



AGENCY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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**Report on the 2016 Internship Programme earmarked for Caribbean Member States
implemented with the financial support of the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

The Programme

On 26 November 2015, within the framework of the XXIV Session of the General Conference of OPANAL (Mexico City), the Netherlands and OPANAL signed a Document of Cooperation (attached) for implementation of this project in 2016. This cooperation is part of OPANAL's activities in the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation education as prescribed by the United Nations. The cooperation consists in the participation of the Netherlands in the internship programme organized by OPANAL.

On 27 November 2015, the Agency received a wire transfer of USD 11,978.00 (after discount of bank commission), emanating from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands.

The purpose of an internship at OPANAL Secretariat is to increase the participation of the Caribbean Member States in the activities of the Agency. Moreover, the Programme provides graduate and postgraduate students of international relations, international law and political sciences with on-the-job training opportunities. Internships are granted on a limited scale and the participants receive guidance and support from the Secretariat officers with respect to the duties to be performed, including:

- Assist in meeting preparations;
- Assist in the elaboration of proposals in accordance with the Agency's programmes;
- Assist in the translation of documents (particularly English↔Spanish; knowledge of Portuguese and French is an asset);
- Assist in the organization of archives and documentation; and
- Other duties as requested by the Secretary-General.

This internship programme is open to all CARICOM Member States that are Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco

Participants in 2016

On 8 February 2016, the Secretariat of the Agency welcomed Ms Tamara E. Taylor as an intern for a five-month period covering from 8 February to 8 July 2016. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Jamaica presented her nomination on 13 January 2016.

For the period covering from 11 July to 9 December 2016, the Secretariat of the Agency welcomed Ms Tabitha Barnwell, nominated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana on 4 March 2016.

Balance of Expenditure

As agreed through the aforementioned Document of Cooperation, interns received a round-trip airfare to Mexico City, and a monthly allowance of USD 1,000.00 for accommodation and living costs.

2016

	<u>First semester</u>	<u>Second semester</u>
	Ms Taylor (Jamaica)	Ms Barnwell (Guyana)
Round-trip airfare	USD 1,094.68	USD 1,306.72
Monthly allowance of USD 1,000.00	Feb. March. Apr. May. June USD 5,000.00	July. Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. USD 5,000.00
	USD 6,094.68	USD 6,306.72
	Total	USD 12,401.40
	Grant funds	11,978.00
	Overrun	423.40¹

Assessment of the Programme

“Jamaica’s participation in the internship programme reflects the mutually supportive relationship between Jamaica and OPANAL in advancing their common goal i.e. general and complete disarmament, in pursuit of regional and international peace and security”.

“The Government of Jamaica is pleased to note that Ms. Taylor made a valuable contribution to the work of OPANAL and is grateful to the Agency, and also to the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, for affording her this opportunity. The Government of Jamaica is confident Ms Taylor’s experience at the Agency will redound to the benefit of Jamaica’s work on the disarmament agenda.”

Jamaica Foreign Service

“My time spent in Mexico can be deemed as a truly challenging but yet rewarding experience. I am appreciative of the knowledge acquired at OPANAL, the lessons learnt and the friendships formed with both the Staff of the Secretariat and other Member States. I can personally attest to the fact that had I not left Guyana some of the challenges experienced in Mexico would never have molded my character and personality. Thank you for selecting me to be a participant of the Internship Programme. As you prepare for the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, it is my hope that both the events planned will be successful and well attended, especially by the Caribbean Member States. I will try my best upon my return home to advocate for Guyana’s participation at the Ministerial level.”

Ms Tabitha Barnwell (Guyana)

¹ Overrun covered by the Agency.

DATE	PROGRAMME FUND (USD)	EXPENSES (USD)	DESCRIPTION OF EXPENSES	PAYMENT FORM + OBSERVATIONS	RECEIPT NUMBER
27/11/2015	\$11,978.00		Funds deposited by the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the 2016 OPANAL Internship Programme earmarked for Caribbean States that are Parties to the Treaty of Tlatelolco (USD\$12,000.00 - USD \$ 22.00 bank commission)	Deposit received in the Agency's Bank account with HSBC	905745152081
03/02/2016		\$1,094.68	Flight ticket for Intern 1 (Kingston - Mexico City)	Ticket purchased with travel agency "Operadora de Viajes Jassis"	1392193692597
08/02/2016		\$1,000.00	Monthly allowance for intern 1	SCOTIABANK CHQ.	NO. 79
03/03/2016		\$1,000.00	Monthly allowance for intern 1	SCOTIABANK CHQ.	NO. 80
06/04/2016		\$1,000.00	Monthly allowance for intern 1	SCOTIABANK CHQ.	NO. 82
28/04/2016		\$1,306.72	Flight ticket for Intern 2 (Georgetown - Mexico City)	Ticket purchased with travel agency "Operadora de Viajes Jassis"	1691713924258
04/05/2016		\$1,000.00	Monthly allowance for intern 1	SCOTIABANK CHQ.	NO. 83
07/06/2016		\$1,000.00	Monthly allowance for intern 1	SCOTIABANK CHQ.	NO. 90
14/07/2016		\$1,000.00	Monthly allowance for intern 2	HSBC CHQ	NO. 333
22/08/2016		\$1,000.00	Monthly allowance for intern 2	SCOTIABANK CHQ.	NO. 91
30/09/2016		\$1,000.00	Monthly allowance for intern 2	SCOTIABANK CHQ.	NO. 92
21/10/2016		\$1,000.00	Monthly allowance for intern 2	SCOTIABANK CHQ.	NO. 93
25/11/2016		\$1,000.00	Monthly allowance for intern 2	SCOTIABANK CHQ.	NO. 94
TOTAL	\$11,978.00	\$12,401.40			
BALANCE DIFFERENCE \$423.40 Costs absorbed by the Agency					