

5.0 CONDUCT OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The assignment commenced on July 26th with a visit to Barbados where discussions were held with CDERA Officials and other personnel from the selected organisations and agencies.

The other countries visited include Jamaica, Trinidad and St. Lucia.¹ Personnel in Antigua were interviewed at various times during the month of August and September.

The main reason for the wide gaps in the schedule of visits was that the consultant was not assigned to this study on a full time basis. As a result, problems were encountered in the setting up of interviews ahead of the visits.

As an introduction to the interviews the consultant gave a brief synopsis of the assignment and its objectives. The person being interviewed was then left to discuss information they felt was relevant to the exercise. However, a number of key questions were prepared and posed by the consultant so as to provide direction to the discussions. In the case of the telephone companies a comprehensive list of questions were prepared and presented.²

Because of time constraints, it was not possible to interview a number of key persons. Letters were sent soliciting their assistance by way of information which they deemed relevant to the exercise. In this regard, it was not possible to speak to a technical representative from the Cable & Wireless Regional Office in Barbados. A questionnaire was subsequently prepared and sent to the office.

¹See Exhibit I for travel itinerary

²See Exhibit III