WORKSHOP ON FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN BASIN AND LATIN AMERICA

5-6 April 2001

Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles

This workshop builds on the initiatives developed during the Workshop on Foreign Direct Investment in the Caribbean Basin, Santo Domingo, April 2000.

This workshop, to be held in Curacao 5-6 April 2001, will be the starting point for the Caribbean Rim Investment Initiatives. As a building block of the initiative, the workshop would provide an opportunity to assess comparative advantages of the countries of the region to attract FDI and serve as a forum for discussing measures to improve the investment climate.
Thursday 5 April 2001

8:30  Registration
9:00  Inaugurational Ceremony - Auditorium

Mrs. Susanne Camelia-Römer
Deputy Prime Minister of the Netherlands Antilles

Mr. Rainer Geiger
Deputy Director, Directorate for Financial, Fiscal and Enterprise Affairs
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

9:30 - 10:00  Coffee Break

10:00 -13:00  Recent Trends and Policy Developments in the Caribbean Rim
Chairpersons:  Mr. Rainer Geiger, OECD
Mrs. Susanne Camelia-Römer, Deputy Prime Minister

- Overview of investment trends and policy developments
- Investment Trends in the region
- Country presentations

Mr. Michael Mortimore, Chief, unit on Investment and Corporate Strategies, ECLAC
Mrs. Susanne Camelia-Römer, Netherlands Antilles
Ms. Martha Kelley, US Economic Counsellor, Haiti
Ms. Patricia Francis, Chairman, Jamaican Promotion Investment Agency, Jamaica

Discussion

13:00 - 15:00  Lunch

15:00 - 17:00  Best Practices for Creating a Favorable Investment Climate: National, Regional and International Approaches
Chairman:  Amb. Frans Engering, Ambassador of Netherlands to the OECD

Speaker:  Evelyn Wade, CARICOM
Mr. Miguel Flores, SECOFI, México
Mr. Peter Kreutzberger, Counsellor, German Delegation to the OECD

Discussion

Private Sector Ms. Sita Finessi, Esq. KPMG
Mr. George Spence, Vice President, Occidental Hotels
Friday 6 April 2001

9:15 - 9:40  **Keynote Speech:** Mr. Gës M. de Vries, State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations of the Netherlands

9:40 - 10:30  **Investment Promotion: Identifying Comparative Advantage for Investment in the Region**
Chairperson: Mrs. Sally Shelton-Colby, Deputy Secretary General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

**IPA Experiences:**
Mr. Marcos Vallarino, Panamá
Mr. Luis E. Nunez Santana, Dominican Republic
Ms. María Fernanda Hurtado, Colombia
Ms. Helen Chirino, Netherlands Antilles

10:30 – 10:45  **Coffee break**

10:45 – 12:00  **Continuing session and discussion**

12:00 - 14:30  **Lunch**

14:30 – 16:00  **Action plan for the Caribbean Rim Investment Initiatives**
Chairperson: Ms. Patricia Francis, President of Jamaican Promotion Agency and President of the World Investment Promotion Agencies Association.

Panel Discussion

16:00 – 16:45  **Concluding remarks**

*Ms. Sally Shelton Colby, Deputy Secretary General*  
*Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*

*Mrs. Susanne Camelia-Römer, Deputy Prime Minister of the Netherlands Antilles and Minister of National Recovery and Economic Affairs*

16:45  **Press Conference**