Teachers for the future:
Meeting teacher shortages to achieve Education for All

National steering Group, Trinidad and Tobago
Third Session, Port of Spain, 8th March 2005

Summary Notes and Decisions

Opening
1. Dr. Lochan chaired the third meeting of the National Steering Group. Assisted by the other members of the Teacher Professional Development Unit the theme of the meeting was to determine the status of the various research assignments.

2. Dr. Lochan began by reiterating the purpose for having the meeting, which was the concern by Mr. Furlonge that due to the differences in the various pieces of work the assignment may lead to individuals going off on a tangent. It is important to develop a common framework and contextualize the information.

3. Zita Wright, who was appointed the point person for the second grouping, reported that she had met with planning division who was in the process of collating data for her. Also through her interaction with DERE she was able to acquire a copy of the Teacher Migration study, however she was able to connect with HR and Labor.

4. Ms. Andrea Salandy suggested the use of national tests results to aid in the development of curriculum to address the issue of intervention and the principal’s being unable to manage the assessment process.

5. Ms. Zita Wright was charged with dropping off a copy of the ILO report development guide for Mr. Roger Beckles who was nominated as the Planning Divisions’ representative.

6. Responsibility for the various parts of the report was clearly outlined. TPDU and DSS were charged with acquiring information of teacher education. DERE was assigned professional development. HR will be doing recruitment and induction. TTUTA would be responsible in remuneration/incentives and teaching and learning conditions were assigned to HR, SS and curriculum. Reintegration of teachers was given to HR; social dialogue was given to CEO, Labour, HR and Planning. Information sharing and consultation was given to ECCE and Planning Division as well as CEO. It was noted the CEO should be written informing her of her responsibilities in addressing the consultation issue.
7. The group was reminded that the deadline for submission of the final document is 30\textsuperscript{th} of June 2005. A decision was made to hire a consultant at a cost of $2500US and Dr Rampaul and Lynnette Simmons were both nominated as potential candidates. As a result a vote was taken to write to Mr. Gamerdinger requesting that funds be allotted by the ILO in the amount of 5000US dollars to employ a consultant by May 3\textsuperscript{rd} 2005.

8. Finally the group was informed that once preparations were made for the consultant and one was secured they would be informed in writing along with the deadlines for submissions of all completed research assignments which from then on would be submitted on a rolling basis as completed by the various group members.