



Expanding Trade under the CARIFORUM- United Kingdom Economic Partnership Agreement

November 24, 2021 via Zoom

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Eastern Caribbean Time | 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. GMT

DRAFT AGENDA

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Opening Session 9:00 am- 9:45am	Welcome Deodat Maharaj, Executive Director, Caribbean Export Development Agency
	Opening Remarks The Honourable Ms. C. Sandra V. Husbands, M.P., Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade, Barbados
	Remarks Ranil Jayawardena, MP, Minister of International Trade, United Kingdom
	Message Jonathan Knott, Her Majesty’s Trade Commissioner for Latin America and the Caribbean
	Keynote Address: “The Potential of the CARIFORUM-UK Trade” The Honourable Mia Amor Mottley, QC, MP, Prime Minister of Barbados
	Break
Session I 9:50 am – 10:05 am	The CARIFORUM-United Kingdom Trade Relationship and the CARIFORUM-United Kingdom Economic Partnership Agreement Dr. Damie Sinanan, Manager, Competitiveness and Export Promotion, Caribbean Export
	Keisha-Ann Thompson, Consultant, Caribbean Export, CARIFORUM UK Study <i>The Consultant will review the tangible opportunities of the CARIFORUM-UK for expanding trade and investment and offer perspectives on potential benefits of the agreement for the private sector and priorities for prospective traders under the agreement and the implementation.</i>
10:05 am – 10:20 am	Discussion
Session II 10:20 am – 10:40 am	Implementing the CF-UK for Trade-related Growth and Development Moderator: Dr. Jan Yves Remy, Director, Sir Shridath Ramphal Centre, University of the West Indies, Cavehill Campus
	Percival Marie, Director General, CARIFORUM Directorate <i>The Director General will provide a general update on EPA implementation.</i>
	Dan Hart, Regional Trade Adviser, Caribbean



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	<i>The Regional Trade Adviser will provide an update on implementation in broad terms, highlighting how governments work together to support implementation through general coordination and participation in the joint institutions created by the Economic Partnership Agreement.</i>
Session III 10:40 am: 11:40 am	<p>Private Sector Roundtable - Promoting Goods and Services Trade and Investment in the CF UK Relationship Moderator: Deodat Maharaj, Executive Director, Caribbean Export Development Agency</p> <p><i>Participants in the session will share their market entry strategies, investment strategies and insights on using Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) as a tool for trade and investment, as well as expectations of the CARIFORUM-UK EPA, and types of support mechanisms that could help promote trade and investment expansion between CARIFORUM and the UK.</i></p>
11:40 am to 11:55 am	<p>Discussant: Jonathan Knott, Her Majesty’s Trade Commissioner for Latin America and the Caribbean Darren Henry, MP, Prime Minister’s Trade Envoy to the Commonwealth Caribbean</p> <p>Discussion</p>
Closing Remarks 11:55 am to 12 pm	<p>Mr. Scott Furszeddon-Wood, UK High Commissioner, Barbados and the OECS</p> <p><i>The High Commissioner would share strategic joint actions for continuing a modern future partnership between the United Kingdom and the Caribbean, considering the importance of trade and investment in their relationship over time and the role of the CARIFORUM-United Kingdom EPA in achieving mutual goals.</i></p>
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Master of Ceremonies: Dr. Damie Sinanan, Manager, Competitiveness and Export Promotion, Caribbean Export