



CENTRE FOR CO-OPERATION WITH NON-MEMBERS
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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. Gÿs 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**