

EPA and CSME Standby Facility

The project was approved for implementation by the CARIFORUM-EU EPA and CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) Standby Facility for Capacity Building Steering Committee in 2021.

The Standby Facility for Capacity Building is a EUR 8.75 million programme financed by the European Development Fund (EDF) being managed by CDB to support projects in Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, the Dominican Republic, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago (CARIFORUM).

It is intended to build capacity in the region and better position businesses to trade within CARIFORUM and the EU.

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STANDBY FACILITY FOR CAPACITY BUILDING

STRENGTHENING EXPORT CAPACITY OF AGRICULTURAL AND AGRO-INDUSTRIAL PRODUCERS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TO ACHIEVE BETTER ACCESS TO THE EUROPEAN UNION AND CARIFORUM MARKET.

A EUR360,000 project that will improve sanitary and phytosanitary measures for agricultural and agro-industrial producers in the Dominican Republic to meet the export requirements of the CARIFORUM-European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).



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ABOUT

This two (2) year initiative will build the export capacities of agricultural and agro-industrial producers in the Dominican Republic to comply with standards for acceptance in export destinations such as the EU.

It catalyzes the country's integration into the global economy and promotes the establishment of mechanisms for good governance, through an effective, predictable, and transparent framework for trade and investment.

Gender equality, the improvement of the economic income of men, women and young people, and the mitigation of environmental and social risks will be considered to strengthen the agri-food value chain.

This project is being implemented by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and MSMEs (MICM), the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development (MEPyD), the Ministry of Agriculture and the Dominican Association of Exporters (ADOEXPO). It is financed by the EU and managed by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

PROJECT BENEFITS

The expected results of this project will lead to an improved sanitary and phytosanitary regulatory system, and an increase in the capacity of agricultural processors to export to strategic markets, particularly in EU and CARIFORUM countries. Its main benefits include:

- The acquisition and installation of four (4) cold rooms for selected Associations/Clusters of Producers.
- The design and implementation of a pilot project for two (2) agricultural crops with export potential to the EU.

The culmination of the expected results will strengthen the quality infrastructure and the value chain of food management, contributing to medium and long-term economic development in the Dominican Republic that is sustainable and resilient.

