



THIRD CDB/IDB CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSO) DIALOGUE

Hilton Hotel, Trinidad and Tobago
January 24-25, 2006

Core Team Report



STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENTATION

- Preamble
- Purpose of the Report
- Process of Follow Up
- Progress on Actions and Outcomes
- Planning for the Next Period



Preamble

- At Barbados Dialogue in 01/05 – suggestion to put in place some mechanism for effective monitoring and feedback of CSO concerns and issues enunciated at that meeting
- Proposal to form a Core Team to carry out these activities.
 - Members – CDB, IDB, CARICOM, CPDC, UWI



Purpose of the Report

- Signals the continued commitment of the Banks in promoting citizen participation.
- Provides an update on the Core Team activities and related outcomes in following up and monitoring the actions agreed upon at the 2nd CDB/IDB CSO Dialogue.



Process of Follow Up and Feedback

- Established meeting protocols and responsibilities.
- Reviewed out comes of Barbados and Panama meetings – especially for English-speaking CSO
- Compiled a list of the Recommendations for Actions and a Follow up Plan



Process of Follow Up - Recommendations

1. Information Management and Communication
2. Training and Capacity Building of CSO
3. CSO Access to Financial Resources
4. Creation of a Regional Development Foundation



Process of Follow Up - Recommendations

5. Establishment of a Regional Strategic Plan for CSO
6. Strengthening of CSAG
7. Facilitate fora for CSO and Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM)
8. Promote increased CSO participation in National Decision Making and Planning



Progress on Actions and Outcomes



1. Information Management and Communication

- CSO participants at the 2005 Meeting advised of the regional website, <http://www.caribbeangos.net>
- CDB hiring consultants to re-design its corporate website. Will explore options of creating CSO webpage. Completion mid 2006.
- IDB updated its civil society website. Access via <http://www.iadb.org> or directly from CSO webpage at http://www.iadb.org/sds/SCS/site_1461_e.htm. Exploring possibility of linking IDB's page to CSO website.
- IDB continues publication and dissemination of the CSO brochures. information available on the Bank's websites noted above.



2. Training and Capacity Building of CSO



- Audit of CSO in 5 OECS countries now being undertaken by UWI/SALISES
- IDB – CSO Training Course by INDES for 30 participants in May/June 06 at HQ
- CDB – consultants hired to develop course in Project Management for 06. 1/3 of participants to come from CSO and private sector



3. CSO Access to Financial Resources



- CDB – in process of engaging consultants to develop TA Facility for CSO
- IDB – Research on the Bank's Trust Funds for CSO available at this Meeting
- Regional Public Goods – CSO advised of Call for proposals. Track the progress on website. Results in July 2006
- Inter-American Culture and Development Foundation now operational. Website www.iacdf.org



4. Creation of a Regional Development Foundation

- CPDC is continuing work on designing this Foundation to support institutional operations and capacity building of CSO
- CPDC to provide progress report at this Meeting



5. Establish a Regional Strategic Plan for CSO

- CPDC prepared and presented a draft Concept Note of the Strategic Plan to the Core Team. The Plan is related to a specific theme – Capacity Building and Participation. Results from the CSO Audit will inform the Strategic Plan
- A working group will develop a draft framework at this meeting.



6. Strengthening of CSAG

- IDB – will conduct an evaluation of CSAG. TOR in preliminary draft. Target date 2nd Quarter 2006.
- CDB – refining role of CSO in Governance Strategy and Country strategy preparation..



7. Facilitate Fora for CSO and CRNM

- CRNM has private sector strategy.
- CSO can become engaged in the in-country briefs, trade power dialogues and trade business tutorials.
- CSO contacts sent to CRNM.
- Visit CRNM website: <http://www.crnmm.org> for updates on the trade calendar of events.



8. Promote CSO participation

- IDB – to do more in terms of specific staff training to raise awareness.
- CDB’s initiatives will be governed by the respective country strategies, on which work is now underway.
- IDB and CDB will collaborate with CARICOM on associated activities under the “Forward Together Initiative”.



FOLLOW UP – 1st REGIONAL DIALOGUE

- Diaspora Initiative
 - What has been done
 - Consultations
 - Health Tourism overview underway
 - Next Steps
 - Results of Study to be presented at upcoming conference in May 06
 - Continue to look at viable development cooperation that the Banks can facilitate between Diaspora and CSO



Planning for the Next Period

- Continue work on areas for actions, once relevant
- Identify priority areas from this 3rd Dialogue
 - Set clear targets
 - Establish an Evaluative Framework



Planning for the Next Period

Space for Collaboration





THANK YOU