

Organization of American States: Topic A Primary Sources

The Creation of Sustainable Tourism Program in the Caribbean

Here are the primary sources that your moderator or legal chair thought would be helpful in gaining an understanding of the topic. These are by no means all of the sources available, just sources we wanted to highlight.

Source #1: The Charter of the Organization of American States

Delegates must understand the goals, structures and powers of the OAS in order to create sustainable tourism programs in the Caribbean. As the charter states in Article 1, the purpose of the OAS is to, "...promote their [the American states] solidarity, to strengthen their collaboration...". In Article 3 the charter continues by saying that, "social justice and social security are bases of lasting peace; economic cooperation is essential to the common welfare and prosperity of peoples of the continent;". Sustainable tourism programs are certainly within the purview of the OAS and align with its mission.

http://www.oas.org/en/sla/dil/docs/inter_american_treaties_A-41_charter_OAS.pdf

Source #2: Inter-American Committee on Culture (CIC)

This CIC is a forum for government officials involved in culture promotion and preservation, and tourism to share technical assistance and policy advice. The CIC helps implement orders that develop from the Ministerial Meetings on Culture. All CIC meetings are open to representatives of all member states. This page also contains links to documents from these meetings.

http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/desd/ct/c_comission.asp

Source #3: Small Island Developing States Conference

The Small Island Developing States Conference is an association of island nations that produce reports, recommendations, and formulate policies for small islands facing ocean pollution and rising seas. Each year a conference is held that gathers islands from the Pacific, Indian, Atlantic and Caribbean. A key platform of the group is to establish more sustainable and resilient societies.

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2018/GlobalSIDSPartnershipDialogue>

Source #4: UNEP: The Caribbean Environment Programme

This is a link to the homepage of the United Nations Environmental Programme's Caribbean Programme webpage. Here you can find ore informaiton on what the organization is doing to promote sustainable development in the Caribbean, reduce air, soil and water pollution, and enhance biodiversity throughout the region. The organization also serves to calculate and report relevant information on pollution, such as their map keeping track of plastic bag bans in the Caribbean.

<http://www.cep.unep.org/>

Source #5: Governance in the Caribbean Sea

This is a project that resulted from a collaboration between the United Nations and the Nippon Foundation. It details the issues facing the Caribbean Sea, the current governance regimes in place, and contains plenty of maps to illustrate shipping lanes, territorial claims, and major environmental areas of interest. Additionally, it contains a definition for ocean governance on page 12 that might be useful for this committee.

http://www.un.org/depts/los/nippon/unnnff_programme_home/fellows_pages/fellows_papers/singh_0809_guyana_ppt.pdf