

**ABSTRACT**

Development of a Planning Information Service for  
Guyana : Using The PIOJ as a Model

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This research paper examines the feasibility of establishing a Planning Information Service for Guyana, using the Jamaican system as a model. In doing so, it discusses the possibility of developing a network of all the information units in government agencies in order to get maximum use of the resources available. It further suggests that the activities of this grouping be coordinated by the unit at SPS, which has been identified as the major resource centre because of its position within the Planning Secretariat.

For this research a survey of the literature on the topic was conducted. The questionnaire method of investigation was used to collect data. This was supplemented by discussions with decision-makers, planners and senior librarians. Data from these approaches were then analysed and interpreted.

The findings of this research indicate that the information services were generally unsatisfactory. This was recognised by planners and decision-makers, who have made suggestions for better service. These ideas were

used to help plan the proposed service, which is presented in this research paper.