

## ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)

### XXVII SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS

ACS Secretariat, Port of Spain, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago,  
July 11 and 12, 2012

#### DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

#### Day One: July 11, 2012

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| 9:00 - 9:30am     | Accreditation of delegates  |
| 9:30 - 9:45am     | I. <u>Opening Ceremony</u><br>Chair of the Special Committee for Trade<br>H.E. Wilson Laleau, Minister of Trade and Industry of the<br>Republic of Haiti<br>Secretary General of the ACS, H.E. Alfonso Munera   |
| 9:45-10:00am      | II. <u>Approval of the Agenda and Procedural Matters</u>  |
| 10:00-10:30am     | III. <u>Report of the Directorate of Trade Development and<br/>External Economic Relations</u><br>Ms. Ariadna Perez, Director of Trade Development<br>and External Economic Relations   |
| 10:30-10:45am     | BREAK   |
| 10:45 - 11:20 a m | IV. <u>Presentation by Mr Nelson Perez of UNCTAD</u> on the<br>requirements to begin <i>E-Regulations</i> programmes within the<br>ACS countries, in order to promote transparency and timely<br>efficiency, with respect to the formalities related to business.<br>Including examples of country cases. |

- 11:30am-12:30pm**      **V.**      **Trade Facilitation in the Greater Caribbean Region:**  
Discuss modalities for:
- i. The establishment of the Working Group of the Trade Committee: Customs Facilitation and Business Visas
  - ii. Discussion of the Date and Venue for the First ACS Working Group meeting of the Trade Committee on Customs Facilitation
- 12:30-2:00pm**      **LUNCH**
- 2:00-3:30pm**      **VI.**      **Strengthening SME development in the Greater Caribbean:**
- i. Report on Training Course on SME Guarantees Support Systems
  - ii. Presentation by Caribbean Export Development Agency
  - iii. Report on Women's entrepreneurial participation in Greater Caribbean countries  
ACS Trade Directorate
- 3:30-3:45pm**      **BREAK**
- 3:45-4:30pm**      **VII.**      **Dialogue on Identifying Existing Trade opportunities among Member States of the Greater Caribbean Region**
- Round Table: ACS, CARICOM, SICA, OECS, ITC, SELA
- 4:30-5:00pm**      **VIII.**      **Upcoming Activities:** Regional Symposium on Tourism, SME Development and Entrepreneurial Strengthening in the Greater Caribbean (ACS- Directorates of Trade and Sustainable Tourism)

**Day Two: July 12, 2012**

- 9:30-9:45am I. **Opening Remarks**
- 9:45-10:15am II. **Presentation by the Republic of Haiti**  
Promoting and enhancing trade relations in the  
Greater Caribbean Region
- 10:15-10:30am **BREAK**
- 10:30 - 12:00 p m III. **The Road to the 5<sup>th</sup> Summit of the ACS**  
i. Plan of Action for Trade Development in the Greater  
Caribbean Region
- 12:00-12:15pm IV. **Any other matters**
- V. **Procedural Details**  
i. Discussion of the Date of the next Special Committee  
Meeting on Trade  
ii. Approval of the Procedures for the Draft Rapporteur's  
Report
- 12:15-12:30pm VI. **Closing Remarks**  
Chair of the Special Committee of Trade