ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

Website Content for the Ministry Website Redesign

A Message from the EPA Coordinator

THANK YOU for this virtual visit! I am excited to welcome you to the best place to find information on the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) signed by the Government of Saint Lucia. Here, you will discover new opportunities to establish and/or expand your international footprint.

On this page, explore the CARIFORUM-European Union Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), the CARIFORUM-United Kingdom Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and better understand the benefits that our citizens derive from international trade and economic growth.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to know more about the EPAs.

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What are EPAs?

EPAs or Economic Partnership Agreements are a form of trade partnership, required by the Cotonou Agreement, which covers economic relations between the EU and African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) States. CARIFORUM, i.e. CARICOM plus the Dominican Republic, is one of six ACP regional groups.

How did the EPA come about?

Goods and services coming from ACP countries previously enjoyed preferential access to the European Union (EU) markets under the Lomé Agreement. However, with the onset of globalization and trade liberalization, and increasing opposition from member states of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the ACP countries and the EU agreed to develop new WTO-compatible trading arrangements, progressively removing barriers to trade between them and enhancing cooperation in all areas relevant to trade. These new arrangements would be termed Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and fell under the new Cotonou Agreement, which defined economic relations between the EU and the ACP since 2000.

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- I. EU2022 Work Programme
- II. EU complains over breaches of almost all its free trade deals
- III. Multilateral Discussions on Electronic Commerce are Moving Ahead
- IV. Lessons from the Review of the WTO

- V. Doing Business in Europe in the Post Covid Era.
- VI. Using Trade to achieve Sustainable Development
- VII. The EU Commits to New WTO Disciplines on Domestic Regulation
- VIII. Doing Business in Europe in the post-Covid19 Era in the Tourism Sector *[No link was included in the source content provided.]*
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- XI. Promoting Sustainability in the Trade in Agricultural and Fisheries Products
- XII. CARIFORUM States Pursue Coordinated Action in Fisheries Management
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