JOINT OECD/IBD SEMINAR ON LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN AID EVALUATION
Quito, Ecuador, 9th-13th November 1993

Development specialists from OECD Member countries and 26 Latin American and Caribbean nations are to meet in Quito, Ecuador, from 9th to 13th November to review progress made in the region in economic programme and project evaluation.

The first such gathering in Latin America, the Quito conference follows similar seminars in Asia and Africa. It is jointly sponsored by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD. Around 100 specialists, most of them from Latin America and the Caribbean, will attend. A major feature of the seminar will be the action-oriented presentations by Latin American and Caribbean delegates, on current and future directions in evaluation.

The seminar will provide an opportunity to share practical evidence that evaluation of development projects and programmes, and feedback of findings into the aid design and management process, can help in moving development forward. The meeting will also promote a fuller understanding of the operation and status of the evaluation function.

Successive sessions and working groups of the seminar will discuss the importance of evaluation as a management tool; clarify how best to adapt and use it in modernising the public sector; ascertain the current status and future directions of evaluation in countries in the Latin American and Caribbean area; and identify the scope for action in specific areas and needs for external support.

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