



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

Contract title:

SUPPORT TO THE BAHAMAS TO PREPARE THE REGULATIONS SUPPORTING CERTAIN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LEGISLATION CONSISTENT WITH THE CARIFORUM-EU ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The CARICOM Secretariat is seeking to contract a to support the Bahamas in the drafting of certain regulations, or the amendment of such existing regulations, to comply with the obligations of the Bahamas, under the CARIFORUM-EU EPA in the area of intellectual property rights.

The consultant is required to undertake the specific tasks listed below:

- (i) Hold a virtual briefing with EPA Implementation Unit of the CARICOM Secretariat on the objective, activities, expected outputs and any other issues related to the execution of the assignment that require clarification. Within **seven (7) days** of the initial briefing meeting with the CARICOM Secretariat, submit an inception report summarizing the consultant's understanding of the assignment and including a schedule for the implementation of the assignment.
- (ii) Review the CARIFORUM-EU EPA to appreciate the requirements of the provisions relating to the specific intellectual property rights.
- (iii) Liaise with representatives of the Bahamas to determine the available capacities of the Bahamas to implement the relevant obligations.
- (iv) Review relevant draft legislation/Acts of the Bahamas in the specified area of intellectual property rights to determine the consistency with CARIFORUM-EU EPA and amend/draft regulations for their implementation in accordance with the required obligations of the CARIFORUM EU EPA and the capacity of the Bahamas. The main pieces of draft or enacted legislation for review are in the areas of:
 - Geographical Indications,
 - New Plant Varieties; and
 - Layout Design (Topographies) of Integrated Circuits
- (v) Prepare and Submit a Draft Final Report, identifying legislation addressed, its compliance with the CARIFORUM EU EPA obligations and providing the draft regulations required.
- (vi) Participate in virtual consultations with the Bahamas on the Draft Final Report, including presenting the Draft Final Report and receiving and recording comments.

- (vii) Prepare and submit a Final Report to the EPA Implementation Unit of the CARICOM Secretariat and the Bahamas as the case may be, addressing the comments and incorporating the agreed modifications from the consultations.

Interested candidates may express interest by submitting an updated **Curriculum Vitae (CV)** no later than 15:00 hours (Guyana time) on ***Thursday, 19 June 2025*** to the following e-mail: selwin.grenion@caricom.org

A copy of the terms of reference is attached.