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*How CARIFORUM is promoting INNOVATION
and KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER through its
EXTERNAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS*



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**THE LOME CONVENTIONS,
THE WORLD TRADE
ORGANISATION
AND
THE COTONOU PARTNERSHIP
AGREEMENT**



THE LOME CONVENTIONS, THE WTO AND THE COTONOU PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

- Lome Conventions (1975 – 2000) provided the framework for economic, social and political relationship between the ACP States and the EC.
- Supported by European Development Fund and ACP-EU programmes
- Lome Conventions made no reference to intellectual property rights.

THE LOME CONVENTIONS, THE WTO AND THE COTONOU PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

□ The Centre for Agriculture and Rural Development (CTA) – supporting access to and/or transfer of technology, technological information, technological innovations, research and development.

□ CARINET – supporting participation of CARIFORUM Universities in EU Framework Programmes for Research in Science and Technology



THE LOME CONVENTIONS, THE WTO AND THE COTONOU PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

□ NORTH American Free Trade Area (NAFTA) in effect 1994; Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) negotiations(1995 – 2002?); World Trade Organisation (WTO) Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) Agreement in 1995.

□ Cotonou Agreement signed in 2000 containing clauses on Intellectual Property Rights, and a commitment to a WTO compatible trading arrangement before 2008.

THE LOME CONVENTIONS, THE WTO AND THE COTONOU PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

- Cotonou Agreement ends in 2020.
- CARIFORUM – EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) negotiations concluded December 2007, signed 2008, indefinite duration.
- Chapter on Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights (Articles 131 to 164)

**INNOVATION
AND
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
IN THE
CARIFORUM-EU ECONOMIC
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**



INNOVATION AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY IN THE CARIFORUM-EU EPA

- Chapter establishes an agreement that there is a strong relationship between the level of innovation and the level of protection provided by intellectual property rights
- A higher level of domestic innovation encourages stronger protection of domestic and external innovation output; a low level of domestic innovation discourages strong protection and enforcement of external innovation output.

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The agreed objectives of the Chapter are to:

- promote the process of innovation, including eco-innovation, of enterprises located in the Parties;
- foster competitiveness of enterprises and in particular micro, small- and medium-sized enterprises of the Parties



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- facilitate the production and commercialisation of innovative and creative products between the Parties
- achieve an adequate and effective level of protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights
- contribute to the promotion of technological innovation and to the transfer and dissemination of technology and know-how;



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□ encourage, develop and facilitate cooperative research and development activities in science and technology between the Parties, as well as to develop lasting relations between the Parties' scientific communities

□ encourage, develop and facilitate cooperative production and development activities in the creative industries between the Parties, as well as to develop lasting relationships between the Parties' creative communities



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□ promote and strengthen regional cooperative activities involving the outermost regions of the European Community, so as to allow these regions and the CARIFORUM States to mutually benefit from their proximity and neighbourhood situation by developing an innovative and competitive regional area



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□ The EPA requires the EU to facilitate and promote the use of EU incentives for the transfer of technology to CARIFORUM to establish sound and viable technological bases in CARIFORUM States (WTO TRIPS Article 66.2)

□ In support of innovation and technology transfer, the EPA requires the EU to facilitate access by CARIFORUM to its framework programmes, specific programmes and other activities



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Horizon 2020

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>

EUCARINET

<http://www.eucarinet.eu>

PRAXIS-UNICO

<http://www.praxisunico.org.uk>



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The Chapter then identifies four priority areas for specific cooperation on innovation and knowledge transfer:

- Competitiveness and Innovation
- Science and Technology
- Information Society and ICTs
- Eco-innovation and Renewable Energy

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- The Chapter then describes the approach anticipated for the protection of intellectual specific property rights expected by the Parties to the EPA, including becoming party to various IP conventions
- Includes TRIPS + and TRIPS extra commitments
- The Chapter concludes by describing key areas for development cooperation, including legal drafting.

THE FUTURE OF CARIFORUM PROPOSALS ON TRADE AND INNOVATION



THE FUTURE OF CARIFORUM NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS ON TRADE AND INNOVATION

- Introduce similar obligations into arrangements with other significant trading partners, developed and developing
- Contribute to discussion in TRIPS Council on Innovation and Intellectual Property
- Propose expansion of scope of WTO Working Group on Trade and Technology Transfer to cover Trade and Innovation

THE FUTURE OF CARIFORUM PROPOSALS ON TRADE AND INNOVATION

- ❑ Break out useful elements of proposals and negotiate non-trade science, technology, cultural and creative cooperation agreements with other interesting and interested States
- ❑ Amend proposals based on implementation experience; importance of monitoring and evaluation of agreements.

Thank you!

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