**VACANCY**

**TECHNICAL EXPERT GOODS AND TRADE FACILITATION**

**CARICOM PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATION(CPSO)**

**DETAILS OF THE POST**

Applications are invited from interested and suitably qualified nationals of the Caribbean Community Member States to fill the abovementioned position in the CARICOM Private Sector Technical Secretariat with assigned duty station in Barbados.

***1.* ORGANIZATIONAL CONTEXT**

The Caribbean Private Sector Organization (CPSO) was established to contribute to the acceleration and the implementation of the Caribbean Single Market Economy (CSME) and represent the interest of private sector organizations from the CARICOM Countries. The CPSO is to be a driving force that supports the CARICOM Heads of Government to fully implement the CSME within five years and is expected to contribute to the reduction of the “implementation deficit” relating to the decisions and actions on the CSME.

**2. FUNCTIONS OF THE POST**

The Technical Expert – Goods and Trade Facilitation will support the work of the CPSO in relation to Trade Facilitation and the Free Movement of Goods.

This position reports to the Technical Director and has responsibility for the conceptualization, preparation and promotion of strategies and programmes for the development and strengthening of intra and extra regional trade and investment within the priorities and the objectives of the CPSO and the CSME mandate.

The incumbent will be responsible for the preparation of technical papers and reports that enable the creation and development of supportive arrangements that could assist in the implementation of CSME policies and practice for the safe cost effective and internationally competitive movement of goods, as well as trade facilitation measures within the priorities and the objectives of the CPSO.

The Technical Expert will maintain active and effective working relationships with all relevant regional, private sector bodies, associations, and business support organizations, as well as public sector organisations; ensuring that efforts are continually directed towards determining and promoting CPSO’s positions in those areas which could realize the objectives of the CARICOM Single Market and Economy.

***3.* QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**

**Educational Requirements:**

A Master’s Degree in Economics, Economic Development, Management, Related Social Sciences, or similar field

Specialised training and good working knowledge in:

* + International Trade Relations
  + Agriculture
  + International Negotiation Strategy

**Experience Required:**

A minimum of 8 - 10 years’ experience at Senior Management Level preferably gained through work experience in the private Sector and or Regional or International Organization. Experience gained from any one of the following entities:

* Ministry/Agency Finance, Trade or Economic Development, Agriculture
* Relevant international or regional organization
* Large Private Corporation

In addition, a plus would be specialised training in/or working knowledge of:

* The functioning of Regional and international Organisations
* International/Regional Economic and Trade relations
* The functioning of the Councils, Organs and Bodies of the CARICOM Community
* Understanding of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas

**4. RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Supports the work being undertaken in relation to the Twenty-five (25%) by 2025 Initiative to reduce CARICOM’s extra-regional agri-food import bill.
2. Promotes the establishment and maintenance of an enabling, investment-friendly, business and trading environment, including the promotion of business reform processes and facilitative administrative processes.
3. Promotes the advancement of production integration and cross border investments, i.e. (a) the direct organization of production in more than one Member State by a single economic enterprise; (b) complementary production involving collaboration among several economic enterprises operating in one or more Member States to produce and use required inputs in the production chain; and (c) co-operation among economic enterprises in areas such as purchasing, marketing, and research and development.
4. Assist with the promotion of regional agri-food enterprises capable of achieving scales of production to facilitate successful competition in domestic, regional and extra-regional markets.
5. Undertakes work to support the formulation and approval of Community Standards.
6. Monitors the creation and preservation of a suitable investment climate in CARICOM Member States in order to attract and encourage a greater flow of investment to agro-industry within the Region.
7. Monitors the work of the CARICOM Secretariat, particularly the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) as it relates to trade in goods
8. Prepares analytical reports for consideration by the CPSO to respond to the issues of implementation in relation to protocols and agreements relating to the movement of goods.
9. Develops national and regional programmes and strategies to reform the business operating environment and improve the performance of the Region on ease of doing business
10. Identifies issues affecting the private sector in doing business within the CSME and makes recommendations on how these could be effectively addressed.

**In addition to the activities outlined above, the incumbent is expected to perform other related duties as assigned by the Technical Director.**

**5*.* APPLICATIONS**

Interested Candidates are required to transmit applications, inclusive of:

* Cover Letter
* Curriculum Vitae
* Copies of Degrees
* Any other relevant information

To the CPSO Interim Secretariat at:

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**The Deadline for the Receipt of Applications is April 4th 2021.**