

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW	
A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION	
1.1 Project name and number	ACS FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING PROJECT PHASE II ACS-ST-013
1.2 ACS Focal Area	Sustainable Tourism
1.3 Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall Objective: To reduce language barriers and promote the awareness of the various cultures of the Greater Caribbean, which will facilitate and improve regional cooperation among ACS Member States and Associate Members. • Specific Objective: This project represents the second phase of an ACS wide scale Language Training Programme. It seeks to focus on strengthening the foreign language skills of nationals of the ACS' Member States through intensive immersion courses in French, Spanish and English. It will target those directly involved in areas related to regional cooperation (Business and Government) where language capacity is crucial for the success of their function as well as those working in academia.
1.4 Justification	In the current context of expanding tourism and for effective participation in global economies, the diversity of languages is one of the obstacles that affect regional co-operation among all ACS member countries. Language diversity is a barrier towards effective negotiations that can be further complicated, for instance, by unsatisfactory translations. Having more multilingual professionals in the Greater Caribbean region would therefore harness better working relations between the ACS Members.
1.5 Outputs / Components	<p>The project proposed by the ACS is an Intensive Language Training and Immersion Programme (in French, Spanish and English) for key personnel dealing with regional cooperation matters in all Member States (Government officials, businessmen and foreign language teachers) that will take place in language training institutions located in ACS Member and Associate Member countries.</p> <p>In addition to the common <i>language courses</i>, each category of candidates will receive a <i>specific training module</i> directly linked to their professional area. For example, foreign language teachers will be introduced to foreign language teaching methodologies, businessmen and government officials will be taught specific vocabulary of their professional area. The programme will also include <i>internships</i> at specific institutions linked to the professional areas of each professional category of candidates after the successful completion of the immersion module.</p>
1.6 Estimated Cost and Duration	Cost = USD 698,703 Duration = 24 months
1.7 Project current status	Being prepared

B. STAKEHOLDERS	
1.8 Responsible Agency	Association of Caribbean States (ACS)
1.9 Beneficiaries	Government officials, businessmen and foreign language teachers from ACS participating countries, tourism, Trade, Transport industries of the Greater Caribbean region.
1.10 Collaborating Institutions	Universidad Central, UWI, COSTAATT, Alliance Française, ISEF.
1.11 Executing Institutions	ACS
1.12 Financing Institutions	XXX