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“Decent Work for Sustainable Development”

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REGIONAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE MECHANISM



INTRODUCTION - 2012

- CEC and CCL have long advocated for regular and formalized representation within CARICOM
- In 2012, EU announced financial support to strengthen the capacity of CCL and CEC to enable their effective participation in regional development and integration matters
- Between December 2012 and May 2013 with ILO support, a 3-year programme was developed and submitted to the European Commission

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INTRODUCTION - 2013

- In July 2013, the 8th Meeting of Caribbean Ministers of Labour concluded:
 - *“Social Dialogue and Tripartism
Social dialogue at the national and regional levels should be formalized and institutionalized to enable more effective input to economic and social policies at all levels;
Consideration should be given to the development of a regional social partnership mechanism to ensure tripartite social dialogue on all aspects concerning CSME”*

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INTRODUCTION - 2014

- May 2014, the COHSOD meeting accepted a joint CEC/CCL proposal to use the ILO approach to Social Dialogue
- Adopting the ILO model would entail channeling the voices of workers and business through the CCL and the CEC respectively while Governments would make their inputs on an individual basis

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INTRODUCTION – December 2014

- **December 2014, the EU and the ILO signed off on the programme for CEC and CCL**
 - **Project start date – 2 February 2015**
 - **Project duration – 36 months**
 - **Project budget €1,715,000 (approx. USD 2 million)**

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INTRODUCTION – PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Employers and workers through their national and regional organizations engage effectively in social dialogue processes
 - to contribute to the design and implementation of social and economic policies for Caribbean regional integration and
 - to drive monitoring processes of the social aspects of the CARIFORUM European Community Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)

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INTENDED OUTCOMES

- **CCL and CEC are sustainable regional representative organizations**
 - **formally recognised within regional structures**
 - **capable of playing an effective and substantive role in CARIFORUM fora on labour and social policies**
- **National representative organizations, members of CEC and CCL, are sustainable entities and able to support effectively the roles of CEC and CCL after the project has ended.**