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CARIBBEAN EXPORT DIGEST

2ND MEETING CARIFORUM/DOMS/OCTS TASK FORCE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT

The Second Meeting of the CARIFORUM/DOMS/OCTs Task Force on Trade and Investment, organised by the Caribbean **Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)**, will be on July 28, 2008 at the Accra Beach Hotel and Resort, Barbados. The CARIFORUM/DOMS/OCTs Task Force on Trade and Investment was formed to promote

regional cooperation between its members that would facilitate and lead to the gradual integration of these countries/territories into the regional and world economies.

The proposed specific objectives of the Task Force are:

- To increase policy dialogue regarding cooperation in trade and investment to increase the informal exchange of information related to the EPA negotiations;
- To increase the availability of business information about the CARIFORUM/DOMs/OCTs;
- To increase capability for undertaking business facilitation activities through the establishment of a network of Business Support Organisations of the CARIFORUM/DOMs/OCTs;
- To identify investment opportunities between the CARIFORUM/DOMs/OCTs.

For further information on the Meeting contact: Wendy Graham at E-mail: wgraham@carib-export.com, Tel: (246) 436-0578, Fax: (246) 436-9999.

CARIBBEAN EXPORT VACANCIES

The **Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)** is seeking highly competent, creative and dynamic professionals to fill positions for the implementation of Phase 2 of the 9th EDF Caribbean Trade and Private Sector Development Programme (CTPSDP) financed by the European Commission, for the following positions:

- Programme Manager (Location: HQ, Barbados)
- Senior IPA Advisor (Location: HQ, Barbados)
- Senior Services Advisor (Location: SRO, Dominican Republic)
- Senior Trade Policy Advisor (Location: HQ, Barbados)
- Senior Financial Advisor (Location: HQ, Barbados)
- Direct Assistance Grant Advisor (Location: HQ, Barbados)

The positions are currently being displayed on the Agency's website at www.carib-export.com. Letters of Application along with Curriculum Vitae should be sent no later than July 31st, 2008 and addressed to: Executive Director, **Caribbean Export Development Agency**, Hastings Main Road, Mutual Building, 1st Floor, Christ Church, BB15154, BARBADOS, Fax: (246) 436-9999, E-mail: application@carib-export.com

BIZCLIM PROJECT

The **Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)**, in partnership with the Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC), and the Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM), is currently engaged in a BIZCLIM sponsored project which seeks to identify the potential for new business development in CARIFORUM in terms of new export sales to and foreign direct investment from the EU countries within the framework of the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

There are four components to the project:

1. A study of constraints to EU-Caribbean business (COMPLETED)
2. A preliminary study tour to five (5) European countries (COMPLETED)
3. A visit to Europe by up to thirty (30) Caribbean business executives to develop export/investment opportunities (SEP 2008)
4. An EU/Caribbean Business Forum in the Caribbean (NOV 2008)

As a result of the completed desk study and fieldwork, the following service sectors were identified as sectors with

significant export potential for the region:

- Construction, engineering and architectural services
- Management consulting services
- ICT
- Cultural industries (including, film and books)
- Health & Wellness and Medical services

During the preliminary tour, which took place in April 2008 in five (5) EU countries (namely Spain, Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden and London), the identified sectors were discussed with the relevant stakeholders. The discussions resulted in interest from the UK and Spain respectively in:

- ICT
- Cultural Services

In this regard, we are inviting relevant organisations to participate in a training workshop scheduled to take place in Trinidad and Tobago on July 23-24, 2008. This workshop seeks to brief regional firms/organizations on the business opportunities in Europe and identify the firms and or individuals that are export-ready and are interested in doing business with European countries. The follow-up visit to Madrid, Brussels and London, under the BIZCLIM Project is scheduled to take place on September 15-19, 2008.

For further information on the workshop contact: Mario Romany, Trade Policy Officer, Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (C.A.I.C), Tel: 1 (868) 628- 98 59 - Ext 28, Fax: 1 (868) 622 7810, Email: marioromany@gmail.com or visit the website www.carib-export.com or Quentin Baldwin, Caribbean Export, E-mail: qbaldwin@carib-export.com.

CGCS PREPARATORY SEMINARS

A series of export development seminars targeted towards artisans, craft producers and prospective exhibitors to the 15th Caribbean Gift and Craft Show will be held in Barbados, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Saint Lucia and St. Kitts & Nevis, in early August. The seminars are a collaborative effort between the **Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)**, the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and Business Support Organisations (BSOs) in the respective countries. Ms Patty Johnson, Consultant with Trade Facilitation Office Canada will be conducting the seminars.

The objectives of the seminars are:

- To promote and encourage ideas for new product development for export
- To understand the process and variables of exporting and guidelines for costing and pricing
- To facilitate self-assessment of product and organization's export readiness
- To provide participants with information on latest trends and buying preferences in the North American market
- To provide advice and techniques on efficient trade show participation

According to Veona Maloney, CGCS Show Manager "Caribbean Export continues to work in partnerships with BSOs to foster and preserve artistic traditions, cultural vitality, improve livelihoods and to generate export sales for the handicraft and gift sectors. The seminars will enhance the product and market development skills of entrepreneurs in these sectors, and assist them to evaluate their export readiness and operational effectiveness of their businesses."

The 15th CGCS will take place at the Sherbourne Conference Centre in Barbados from October 2-5, 2008.

CONSULTANTS DATABASE

The **Caribbean Export Development Agency (Caribbean Export)** is developing a database of consultants from which individuals and organisations will be identified to provide consultancy services to the Agency and/or its clients. The information may also be shared with Business Support Organisations (BSO) in the region on request.

To be included in this database, organisations are requested to complete the Consultant Registration Form below and return to Cora Lowe at Fax; (246) 436-999, E-mail: clowe@carib-export.com

[Click Here to Download Consultants Registration Form](#)

CARICOM-DR BUSINESS FORUM

The CARICOM - Dominican Republic (DR) Business Forum was held in Saint Lucia on June 13, 2008. The meeting focussed on the status of the CARICOM/DR Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and implications vis a vis the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

Four working Committees were established to advance the work of the Forum in relation to agriculture, industrial issues, unresolved issues and services. The Committees are Chairpersons are as follows:

- Agriculture - Mr. Ricardo Koenig - Dominican Exporters Association and Mr. Alan Ramirez - Caribbean Export Development Agency
- Industrial Issues - Mr. Fernando Gonzalez - DR-Commonwealth Roundtable
- Unresolved Issues - Ms Carol Ayoun - Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce (CAIC)
- Services - Dr. Driver - South Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago and Ms Michelle Hustler-Small - Barbados Coalition of Services Industries

The next meeting will be held in Trinidad and Tobago in November.

CSME NEWS

CDF LAUNCHED

The CARICOM Development Fund (CDF) is to be launched at the Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) in Antigua and Barbuda 1-4 July 2008.

A decision was taken by the Heads of Government to frontload \$60M of the US\$250M Fund to coincide with the launch. The Fund is aimed at compensating disadvantaged Member States, regions and sectors for any dislocation that may occur as they move towards deeper integration. Provision for the CDF is found in Chapter Seven of the

Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas, which established the Caribbean Community including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy.

Member States would contribute \$120M of the Fund through a formula that would take into account size, per capita income and other minor indices. The Community would tap into its international development partners for contributions to the remainder of the Fund. This target is almost met, with contributions so far totalling \$44M. A deposit of \$8.4M was expected shortly.

The Fund, currently being held in an escrow account at the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), will promote business development, among other areas. Dr. Odle stressed that disadvantaged countries were the main targets of the Fund and that the economic integration process would determine the priority allocations from the sustainable Fund in the form of loans, grants and interest subsidy grants.

The Twenty-Ninth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) will be held at the Jolly Beach Resort, St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda from 2-4 July following the opening ceremony on the evening of 1 July at the Sandals Grande Hotel.

The following topic will be discussed at the Meeting:

- Tourism
- Food security
- The implementation of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME)
- External Trade Negotiations
- Crime and Security
- Preparations for the staging of the tenth Caribbean Festival of Arts (CARIFESTA)

This Twenty-Ninth Meeting of CARICOM Heads of Government Conference marks the 35th Anniversary of the establishment of the Caribbean Community, and the Leaders are expected to explore mechanisms for overcoming critical challenges in building the Community.

TRADE POLICY DEVELOPMENTS

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS FOCUS OF EU/CARIFORUM TALKS

The European Union (EU) and CARIFORUM states, under the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), have agreed to continue considering steps towards deeper integration in the field of intellectual property rights in their respective regions.

This will include measures to facilitate information flows, business partnerships, licensing and subcontracting. Particular attention is expected to be paid to the conditions necessary to create an adequate enabling environment for technology transfer in the host countries, including issues such as development of human capital and a legal framework.

The EU is expected to facilitate and promote the use of incentives granted to institutions and enterprises in their territories for the transfer of technology to institutions and enterprises of the CARIFORUM states, in order to enable the CARIFORUM countries to establish a viable technological base

MARKET NEWS

ITC LAUNCHES NEW BRAND

The International Trade Centre (ITC) renewed its commitment to trade development as the Agency launches its updated brand recently. According to Patricia R. Francis, ITC's Executive Director "Our new brand symbolizes our commitment as an organization to greater impact and sustainability in our export development work".

The new brand symbolizes greater impact and action towards an integrated and unified set of results. The brand has been developed through a series of internal and external consultations, with the support of internationally recognized brand and communications specialists. As well as representing the greater export impact and unity, the new ITC logo represents the bringing together of the eight Millennium Development Goals around a core of growth and change.

NEW TRADE STATISTICS DATABASE

The Organisation of American States (OAS) is collaborating with the Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery (CRNM) to support the development of a Caribbean regional trade statistics database. The database is expected to provide accurate and timely trade data which is vital for policymakers and business leaders considering that getting accurate and timely data are a challenge for policy planners in many Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries.

The database will also assist in providing access to the best information that can inform the negotiation of trade agreements and facilitate business deals and provide the requisite tools to optimise international trade opportunities.

Government authorities, policy experts, researchers and business leaders will be given access to the system.

JAMAICA TO RECEIVE IDB GRANT

The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) has approved a technical cooperation grant of US\$1.6 million that will assist the government of Jamaica in the implementation of its medium term action plan to improve performance management, monitoring and evaluation capacity of the public sector.

The funds will help improve efficiency and effectiveness in the utilisation of public resources by completing the process of adoption of modern financial and planning systems; and enhance accountability for the production of results. The Jamaica government will contribute the equivalent of US\$160,000 as counterpart funds.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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Interested in becoming a Licensee of an International Franchise in the Leadership, Management and Organisational Development Industry? Contact: Dr Lucien J Naarden, Master Licensee for the Caribbean, Leadership Management International Inc, TEXAS. E-mail: naamcons@sr.net, Website: www.lmi-inc.com

Assistance is requested for Business support, packaging and product development of a farine bar (similar to granola bar). The farine comes from cassava and local fruits are used for flavouring. For further details please contact: Kenrick Quashie, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tel: (784) 533-7986(mobile), (784) 458-9905 (home), (784) 457-6382 (work), E-mail: kquashie@gmail.com

MILK POWDER, food and personal care products are available. Contact: Mr. Natram Rampersaud, Desinco Trading Limited, GUYANA. Tel: 592-233-2188, E-mail: natram_rampersaud@yahoo.com

MILK is available. Contact: Tiago Malta, Depto de Exportação, ILPISA / VALEDOURADO, BRAZIL. Tel.: +55 82 2122-5570, Fax: +55 82 3338-1017, E-mail: tiago.malta@valedourado.com.br, Website: www.valedourado.com.br

CHILDREN'S READING BOOKS, toys, games, crayons, safety scissors, posters, DVDs, audio cassettes, colouring books, stuff toys, outdoor toys and any child related items are required. Contact I Karen Bacchus-Hinds, General Manager, or Mrs. Christine Lyken, New Era Business Enterprise, 162/163 Lamaha Street, North Cummingsburg, Georgetown, Guyana. Tel: 592-226-2355, 592-227-6681, E-mail: new-era@guyana.net.gy, newerabusiness@yahoo.com.

A FREELANCE ANALYST who can write occasional short articles for us on issues such as elections, trade, economy, violent crime, strikes / protests, energy etc in the Caribbean, is required. Interested persons should contact: Paul McGrath, Deputy Head, Latin America Division, Exclusive Analysis, 68 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9LJ, UNITED KINGDOM. Tel: +44 20 7868 2819, Fax: +44 20 7900 2341, E-mail: PMcGrath@exclusive-analysis.com, Website: www.exclusive-analysis.com

DISTRIBUTORS are required to distribute (long shelf life, no refrigeration needed, artisanal) GELATO base, "Materia Prima. Interested companies should contact: Enrico Bazzoni, Culinary Liaisons, 126 2nd Place, Brooklyn, New York 11231, USA. Tel: (718) 875-0547, E-mail: ebchef@aol.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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JULY

13-16 - CANTO'S 24TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE EXHIBITION & 17-18 - 2ND ANNUAL HUMAN RESOURCE TRAINING & BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE

The Conference and Expo will be held at the Atlantis, Paradise Island, Nassau Bahamas . For further details contact: Regenie Fraser, Secretary General CANTO, 67 Picton Street, Newtown - Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago - W.I., Tel: 1 868 622 7448/3770/4781, Mobile: 1 868 735 0440, Fax: 1 868 622 3751, E-mail: rfraser@canto.org, Website: www.canto.org

17 - NETWORKING EFFECTIVELY WORKSHOP

The third module in the Barbados Coalition of Service Industries (BCSI) Service Exporters Certificate of Excellence Programme (SECEP) is scheduled for July 17, 2008 at The Savannah Hotel, Hastings Christ Church, BARBADOS.

The module is entitled, Networking Effectively and reveals the secrets in building credibility as a service provider, developing a reputation within a specific foreign market and above all, finding customers.

For further information please contact the BCSI Secretariat at Tel: (246) 429-5357, Fax: (246) 429-5352 or Email: Lavine Small: lsmall@bcsi.org.bb

17-18 - NATIONAL INVESTMENT FORUM, MONTSERRAT

The main objective of the forum is to address the investment challenges and needs for economic recovery and transformation of Montserrat. For further details contact: Ellison Clarke, Montserrat Development Corporation, E-mail: eclarke@mds.ms.

24- BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE: OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

Parties interested in deploying renewable energy technologies in The Bahamas; Dominica; Grenada; St. Lucia; St. Kitts & Nevis; Guyana; Barbados; Jamaica; Antigua & Barbuda; Belize; St. Vincent and the Grenadines; Suriname; Trinidad and Tobago; Haiti; Montserrat are encouraged to attend. The Event aims to catalyze the development of renewable energy and biofuels and foster a discussion on trade and investment opportunities in the Caribbean. Business leaders and regional officials will discuss themes such as public-private sector partnerships, latest technology options and selecting the right solution along with information on attracting financing.

The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Cable Beach in Nassau, Bahamas. This event is a follow on event to the Organization of American States (OAS) Caribbean Regional Sustainable Energy Seminar taking place on July 23, 2008. For further information contact the FIU Energy Business Forum, Tel: (305) 348-0399, E-mail: energy@business.fiu.edu or visit the website at Website: <http://krcem.fiu.edu/DOS/index.htm>

JULY 31 - AUG 1 - ECONOMIST CONFERENCE IN DR

Economists are invited to participate in the Regional Financial Forum: Harmonizing financial regulations in Central America and the Dominican Republic, which will be held July 31st and August 1st in Casa de Campo, La Romana, Dominican Republic. The objective of this forum is to promote a dialogue regarding the opportunities and challenges that regulatory convergence presents for the financial sectors in Central America and the Dominican Republic. To confirm your participation at the forum please contact Maria Teresa Ramos at (212) 698 9748 or email americas_customerservice@economist.com and reference code FF-DL.

AUGUST

3-10 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BARBADOS ORGANISATIONS COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCE 2008

The conference will be held at the Sherbourne Conference Barbados and will provide opportunities for local manufacturers and service providers to showcase their product/services and promote their brands, with a vision of capturing export markets or growing existing ones. For further information contact: Donna Lyte, National Association of Barbados Organisations, C/o Innovative Business Solutions Inc, Tel: (246) 418-0864, E-mail: ibsol@caribsurf.com

22-31 CARIFESTA X: OUR CARIBBEAN, ONE PURPOSE, ONE CULTURE, OUR LIFE

The tenth edition of CARIFESTA will be staged from August 22-31 in Guyana. The programme of activities includes: the performing arts, exhibitions, concerts and folkloric explorations. For further details of the festival contact: CARIFESTA Secretariat, Ministry of Culture, Youth And Sport Annexe, Guyana, E-mail: info@carifesta.net, Tel: (592)-225-9840, (592)-225-9845, (592)-225-9626, Fax: (592)-226-0501

25-29- URISA'S 4TH CARIBBEAN GIS CONFERENCE.(EVOLUTION AND NEXT STEPS)

The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) is pleased to invite you to its fourth conference in Grand Cayman, focusing on the effective application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other information technologies within the Caribbean.

The objective of the Conference:

- To inform broad cross-section of Caribbean users about GIS technology and applications
- To share experiences regarding GIS implementation and management issues
- To establish new relationships with the vendor/consultant community
- To provide workshops and sessions that are application driven, and are relevant to the Caribbean community

of GIS users

- To foster a Caribbean GIS network
- To assess the state of readiness of national and regional Spatial Data Infrastructures

For further information contact: URISA, 1460 Renaissance Drive, Suite 305, Park Ridge, IL 60068, Tel: (847) 824-6300, Fax: (847) 824-6363 or visit the website:<http://www.urisa.org/conferences>

SEPTEMBER

3 - THE NEW BUSINESS PARADIGM" SEMINAR

The seminar is scheduled to take place at Grand Barbados Beach Resort and will address topics of interest including

- a) the traditional business environment revisited
- b) the concept of globalization
- c) free trade arrangements and dismantling of trade barriers
- d) visible impacts of globalization
- e) and opportunities/threats for small developing states, businesses and individuals

For further information contact: Audine Cyrus, CEP, Planning Consultant, HIPS Corporate and Special Occasion Planners, at Tel/Fax: (246) 437- 2710, E-mail: dncyrs@yahoo.com.

23-25 - 9TH ACS BUSINESS FORUM

The IX ACS Business Forum of the Greater Caribbean will take place at the Renaissance Convention Center, Aruba on September 23 -25. The ACS Business Forum is a yearly event that takes place in a different country of the Greater Caribbean with the main goal to strengthen the interregional trade relations. This is the first time such a unique opportunity for business will take place on our island. For further information on the conference contact: Lorraine de Souza (Director Chamber of Commerce) or Lauren Dix (Head Business Information & Support), Aruba Chamber of Commerce & Industry , Tel: 582-1566 ext 42, Fax: 588-3200, Email: businessinfo@arubachamber.com or visit the website at www.arubachamber.com/ <http://www.9acsbusinessforum-aruba.com>

OTHER EVENTS

JUNE 14 - SEPTEMBER 14 - EXPO ZARAGOZA, 2008

At Expo Zaragoza 2008, you will have 93 days to experience first hand the culture and gastronomy of more than 100 countries. The Expo includes 3,400 shows, unique architecture and an unforgettable party atmosphere every night with people from all over the world. For further information visit www.expozaragoza2008.es

SUMMER TRAINING COURSE: 15TH INTENSIVE SEMINAR ON THE EU, BRUGES, JULY 2008

The Development Office of the College of Europe is launching its "15th Intensive Seminar on the European Union" which takes place in Bruges during the month of July. The seminar offers a choice between three different programmes:

- . the Classic three-week programme : 30 June-18 July 2008
- . the Advanced two-week programme: 7-18 July 2008
- . the Compact one-week programme: 7-11 July 2008

For further information and to register online for the different programmes, please visit the Intensive Seminar website: <http://is2008.coleurope.eu> or contact: Eveline Buyck, Development Office, College of Europe, Dijver 11, 8000 Brugge - Belgium, Tel: (+32 (0)50 477 314/ É +32 (0)50 477 300, BE 0409 518 855, E-mail: ebuyck@coleurop.be

MATTECH 2008

Everyone involved in manufacturing is invited to experience the vast array of technologies and services available at

MATTECH. The Expo will be held from August 20-21, 2008, Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami Beach, Florida, USA. This International Material Handling, Manufacturing & Packaging Technology, Logistics and Supply Chain Expo will provide participants with the latest technology and productivity innovations. Register for free at <http://www.mattech.us> or contact Ian Howard at E-mail: contact@infointermat.com for further information.

EXPO ON TOURISM & TRAVEL

The Expo will create direct interaction between exhibitors and visitors and provides opportunities that will produce new commercial relations, establish contacts and generate business at an international level. The Expo will be held on Sept. 6 & 7, 2008 in New York City. For more information on space rental contact: Ana Russell, President, Expo Turismo International Corp. (ETIC), 405 East 152nd Street, Bronx, NY 10455, Tel. (347) 271-3136, Fax. (347) 271-3137, Mobile: (646) 407-0051, ana@expoturinter.net

SEPTEMBER 13-14 - THE FIRST ANNUAL CARIBBEAN ART CONFERENCE FOR PROFESSIONALS IN CARIBBEAN ART

The Theme of the conference is "Moving Towards A New Caribbean Art Market" and will focus on the best in scholarship, market analysis, and in-depth discussion of issues in Caribbean Art today. The conference will be held in New York. For further details on the conference visit the website: www.caribbeanartconference.com or e-mail: info@caribbeanartconference.com

SEPTEMBER 15-16 - WIPO-ICC INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND OTHER BUSINESS SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

The seminar will be held at the WIPO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland. The primary objective of this seminar is to provide practical knowledge to the participants on the role of Intellectual Property in a business and to discuss IP capacity building activities by business support institutions, especially chambers of commerce. The program is meant for private intermediary organizations interested in IP and innovation issues, chambers of commerce, trade institutions and other SME support institutions, owners and managers of SMEs, entrepreneurs, etc. There is no participation fee. The participant or his/her sponsor will have to fully finance the travel and accommodation costs in Geneva to participate in the program. Selection of participants will be done essentially on a first-come-first-served-basis. The registration closes at 3.00 pm (Geneva time) on September 7, 2008. The request has to be sent by fax 0041 22 338 8760 or e-mail SME.MAIL@WIPO.INT to WIPO. More

OCTOBER 13-14- 7TH WORLD CONFERENCE OF TRADE PROMOTION ORGANIZATIONS (TPOS)

Registrations are now open for the 7th World Conference of Trade Promotion Organizations (TPOs), to be held in The Hague, the Netherlands, on 13 and 14 October 2008. The International Trade Centre (ITC) and EVD Agency for International Business and Cooperation, the Dutch national TPO, are hosting the Conference.

Please visit the website www.wtpo2008.nl for information regarding the Conference, including how to register for the conference, how to book your hotel accommodation, visa requirements, etc.

OCTOBER 19-23 - SIAL, 2008

SIAL will be held in Paris, FRANCE and is offering companies the opportunity to increase their penetration of the French, European or international markets by:

- . Meeting decision makers from the retail and food service channels
- . Meet new business and industry partners
- . Demonstrate their know-how, and showcase new products or ranges
- . Capitalise on media coverage to raise the image of their company and products

For further information on SIAL visit www.sial.fr

WORLD TRADE INSTITUTE COURSE PROGRAMME: SUMMER ACADEMY 2008

The World Trade Institute (WTI) is offering education and training on international trade regulation. The Master of International Law and Economics (MILE) is an intensive one-year programme, which starts again in October 2008.

Applications are accepted until 31 March 2008. For more detailed information contact Director of Studies, Pierre Sauvé (pierre.sauve@wti.org) or Deputy Director of Studies, Corinne Karlaganis (corinne.karlaganis@wti.org) or Stefanie Allemann, Summer Academy Fellow, World Trade Institute, Hallerstrasse 6, 3012 Bern, Switzerland, Phone: +41 31 631 3628, Fax: +41 31 631 3630, Email: stefanie.allemann@wti.org

NOTICES

ECDPM VAVANCIES

The European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM) helps to reduce the 'asymmetries' in policy making between Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) and the European Union by reinforcing the capacities of public, private and non-profit organisations in ACP countries to better manage their own development policies and international cooperation. The Agency also works with governments and organisations in Europe to make their development policies and instruments more effective.

The ECDPM is announcing the following vacancies:

- Senior Adviser on Institutional & Capacity Development
Closing date: 1st September 2008
- Research Assistant for the Economic and Trade Cooperation Programme
Closing date: 28th July 2008
- Office Assistant to our Brussels Branch
Closing date: 27th July 2008

For further details and application forms, please visit: <http://www.ecdpm.org/vacancies> or contact: Ms. Karen Gielen, Human Resources Assistant, E-mail: kg@ecdpm.org

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