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CARICOM Member States

Advance Implementation report of the 2016-2019 Plan of Action

Presentation

The IIN continued to implement activities to strengthen relations with the CARICOM member states on the basis of its 2015 – 2019 Action Plan. In the present biennium the main objective is to define a road map, in collaboration with the CARICOM states, to lead up to the 92nd Regular Meeting of the Directing Council to be held in the second semester of 2017 in accordance to the agreement of the Directing Council Members following up the venue offer carried out by the State, at which time activities would be evaluated, validated and/or re-oriented according to results and the needs of the member states of the sub-region.

From mid 2013 the IIN has had the services of an English speaking staff member to contribute to drafting the IIN's official documentation in English. This staff member is permanently available to liaise with the CARICOM states, among others. From August 2016 Dr. Glenford Howe, of the Open Campus of the University of the West Indies (Cave Hill Campus) has been offering his services, ad honorem as associate editor to identify technical papers or research on the themes of the IIN Plan of Action, mainly to contribute to the re-launched IIN Bulletin "IINfancia".

As an integral part of its Plan, the IIN has continued to strengthen links with different local, regional or international strategic partners, based on contacts initiated in 2015, including:

- a. The CARICOM Secretariat;
- b. The Secretariat of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS);
- c. The Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations on Violence Against Children (UNSR-VAC);
- d. The UNICEF Office for the Eastern Caribbean based in Barbados;
- e. The Authorities in Barbados responsible for policies on children and adolescents, including the Principal Delegate of Barbados to the IIN and the responsible Ministry, the Ministry of Social Care, Constituency Empowerment and Community Development.

This coordination involved frequent contact and an occasional mission.

The major coordination activities with the CARICOM states included:

1. **Permanent updating of information relating to delegations, contacts and focal points in the 14 CARICOM-OAS States (*Antigua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vicente and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago*).**

The focal points are essential to exchange ideas, receive and update information, as well as program activities. These contacts are particularly important to keep the States informed of activities underway, carry out surveys on the situation of children and adolescents in the member states, and to confirm the participation of the states in the statutory meetings of the Directing Council.

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On May 19, 2016, the IIN received the visit of the Assistant Secretary General of the OAS Ambassador Nestor Mendez, who was particularly interested in the IIN's outreach to the CARICOM member states.

2. Training

With its installed capacity, the IIN now offers 3 on-line courses in English:

- a. Introduction to Child Rights—first semester of 2016
- b. Child protection in situations of Disaster—second semester of 2016
- c. International Abduction of children, implemented jointly with the legal area of the IIN—first semester of 2017

3. Consultations and Planning of Horizontal Cooperation (South South Cooperation)

1. There have been consultations on collaboration with the States which during the drafting of the 2015-2019 Plan of Action indicated their interest in this topic and the possibility of offering cooperation not currently covered by international technical assistance. Priority areas included psycho social assistance to children and adolescents above the age of fourteen, following a disaster.

4. Dissemination of Information

- a. There has been a concerted effort to reinforce the presence of the Caribbean in the IIN's Website and in its institutional Bulletin. For the data bank of Good Practices in Caribbean States, in the area of Elimination of Violence against Children and Adults— the experience of Saint Lucia in the Programme "Breaking the Silence" has been included, and planning is underway to support dissemination of the experience of Trinidad and Tobago in Child and Adolescent Participation later in 2016. The CARICOM region was featured in the launch of the Bulletin "IINfancia", in two articles by three distinguished academics from the region.
- b. Planning is in course for a series of three interviews with personalities from the Caribbean, to be published on the IIN's Website. The first interview is planned on the experience of drafting CARICOM's new Education Plan.
- c. Contacts have been made with UNICEF on possibilities for production of material I ncreole on the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) for the benefit of Haiti.

5. Design and presentation of a Project for financing.

Consultations will be made with the CARICOM-OAS states to define the subject matter and scope of this Project.

Draft Chronogram attached

Draft Chronogram of activities 2016 and 2017

| Work Area | Program / Project | Activity | Dates |
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| Coordination and Related Tasks | Relevant to all programs of the IIN | 1. Circular to the States to update Focal points and delegates to the IIN. | Ongoing activity |
| | | 2. Information to CARICOM States on IIN activities programmed in the framework of the 2015-2019 Action Plan | Ongoing activity |
| | | 3. Preparations for the 92 meeting of the IIN Directing Council in Barbados in 2017 | Periodic contact with authorities of the Government of Barbados and strategic partners. Coordination mission to be determined. |
| Training | Inter-American Training Program a. Promoción y Protección de NNA. b. Protección de los derechos de NNA en situaciones de desastre c. Sustracción Internacional | For each course: --Preparation of: academic platform and tutor. --Call for applications --Implementation --Award of certificates and ; information to states --Evaluation | 2016 Cycle of courses: First semester: May 2016-Course Introduction to Child Rights-7 weeks Second semester August 2016-Child and Adolescent Protection Management in cases of natural disaster-7 weeks International Abduction of children - preparation for - 2017. |



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| Horizontal (South-South) Cooperation | Pilot Project | Coordination with 2 participating states participantes: date, venue, participants, speakers. Systematization of experience. Dissemination of information all States and strategic partners. | Planning second semester 2016 Implementation 2017 |
| Information Dissemination through Bulletin "Infancia" | Institutional Bulletin of the IIN "IINfancia" | 1. 4 articles in 2016 2. Appointment "ad honorem" associate academic editor, based UWI Open University, Barbados to collaborate with identification of technical articles. | June, September, December |

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