

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY

MODULE OVERVIEW

Module 1: Introduction to the International Trading System, the WTO, & EPA Agreements

This module will provide an introduction of World Trade Organization (WTO) law and policy, and Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA), to those with little or no previous knowledge of the area. Set against the context of historical developments in trade regulation, the course offers a prelude to the institutional rules of the WTO as well as a preliminary survey of the principles and basic rules of the international trading system to prepare participants for further studies in the area. Of interest to persons new to the field, while solidifying the practical knowledge of persons currently in this discipline.

Module 2: The CARICOM Single Market & Economy & the EPA

The CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) is more than just a trade agreement; its scope embraces many subjects that have up to now been solely or mainly within national and regional jurisdiction. This module exposes participants to theoretical and analytical foundations of Regional Trade Agreements (RTA's) and the significance of the CSME, CARIFTA, and CARICOM in the overall process. The EU and regional perspective will be examined and participants can expect an in-depth yet practical overview issues concerning governance, dispute settlements and the development, among others.

Module 3: Services Issues & Market Access Issues

This module is intended for participants interested in gaining a basic understanding of Services and Market Access Issues in the region. Although this area is a very detailed and consists of complex regulations, contracting parties within the CARICOM marketplace must know the terms and conditions of the contracts they enter into. The aim of this module is to enhance and strengthen the participants' understanding of the current discussions and proposals on the elements of the modalities of the market access negotiations, particularly in light of the recent developments of the on-going negotiations. The module is also aimed to present the available sources of information, tariffs, and trade analytical tools, so as to help participants to use them in particular in assessing the proposed tariff reduction modalities.

Module 4: Trade Related Issues, Negotiations Strategies & Techniques

In business, you don't get what you deserve, you get what you negotiate. This module, encompasses all the stages in trade negotiations-from the consultation stage to actual negotiations, involving real give-and-take, and includes theoretical comprehension, enhancement of skills and techniques, simulations, case studies and use of data extracted from existing databases in Bilateral and Multilateral negotiations. Participants will leave with good knowledge of the WTO Agreements, trade related issues in and the developmental dimensions of the EPA.