

CARIBBEAN FORUM on POPULATION, YOUTH and DEVELOPMENT

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Broad Participation and Engagement

- 13 Caribbean countries



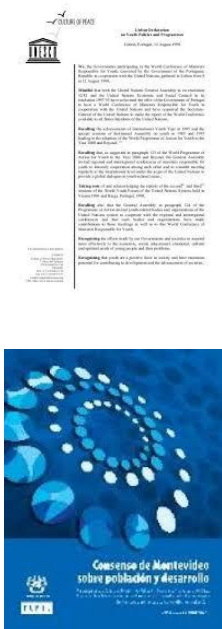
- 17 Youth-led organisations
- 120 delegates
- Inter-agency partnership involving ECLAC, CARICOM Secretariat, UNFPA, CDB, The Commonwealth
- Supported by the governments of Guyana and Suriname

Broad Participation and Engagement



The Caribbean Forum on Youth, Population and Development

- Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Lisbon Declaration on Youth Policies and Programmes
- Provided opportunity for the First 5-year review of the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development in the Caribbean
- Promoted a common vision and shared commitment to enhancing the welfare and wellbeing of the people of the Caribbean, with a **youth** lens and through an **intergenerational** dialogue



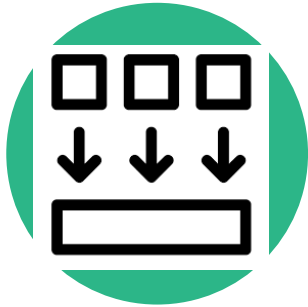
“Nothing about us, without us”



Caribbean Youth Dialogues in preparation for the Forum

- Preparatory Webex meetings
- Participation of more than Caribbean 60 youth leaders and
- Several thematic areas addressed:
 - ❖ **Youth contribution** to the Caribbean Forum and the Review of Montevideo and mobilising Youth to Advance the 2030 Agenda;
 - ❖ **Review of National Youth Policies** and related frameworks, including the implementation of the SDGs, by youth leaders;
 - ❖ **Preparation of recommendations** for consideration for inclusion in the outcome document of the Caribbean Forum.

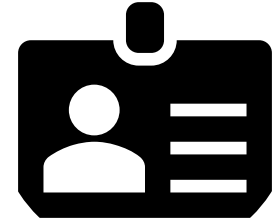
Broad Issues addressed at the Caribbean Forum



**Youth frameworks
and opportunities
for synergies and
improved
coordination**



**Promoting Youth
engagement in
Implementation of
the Montevideo
Consensus
and in
advancing the SDGs**



**youth employment
opportunities,
entrepreneurship and
emerging sectors, in the
blue, green and creative
economies**

Highlights of regional progress and challenges on population, youth and development issues

Progress



Towards achieving universal access to sexual and reproductive health services

Decline in teenage pregnancies

Decline in AIDS-related deaths

Advancement of women in politics (but still far from achieving gender parity)

Development of policies for older persons

Development of diaspora policies

Stronger institutional response to indigenous peoples in certain countries

Challenges



Capacity Constraints of SIDS

Youth disproportionately impacted by poverty, violence, unemployment, unintended pregnancies and GIV

Gender stereotypes and discriminatory practices

Discriminatory practices against LGBTI persons

Demographic transition process and the impact of the future of work and composition of societies

Lack of policies on refugee and asylum seekers

Obstacles faced by indigenous peoples to access education, health and other basic rights

Thematic Panels of the Caribbean Forum

Access to
education and
training

Youth Political
and civic
participation

Intergenerational
relations

Access to Sexual
and reproductive
health

Gender equality

Migration,
Diaspora and
Development

Highlights of Meeting Outcome

- 41 recommendations on population and youth issues
- 25 Recommendations to further implementation of the Montevideo Consensus, in particular:
 - ✓ Building capacity for the production of disaggregated statistics;
 - ✓ Encouraging consideration of legislation to prohibit corporal punishment against children ;
 - ✓ Addressing the situation of children of undocumented migrants and indigenous peoples; their access to education, health and other social services;
 - ✓ Addressing territorial inequalities through policies for enhancing mobility, resilient human settlements and for promoting adaptation to the impact of climate change and disasters.

Highlights of Meeting Outcome

- **16 recommendations focusing on youth, including:**
 - ✓ **Development of a comprehensive youth-friendly mechanisms;**
 - ✓ **Promoting youth mainstreaming with monitoring ;**
 - ✓ **Exploring measures to promote mutual trust and respect-based relationships between young and older persons;**
 - ✓ **Creating youth-friendly communication to foster their engagement in the ICPD and SDG processes.**

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Thank you!

