



Summary

TITLE	Workshop to develop an OECS Position in the negotiations at the TRIPS Council (GI Register, GI Extension, and TRIPS-CBD relationship)
Applicant	OECS Secretariat
Duration of the Project	3 months
Objectives of the action	<p><i>The overall objective</i> is to develop an OECS Position in the negotiations at the TRIPS Council on GI Register, GI Extension and TRIPS-CBD Relationship.</p> <p><i>Specific objectives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To brief the OECS Officials including those with responsibility for trade and also intellectual property (IP) along with private sector stakeholders on the discussions and negotiations taking place in the TRIPS Council on GI Register, GI Extension and TRIPS-CBD Relationship - To engage in technical and strategic analysis of the various proposals on the table and deliberate on the implications for the OECS - To identify options for OECS Negotiating positions and a negotiating strategy for the discussions and negotiations in the TRIPS Council
Purpose	The purposes of this contract are, firstly to strengthen the participation and build capacity of OECS officials to negotiate at the TRIPS Council and secondly to expand the knowledge and practice of local technicians on the WTO's Trade Negotiations Committee / TRIPS Council, specifically in terms of procedures, rules, negotiation, and implementation.
Expertise Required	An expert with extensive knowledge and experience in TRIPS negotiations at the WTO would make presentations and analysis regarding the state of play in the negotiations including political economy issues behind the proposals on the table The expert would also assist in the identification of an OECS position and strategy
Expected results	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Officials in the OECS are aware of the status of the negotiations on Intellectual Property at the WTO - OECS interests and concerns in these negotiations are clearly identified - OECS negotiating position and options for an OECS negotiating strategy on GI Register, GI Extension and TRIPS-CBD Relationship are clearly defined.
Main activities	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of workshop material - Organisation of a 3-days Workshop with +/- 30 participants (18 from 6 OECS States + 11 from OECS Secretariat + 1 from Geneva mission) and four distinctive sessions: GI Register, GI Extension, TRIPS-CBD, and finally review of discussions and decisions taken vis-à-vis an OECS Positions - Report including conclusions and recommendations
Budget	€ 200.000