

Caribbean Regional Meeting to Follow-up on Implementation of the Mauritius Strategy

St. Kitts and Nevis, 5-7 October 2005

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Wednesday, October 5

10.00am – 10.30am: Official Opening Ceremony

10.30am – 10.45am: Coffee break

10.45am – 1.00am:

Panel presentation and policy dialogue on critical challenges and opportunities to be addressed by the region. *Objective: to begin to distill the priorities among the range of issues addressed in the MSI that should be the focus of the first implementation period.*

1.00pm – 2.30pm: Lunch

2.30pm – 5.30pm: Introduction of the Programmes to Operationalize the MSI prepared by DESA, CARICOM, ECLAC, OECS. Consideration of regional and sub-regional programming possibilities, involving the contributions of all regional organizations, agencies of the UN system and civil society with government representatives. This should include a review of the status of regional projects/programmes introduced at the IM.

Thursday, October 6

9.00am – 10.30am: Stakeholder discussion on partnership initiatives with a view to including these in a regional indicative programming schedule for the first biennium. The active participation of representatives of civil society and the donor community is to be pursued during the entire morning session. *Intended to elicit stakeholder and donor response to the thematic priorities identified and partnership initiatives proposed for early attention.*

10.30am – 10.45am: Coffee Break

10.45am – 1.00pm:

Stakeholder discussion on partnerships continues, with opportunity for group consultation on specific initiatives, projects, programming.

1.00pm – 2.30pm: Lunch

2.30pm – 3.45pm:

Consideration of national mechanisms and frameworks for most effective implementation of the BPOA/MSI, and strategies to meet the monitoring and reporting obligations of the BPOA/MSI and other development platforms. *Objective: to secure the commitment of national decision-makers for more integrated, inter-disciplinary planning and programming, and more effective monitoring and reporting for sustainable development, with the support of appropriate national authority.*

3.45pm – 4.00pm Coffee Break

4.00pm – 5.30pm

Consideration of a regional mechanism/ consultative framework for most effective coordinated, coherent implementation of the BPOA/MSI. A discussion paper prepared jointly by CDCC and CARICOM with contribution from the OECS and ACS will elaborate the critical issues which should be addressed. *Objective: to identify the best institutional arrangement that will provide broadest support for the region's sustainable development agenda.*

Friday, October 7

9.00am – 10.30am: Consideration of integrated approaches to the implementation of the MSI – linkages and synergies between sectors, using the themes for CSD14/15 as example (climate change, energy, atmosphere and industrial development). *DESA will moderate a discussion on the linkages and synergies between these sectors, with a view to utilizing the outcome of this discussion as critical input to the special SIDS report to CSD-14. Discussions should also be held on the manner in which non-CSD thematic areas that*

are part of the MSI will be discussed in future CSD sessions on the implementation of the MSI.

10.30am – 10.45am: Coffee Break

10.45am – 1.00pm: Discussion on the role the Inter Agency Consultative Group (IACG) will play in support of national and regional sustainable development efforts.

1.00pm – 3.30pm: Lunch

3.30 pm – 5.00pm

Conclusion of the meeting

Broad elements of agreement will be discussed and recorded.
Consideration and adoption of the meeting's report.