

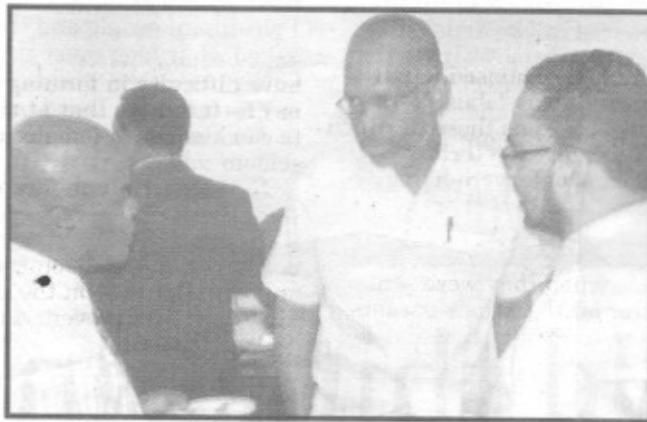
# Committee examines emergency protocols

A STEERING COMMITTEE has been convened to examine whether state of emergency protocols could be applied to the Caribbean.

The Caribbean Emergency Legislation Project will involve all the CARIFORUM states. It was launched yesterday at the Accra Beach Hotel & Resort. •

The first phase of the project, engaging the member states to build legislative capacity, will last until the end of the year.

"This project is being funded by the World Bank and implemented by the Organisation of American States (OAS). The aim is to help CARIFORUM in strengthening their legal and institutional frameworks for responding to disaster situations," said director of the Department



**FROM LEFT: Coordinator of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency, Jeremy Collymore; director of the Department of Sustainable Development of the Organisation of American States, Cletus Springer; and the permanent secretary in St Lucia's Ministry of Finance, Isaac Anthony, deep in conversation. (CA)**

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He said many international financial donors expected a state of emergency protocol

to be declared before they offered aid, but the committee's job was now to weigh that expectation against the cultural and political balances of the region. (CA)