



**Summary**

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Supporting the Pursuit of CARICOM Interests in the DDA Negotiations</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	<b>CARICOM Secretariat, Office of Trade Negotiations</b>
<b>Duration of the Project</b>	The intended commencement date is <b>March / April 2011</b> and the period of implementation of the contract will be <b>3 months</b> from this date
<b>Objective of the action</b>	<p><i>The overall objective</i> is to address the provisions enshrined in the latest DDA draft texts with a view to ensuring that germane Caribbean interests are adequately addressed</p> <p><i>Specific objectives</i></p> <p>There are three requested areas of interventions, which underscore most of the priority areas remaining in DDA negotiations that are of importance to the Caribbean</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To prepare WTO- related technical papers on <b>Dispute Settlement Reform (DSU)</b>, for discussion with Member States at the official level with a view to preparing proposals and recommendations for the Council on Trade and Economic Development (COTED).</li> <li>2. To prepare WTO-related technical papers on Climate Change (<b>Trade and Environment</b>) for discussion with Member States at the official level with a view to preparing proposals and recommendations for COTED. The convening of CARICOM Senior Trade Officials for a <b>Regional Workshop</b> to present the documents produced will facilitate discussions and potentially the endorsement of negotiating strategies among all relevant officials.</li> <li>3. To review of the <b>state of play in the DDA negotiations</b> from a CARICOM perspective: preparation of negotiation position and strategies in all relevant WTO bodies. The convening of CARICOM Senior Trade Officials for a <b>Regional Workshop</b> to present the documents produced will facilitate discussions and potentially the endorsement of negotiating strategies among all relevant officials</li> </ol>
<b>Expertise Required</b>	The assignment will involve two key experts to conduct the studies on Dispute Settlement Reform, and Trade and Environment. They will also undertake the review of the state of play in the DDA Negotiations and lead the discussions among the CARICOM Officials on the key issues presented during the regional workshop.
<b>Expected results</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proposal on reforming the DSU from the perspective of small, vulnerable and preference-dependent countries;</li> <li>2. Holistic strategy paper on safeguarding CARICOM developmental interests in negotiations on Trade and Environment to be discussed during a Regional Workshop</li> <li>3. Comprehensive CARICOM strategy to address all facets of DDA negotiations <i>vis-à-vis</i> the Caribbean positions and to be discussed during a Regional Workshop</li> </ol>

<b>Main activities</b>	
	<p><b>1. Develop CARICOM draft submission on DSU reform:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review developments in the Special Session of DSU;</li> <li>- Enumerate Caribbean recent experience in DSU and establish the bases for DSU reforms;</li> <li>- Establish proposals pertinent to Caribbean interests;</li> <li>- Consider drafted reflection paper on DSU reform from the perspective of Caribbean states;</li> <li>- Draft recommendations for consideration by relevant CARICOM political bodies such as COTED and Prime Ministerial Sub-Committee on External Negotiations</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Review the impact of the international climate change negotiations (Trade and Environment) on Caribbean trade interests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review latest negotiating texts under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change;</li> <li>- Consider the results of the 16th UN Conference of Parties (Cancun, Nov/Dec.2010);</li> <li>- Examine the treatment of environmental goods and services in DDA negotiations;</li> <li>- Examine the overarching Caribbean concerns in both multilateral negotiations;</li> <li>- Identify the linkages and possible impacts of both spheres of multilateral negotiations on each other;</li> <li>- Distil a Caribbean negotiating strategy that ensures the region's core interest are safeguarded in both spheres of negotiations</li> <li>- Organise a 2-day regional workshop in Barbados with 40 participants to present the outcome of the study, including the analysis and proposed actions to be taken. Participants will be CARICOM trade officials, Geneva-based DDA negotiators, regional industry associations, and regional secretariats involved in trade issues.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Review the status of DDA negotiations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review latest texts on DDA negotiations</li> <li>- Identify possible gaps with respect to the treatment of germane Caribbean concerns</li> <li>- Develop horizontal approach to provisions on special and differential treatment across the span of negotiating groups and Special Sessions</li> <li>- Draft a strategy paper to address any outstanding deficiencies identified in both the negotiating texts and processes;</li> <li>- Organise a 2-day regional workshop in Barbados with 40 participants to present the outcome of the study, including the analysis and proposed actions to be taken. Participants will be CARICOM trade officials, Geneva-based DDA negotiators, regional industry associations, and regional secretariats involved in trade issues.</li> <li>- Discussions will also be based on the Office of Trade Negotiations (OTN) paper on the treatment of CARICOM negotiating issues and strategy in addressing outstanding gaps.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>€ 200.000</b>