

## CHAPTER 1

### PARTICIPATION AND STRUCTURE OF THE SYMPOSIUM

#### Participation

Invitations to participate in the Symposium were extended to the governments of the Commonwealth Caribbean, Mr. Thomas Sandiford of the Caribbean Assembly of Youth (President, World Assembly of Youth), and - as Observers - CARICOM, The Caribbean Development Bank, ECLA and ILO/PREALC.

A member of each of these regional organisations attended the Symposium; and the countries represented constituted a very good sampling of the political and economic spectrum of the Commonwealth Caribbean.

As a team, and individually, the lead speakers were eminently qualified and particularly well suited for the regional and dynamic perspective envisaged for the Symposium. For example, in the group were: Mr. Alister McIntyre, CARICOM Secretary General; Mr. W.G. Demas (formerly CARICOM Secretary General), President, Caribbean Development Bank; and Dr. K.S. Julien, Professor of Electrical Engineering, U.W.I., formerly (for 10 years) Dean Faculty of Engineering, U.W.I., vice-Chairman Industrial Development Corporation (Trinidad and Tobago), Chairman Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission, Chairman National Council for Technology and Development (Trinidad and Tobago).

The complete team of lead speakers is listed in Appendix III, and their papers are reproduced in Appendix I.

#### Structure

The Symposium was conducted in three phases: the first consisting of the lead presentations and discussions thereon, the second, panel discussions on major topics identified in Phase I; and the third constituting the concluding section of the deliberations.

A review of Phase I, led by Dr. Keith Griffin, provided the basis for the discussions of Phase II. In the latter, a summary was made of each panel discussion and at the end of those discussions a review brought Phase II to a close and started Phase III.