key considerations that should be raised at SIDS +10 in the area of information for decision-making?
- How can information be improved so that it is useful for decision-making?
- Identify approaches to data gathering.
- How should issues of design be addressed in terms of information gathering and storage so that extraction can be simplified?
- How should issues of quality and quantity be addressed in data generation and use?
- Identify the potential roles of technology, policy and strategic planning in the context of information management.

Group 2: Topic - Development of National Information Policies including issues such as access, information-sharing, reporting and participation.

- Identify/Propose Best Practices/Ideas for address critical information management issues at the policy level and how these could be integrated into policy.
- Are policies required for any specific areas of sustainable development?
- How can the issue of access to information be addressed sustainably?
- Define potential structures and policy frameworks in which these issues can be accommodated.
- Identify approaches to building consensus on information needs.
- Role of Sustainable Development Councils and Committees.
- Strengthening of existing structures and mechanisms for collaboration.

- **Effective function cooperation**
- **Identify approaches and mechanisms for effective networking – Is there a larger role for networks in addressing some of these issues?**

Group 3: - Priority Training Needs for IDSD in addressing Sustainable Tourism, Land use Planning, Coastal Zone Management and Disaster Management/Climate Change

- **Identify major gaps in existing capacity.**
- **What are the key constraints to the effective use of existing data? What other prohibitive factors limit decision-making?**
- **Training Needs – in what areas and at what levels. Suggestions should reflect steps that are not already being taken in other projects and activities.**
- **How can Caribbean SIDS build sustainable capacity?**
- **How can we build functional competencies in areas to support information for decision-making in these areas?**
- **What types of technical training should be given priority?**