



“Targeted Assistance to Strengthen Regional Trade-Related Quality Infrastructure Through Intra-ACP Partnerships - CROSQ, ARSO and PIFS”

Final Validation Workshop and Regional Training

STRENGTHENING TRADE RELATED QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN CARICOM

Saint Lucia, 21 - 23 January 2020.

Participants:

- Directors or Representatives of the 15 CARICOM NSBs
- Representative from the CARICOM Secretariat
- Representative of the Government of the Saint Lucia
- Representatives from the OECS Commission Secretariat
- Representative from the ACP Group Secretariat
- Representative from the Project Management Unit - TradeCom II Secretariat
- Project Manager, Quality Institute (Contractor)
- Officials of CROSQ (Secretariat);
- Key Experts of the Technical Assistance Team
- Representative from Private Sector Organisations (observers)
- Media

Objectives:

1. To present and validate the findings of a Comparative Research Report on CARICOM and the EU on the development and implementation of Standards and associated Technical Regulations (Days 1 & 2).
2. To present and validate Study on the situation and use of Sustainability Standards in CARICOM (Day 2)
3. To train stakeholders in EU standards and Regulations on Packaging and Labelling (Day 3)



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Mr. Lorens. P. Sibbesen – Key Expert 1/Team Leader – Senior Expert on Quality Infrastructure Management and Standards.

Mr. Sibbesen has over 30 years' experience in the fields of Quality Infrastructure and Conformity Assessment especially its application to capacity building of Conformity Assessment Bodies (Inspection Bodies, Certification Bodies and Testing Laboratories). His expertise includes, providing consultancy for Proficiency Testing Providers in accordance with the standard ISO/IEC 17043 and Accreditation Bodies (acc. to ISO/IEC 17011 in compliance with international rules from e.g. International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). He has extensive experience in establishing, extending and adapting suitable Quality Management Systems (QMS) in private and public laboratories to meet the requirements of ISO/17025, ISO/IEC 15189. the standards. Mr. Sibbesen has a solid wealth of knowledge in delivering technical training on quality infrastructure and extensive experience in planning, preparing and carrying out of training on Quality Assurance issues for testing laboratories (Measurement Uncertainty, Method Validation, Internal/External control etc.). His ability to lead and motivate multicultural work teams has is demonstrated in new organizational schemes and managerial changes that he has brought to economic environments engaged in transitional and upgrading stages of development. His range of international experience covers numerous tasks on Quality Infrastructure projects in Turkey, The Philippines, Caribbean and Pacific Region.



Mr. Hermon Edmondson – Key Expert 2 – Senior Expert on Quality Infrastructure Management

Mr. Edmondson has over 30 years' experience in the field of Quality Infrastructure (QI) and 14 years as Quality Infrastructure Consultant in the Caribbean Region; providing services in National Quality Policy development & implementation, National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) services demand assessments, laboratory assessments, laboratory design and development, quality management, standardization, and project management at national, regional and international level, both government and private sector. Mr. Edmondson has a wealth of experience in the development of National Quality Policies (leading or working with teams that developed policies for five (5) countries in the Caribbean Region); has conducted other NQI assessments in Jamaica, Barbados and Guyana and developed and implemented standards strategy in South East Asia. He has completed many assignments in Quality Assurance and Conformity Assessments and conducted a study to identify and recommend regional standards critical to the competitiveness of small and medium enterprises in the Caribbean Region. He is a Certified Lead Auditor and has delivered training to clients in Jamaica and the CARICOM Region in several management systems standards (e.g. ISO 9001, ISO/IEC 17025, CRS14, ISO 45001, and OHSAS 18001), Good laboratory practices, business continuity, standards implementation, world class manufacturing, metrology and calibration, Good Manufacturing Practices and Quality Systems for the National Building Code (Jamaica).



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1st Day: Tuesday, 21st January 2020			
Time	Activity	Details	Responsible
08:30	Registration of participants		CROSQ Sec./ SLBS reps
09:00	Start of the Workshop		
09:00	Opening Ceremony Welcome addresses	Mr. Verne Emmanuel ; Director Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards Mr. Deryck Omar ; CARICOM Regional Organization for Standards and Quality (CROSQ) Mr. Cosbert Woods ; Representatives from the OECs Commission Secretariat Mrs. Paula Hippolyte-Bauwens ; TradeCom Mrs. Christiane Leong ; ACP Group Secretariat (TBA) Minister (Saint Lucia) (TBA) Key note address	CROSQ
10:00	Coffee break		
10:30	Introductions	Introduction of Participants	Participants
10:45	Presentation/Address	Overview of the project	Fabiana Silva
10:50	Introduction	Preliminaries: objectives, methodology & outcomes	Lorens Sibbesen/ Hermon Edmondson
11:00	Presentation	Comparative Research Report: CARICOM - EU Standards Development and Regulatory Support	Lorens Sibbesen
11:15	Presentation	Details of results from the survey on Standardization Practices and Status: CARICOM	Hermon Edmondson
11:45	Group Work/Discussions	Validation & Testing Cause and Effect relationships	Hermon Edmondson
12:30	Presentation	Perspectives from CARICOM Member States – St Vincent and the Grenadines and Guyana	SVGBS GNBS
13:00	Lunch		



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14:00	Presentation	Details of results of from study on the Standardization Practices and Status: CEN/CENELEC	Lorens Sibbesen
14:45	Coffee break		
15:15	Group Work/Discussions	Validation & Testing - Cause and effect relationships	Hermon Edmondson
16:00	Presentation	Comparative Analysis & Recommendations	Lorens Sibbesen
16:30	End of the day		

2nd Day: Wednesday, 22nd January 2020			
Time	Activity	Details	Responsible
09:00	Start of the Day		
09:00	Feedback	Recap of First Day	Hermon Edmondson
09:10	Presentation	Selected Issues: e.g. MSME Participation in Standardization, Impact of Standards on MSMEs	Lorens Sibbesen
9:40	Group Work	Validation of Comparative Analysis Way forward with Regional Standardization: Regional & National Levels	Participants/ Facilitators
10:30	Coffee break		
11:00	Presentations & Discussions	Validation of Comparative Analysis Way forward with Regional Standardization: Regional & National Levels	Participants/ Facilitators
11: 45	Presentation	Sustainability Standards – Global, ISO, UN, NGOs (incl. relation to Quality Infrastructure)	Lorens Sibbesen
12:30	Lunch		
13:30	Presentation	Sustainability Standards – CARICOM’s Use and Experience (result of survey)	Hermon Edmondson
14:00	Presentation	Presentation of results of feasibility study on ARSO practices (Africa)	Lorens Sibbesen



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2nd Day: Wednesday, 22nd January 2020			
Time	Activity	Details	Responsible
14:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
15:00	Group discussions and presentations	The way forward: Recommendations and Actions re Sustainability Standards Feedback from participants to the workshop & Evaluation	Lorens Sibbesen/ Hermon Edmondson
15:45		Closing remarks and workshop evaluation	
16:30	<i>End of the Workshop</i>		

3rd Day: Thursday, 23rd January 2020			
Time	Activity	Details	Responsible
09:00	<i>Start of the Day</i>		
09:00	Presentation	Welcome Introduction of participants Presentation of overall purpose of training	Hermon Edmondson
9:15	Presentation	Background The Technical Guide Background, purpose, form	Lorens Sibbesen
10:00	Exercise 1	Case/discussion	Lorens Sibbesen/ Hermon Edmondson
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>		
10:45	Presentation	WHY? The rationale for making rules for labelling and packaging of products. The EU perspective	Lorens Sibbesen



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3rd Day: Thursday, 23rd January 2020			
Time	Activity	Details	Responsible
11: 30	Exercise 2	Case/discussions	Lorens Sibbesen/ Hermon Edmondson
12:00	Lunch		
13:00	Presentation	WHAT? What must be done to export products to the European market? Which rules must be followed for various product categories?	Lorens Sibbesen
14:00	Exercise 3	Cases/discussion	Lorens Sibbesen/ Hermon Edmondson
14:30	Coffee break		
14:45	Presentation	HOW? How can the single enterprise ensure that rules are followed? The role of the conformity assessment bodies	Lorens Sibbesen
15:30	Exercise 4	Cases/discussion	Lorens Sibbesen/ Hermon Edmondson
16:00		Final remarks. Feedback from participants to the workshop & Evaluation Closing remarks	CROSQ
16:30	End of the Workshop		