

What is IPICA about?

IPICA will reinforce innovation systems in the Caribbean by empowering the generation, application and transfer of scientific knowledge for enhanced energy access and efficiency.

IPICA strives to involve all innovation system stakeholders - higher education institutions (HEIs), national intellectual property offices, ministries and international organisations, researchers, enterprises, as well as students.

What does IPICA aim to achieve?

There is a need for enhanced policy action in the Caribbean region to stimulate IPR in general, and even more so in the area of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI). By using the IP tools more strategically (in education, research, business) Caribbean societies could benefit significantly, for example through identifying and transferring existing technologies, as well as through creating value for local products through branding and other tools.

IPICA was designed to tackle the major challenges identified on national, institutional and practical levels, through:

- ▶ Analysis of the innovation systems and the role of IPR.
- ▶ Joint development of recommendations for STI policies to stimulate knowledge transfer.

- ▶ Promoting good practice IPR policies & management in higher education and research organisations.
- ▶ Building know-how capacities of the STI stakeholders.
- ▶ Promoting regional cooperation and practical support services.
- ▶ Reinforcing a culture that facilitates KT throughout the region.



How will IPICA achieve this?

IPICA tackles the following three key elements of the innovation system:

- ▶ **POLICY.** Analysis of STI policy frameworks, particularly with regards to IPR. Multi-stakeholder meetings on national and regional level shall contribute to the development of recommendations for policy improvements.
- ▶ **PRACTICE.** Capacity building workshops for different target groups. Pilot projects to showcase how knowledge transfer can work effectively in the region. Support for the development of knowledge transfer support services in the region, including a helpline service, expert's database and repository of resources.
- ▶ **CULTURE.** Promotion of innovation culture through special events, ideas competitions and conferences, creating opportunities to network and showcase success stories.

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