

19TH MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT

Paramaribo, Republic of Suriname, 23rd and 24th April 2010

DRAFT PROGRAMME and ANNOTATED AGENDA

FIRST DAY (Friday 23rd May 2010)

14:00-14:30	Registration
	FIRST PLENARY
14:30-14:45	<p>I. OPENING CEREMONY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by the Representative of the Host Country/Chair of the Special Committee for Transport (Suriname) <p>The High Representative of the Republic of Suriname in that country's capacity as Chair of the ACS Special Committee for Transport will welcome delegations to Suriname and to the proceedings and give an overview of that country's vision <i>vis a vis</i> the implementation of the ACS policy of Uniting the Caribbean by Air and Sea.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The High Representative will call to order the 19th Meeting of the ACS Special Committee for Transport. • The Secretary-General of ACS will make a presentation elaborating on the objectives of ACS, the establishment of the tourism and the need for adequate transport services in the region.
	<p>II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair of the Special Committee will call upon Delegations to approve the Agenda and any procedural matters for the coming deliberations.
15:00-15:10	<p>III. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR TRANSPORT AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Director for Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction of the Association of Caribbean States (DTDRR) will present a Report regarding the Directorate's activities pursuant to mandates of the Special Committee as well as observations on the opportunities, obstacles and a proposed way forward for the fulfilment of Members' expectations for the ACS.
15:10-15:30	<p>IV. SELECTION OF OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUPS (AIR TRANSPORT GROUP/MARITIME TRANSPORT GROUP) AND OF THE COORDINATORS OF THE WORKING GROUPS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair of the Special Committee will call for a show of hands to determine the composition of the Working Groups.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair of the Special Committee will call for the appointment of the Coordinators of the Working Groups who shall conduct those proceedings and report back to the 2nd Plenary.
15:30-15:40	BREAK: The Chair of the Special Committee will indicate to the Working Groups the venues for their deliberations and call upon the Coordinators to commence their deliberations promptly.
Maritime Transport Group <u>23-10-2010</u> PM	
15:40-15:50	I. PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIR/HOST COUNTRY. The Delegation of Suriname will start the deliberations on the ACS Maritime Agenda with a presentation on its own experiences and lessons learnt in the area of maritime transport.
15:50-16:20	II. MARITIMES ROUTES IN THE GREATER CARIBBEAN. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on Phase II of the Project: "Map of Maritime Routes of the Greater Caribbean" . Presentation on the Draft Project: <i>Feasibility study on business opportunities for short-distance passenger transport and between cruise and air routes between Central America, the Greater Caribbean and vice-versa</i> Based upon the presentations and the Report of the DTDRR at the First Plenary, the MTG will deliberate on the perspectives for the implementation of Phase II of the Project: "Map of Maritime Routes of the Greater Caribbean" already approved by its 18 th Meeting. The MTG will also consider the Draft Project on the Feasibility Study.
16:20-16:50	III. PORT AND MARITIME DATABASE OF THE GREATER CARIBBEAN. On the basis of the Report of the DTDRR at the First Plenary, the MTG will consider the perspectives of this ACS product.
Air Transport Group <u>23-10-2010</u> PM	
15:40-15:50	I. PRESENTATION BY THE CHAIR/HOST COUNTRY. The Delegation of Suriname will start the deliberations on the ACS Air Agenda with a presentation on its own experiences and lessons learnt in the area of air transport.
15:50-16:20	II. ACS AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. Based upon the Report of the DTDRR at the First Plenary, the ATG will deliberate on the perspectives for the role of this important ACS Success in uniting the Caribbean by air. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction by the DTDRR Presentation by the Representative of CARICOM on the status of that organisation's Air Transport Agreement.
16:20-17:20	III. AIR ROUTE CHART AND CONNECTIVITY ANALYSIS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by the Republic of Suriname On the basis of Suriname's presentation and the Report of the DTDRR to the First Plenary, the ATG will deliberate on

			the perspectives of this long-standing ACS aspiration.
16:50-17:20	<p>IV. CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR TRANSPORT AND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF CRUISE SHIP TOURISM IN THE GREATER CARIBBEAN.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by the DTDRR. • Presentation by the Director for Sustainable Tourism of the Association of Caribbean States. <p>The MTG will consider the presentation of the ACS Director for Sustainable Tourism and provide guidance for the future cooperation between the Directorates for Transport and Sustainable Tourism.</p>	17:20-17:50	<p>IV. BASES FOR CREATING A COMMERCIAL CO-OPERATION ALLIANCE AMONG THE AIRLINES OF ACS COUNTRIES.</p> <p>On the basis of the Report of the DTDRR to the First Plenary, the ATG will deliberate on the perspectives of this long-standing ACS activity.</p>
17:20-17:50	<p>V. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CARIBBEAN SHIPPING ASSOCIATION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by the DTDRR • Presentation by the Caribbean Shipping Association <p>Based upon the presentations and the Report of the DTDRR at the First Plenary, the MTG will debate on the merits of fomenting this crucial relationship and provide guidance to the DTDRR on the way forward.</p>		

SECOND DAY (Saturday, 24th May 2010)

Maritime Transport Group <u>24-05-2010</u> AM		Air Transport Group <u>24-05-2010</u> AM	
10:00-11:00	<p>V. CONSIDERATION OF THE PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN THE AREA OF MARITIME TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Based upon the Report of the DTDRR and the debates throughout the proceedings, the MTG will decide on the merits of the current portfolio of projects and activities with a view to making concrete proposals for final approval at the Second Plenary.</p> <p>The MTG will consider its Draft Report to the Second Plenary.</p>	10:00-11:00	<p>IV. CONSIDERATION OF THE PORTFOLIO OF PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN THE AREA OF AIR TRANSPORT.</p> <p>Based upon the Report of the DTDRR and the debates throughout the proceedings, the ATG will decide on the merits of the current portfolio of projects and activities with a view to making concrete proposals for final approval at the Second Plenary.</p> <p>The MTG will consider its Draft Report to the Second Plenary.</p>
SECOND PLENARY			
14:00-15:00	<p>I. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE WORKING GROUPS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Plenary will receive the Report of the Coordinator of the Maritime Transport Group and consider/approve recommendations therein. • The Plenary will receive the Report of the Coordinator of the Air Transport Group and consider/approve recommendations therein. 		
15:00-17:00	<p>II. REVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR TRANSPORT</p> <p>Under this agenda item the Committee is expected to review its achievements and effectiveness of its role in developing mechanisms to support the achievement of the objectives of the ACs, in particular the establishment of the tourism zone. The Committee should also consider ways how to ensure greater participation of technical specialists in its activities.</p>		

17:00-18:00	<p>III. CONCLUSIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE 19TH MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR TRANSPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES.</p> <p>In addition to the decisions taken in light of Point I. of the Agenda of the Second Plenary, the Special Committee will provide guidance and instructions to the Secretariat on ways and means to achieve the overall objectives of the policy of <i>"Uniting the Caribbean by Air and Sea"</i>.</p>
18:00-18:30	<p>IV. DATE AND VENUE OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR TRANSPORT.</p> <p>The Meeting will determine the date and venue of its 20th Meeting, keeping in mind Ministerial Agreement 13/10.</p>
18:30-18:45	<p>V. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.</p> <p>The Chair of the Special Committee will open the floor to the Meeting regarding any other matters not already covered under the present Annotated Agenda.</p>