



**CARIBBEAN GROWTH FORUM**  
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<b>LOGISTICS AND CONNECTIVITY WORKING GROUP</b>														
Working Group Facilitator: Ronette Lewis														
<b>OBJECTIVE 1 : DEVELOPMENT OF ICT</b>														
1.1 Development of an e-commerce platform	Lanceford Weekes (P.S. Telecom)	HIPCAR (ITU, EU, ACP Secr, CTU), EGRIP (WB)		Memo sent from Min. Telecom to Attorney General requesting bill be placed on the legislative agenda										
1.2 Further enhancement of SMEs development and growth through the use of ICT	Lanceford Weekes (P.S. Telecom)	World Bank (CARCIP)	Launch of CARCIP	Commencement of Training and Business Incubation Manual						Redrafting of Training and Business Incubation Manual	Commencement of Skills training needs analysis	Completion of Training and Business Incubation manual.	Completion of Skills training analysis	Commencement of technical skills training through institutions. Implementation of Training and Business Incubation grants
1.3 ICT infrastructural development in aid of improving connectivity throughout the island	Lanceford Weekes (P.S. Telecom)	World Bank (CARCIP)					TOR for consultants to conduct GAAP Analysis for broadband connectivity in SVG			Commencement of GAAP Analysis to be completed in 2015.		Preparation for the official launch and public awareness campaign of CARCIP	Implementation of public awareness campaign for CARCIP	
1.4 Creating an ICT enabling environment that facilitates innovation (schools)	Lanceford Weekes (P.S. Telecom)	Dennis Publishing, Venezuelan Government	Negotiations and talks began in August for the donation of 12,500 ASA brand computers to SVG.								Preparation of internet connectivity system for the computers in the educational establishments	Arrival of 12,500 donated computers.		Beginning of distribution of computers in secondary and tertiary institutions  December 2014 "Completion of distribution of computers "
<b>OBJECTIVE 2 : FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND PEOPLE</b>														



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2.1 Improving the private sector investment environment. a) Facilitating the movement of goods	Cuthbert Knights (Director of Trade)	OECs Secretariat, Local Trade Facilitations Task Force, World Bank				Completion of WTO agreement on Trade Facilitation Ministerial Conference Ninth Session Bali			Commencement of assessment on port facilities in SVG, by the Economic Policy Unit of the WB.	Caricom video conference meeting regarding Bi-lateral agreements to be ratified.	Meeting of the local Task Force to discuss issues/bottlenecks regarding issues on trade.		Report of port assessment due	
b) Facilitating the movement of people	Cuthbert Knights (Director of Trade)	UNCTAD, EPA, CSME, CCTDA, CDB				Submitted proposal to the CDB regarding assistance in the implementation of the CSME of accreditation and certification of skilled workers.					Preparation for the implementation of CDB/Caricom Single Market EconomySME accreditation and certification programme	Finalization of Caricom Canada Trade and Development Agreement.		
<b>OBJECTIVE 3 : ENHANCEMENT OF TRADE FACILITATION</b>														
3.1 The establishment of standards and regulations governing the operations of local custom brokers.	Clairmonte Lynch (Customs Deprt.)	IMF (CARTAC)									Draft document of the review of the act and regulations due	Updating of the act and regulations document based on review and Caricom.	Updated copy to be submitted to the office of the Attorney General.	
3.2 Implementation of custom rates that are more conservative and private sector friendly	To be defined at the regional level													
<b>INVESTMENT CLIMATE WORKING GROUP</b> Working Group Facilitator: Anthony Regisford														
<b>OBJECTIVE 1 : ACCESS TO INFORMATION RELEVANT FOR BUSINESSES</b>														
1.1 Identify relevant and useful information to businesses and potential business investors that should be consolidated into one document	Bernadette Ambrose-Black (Executive Director of Invest SVG)	IDB, Ccompete Caribbean	Approval of a grant by Compete Caribbean					Preparation of work plan to upgrade the institution's website and documentation	Completion of workplan			Preparation of an update of Booklet on business laws in SVG	Upgrade of website	Completion of business laws booklet update.



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1.2 Gather all existing business legislated incentives.	Bernadette Ambrose-Black (Executive Director of Invest SVG)	IDB, Ccompete Caribbean	Approval of a grant by Compete Caribbean						Preparation of work plan to upgrade the institution's website and documentation	Completion of workplan			Investment guide on investment opportunities in SVG to be updated	Upgrade of website	Completion of investment guide update.
1.3 Gather all existing business laws – tax laws, labour laws, customs procedures, construction laws, business registration procedures and compliance issues, etc	Bernadette Ambrose-Black (Executive Director of Invest SVG)		Approval of a grant by Compete Caribbean						Preparation of work plan to efficiently utilize the grant funding.	Completion of workplan				Upgrade of website	
1.4 Gather all existing and current statistical data	Bernadette Ambrose-Black (Executive Director of Invest SVG)		The collection of data is now centralized at the the Statistical department.												
1.5 Collate and produce consolidated business information document in hard and soft copy format	Bernadette Ambrose-Black (Executive Director of Invest SVG)													Upgrade of website	Completion of business laws booklet update. Publication will take place before the end of last quarter.
<b>OBJECTIVE 2 : ACCESS TO FINANCE</b>															
2.1 Produce a business plan for submission to the World Bank. Business plan will request soft financing assistance that will enable Comfi and or NDF to on-lend at rates below commercial rates and at concessionary terms.	Point person to be defined														
2.2 CED to be adequately resourced with the human capital that will enable them to assist borrowers in writing business plans, testing viability of projects and shepherding recipients of the concessionary loans to maximize chances of the business being successful.	Point person to be defined														
2.3 In order for COMFI and NDF to minimize the risk associated with lending, a credit bureau Seek assistance from the World Bank in getting a creditable credit bureau to operate in SVG	Point person to be defined														
<b>OBJECTIVE 3 : IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACT</b>															



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3.1 Get the Small Business Development Act accented	Ellison Clarke (Ministry of Industry)	Commonwealth	The policy document was completed since 2010 and is before the Attorney General's office.										Memo to be sent requesting the bill be placed for early consideration on the legislative agenda.			
3.2 Get the Small Business Development Act implemented (depending on legislative approval)	Ellison Clarke (Ministry of Industry)															
<b>OBJECTIVE 4 : REVIEW AND REVISE CURRENT SYSTEM OF FISCAL INCENTIVES</b>																
4.1 Review and revise current system of incentives and make revision proposals	Ellison Clarke (Ministry of Industry)	OECS Secretariat											Consultant to be hired to review the current Fiscal Incentives Act and update in accordance to the OECS mandate on standardizing incentives in the region.			Updated document to be passed to the office of the Attorney General
4.2 All current business incentives should be put into one document for ease of reference ( this recommendation can be found under 1.2).	Bernadette Ambrose-Black (Executive Director of Invest SVG)	IDB, Ccompete Caribbean	Document has been produced by Invest SVG to be updated.	See activity 1.2												
4.3 Revision proposals should be put forward to the relevant ministries of Government including the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Agriculture, Trade and Industry (dependant on 4.1).	Ellison Clarke (Ministry of Industry)															
<b>OBJECTIVE 5 : IMPLEMENTATION OF ASYCUDA WORLD (CUSTOMS PROCEDURE SYSTEM)</b>																
5.1 Source a resource person to interface between businesses and the Customs and Excise department to enable a quicker implementation of ASYCUDA World	Clairmonte Lynch (Customs Deprt.)	UNCTAD	Training of staff, sensitization of public and upgrade of equipment and systems.	ASYCUDA World and new website completed	Proposal plan from UNCTAD for implementation of a 'single window' platform linking all government departments.	Approval given for the implementation of the single window platform.							Meeting of the steering committee to discuss the needs of the different stakeholders for the single window platform.			Preparation for the implementation of single window platform.



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5.2 Resource person to do review of current system, identify gaps and make recommendations and have oversight of the implementation of the new system	Clairmonte Lynch (Customs Deprpt.)	UNCTAD	With the assistance from UNCTAD, software, consultancy and service support were towards the implementation of the new system.												
<b>SKILLS AND PRODUCTIVITY WORKING GROUP</b> Working Group Facilitator: Kozel Peters Fraser															
<b>OBJECTIVE 1 : TO ENHANCE ENTREPRENEURSHIP</b>															
1.1 Promotion of entrepreneurship and productivity in schools	Louanne Gilchrist (Chief Education Officer)										Internal discussions on the approach needed to incorporate entrepreneurship in the curriculum started	A committee established to review needs within the different learning institutions			Design complementary programmes for the enhancement of skills and productivity.
1.2 Development of a national, entrepreneurship skills and productivity promotional plan	Louanne Gilchrist (Chief Education Officer)										Internal discussions on the approach needed to develop a Skills and Productivity Plan.	Begin the formulation of a National Mentorship Programme.	Undertake National Productivity Roadshow		
<b>OBJECTIVE 2 : ENHANCING THE PROFILE OF AGRICULTURE FOR GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT (SPECIFICALLY AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES)</b>															
2.1 Promoting Agricultural and agri-prenuership	Raymond Ryan (P.S. Agriculture)	European Union, Caribbean Development Bank			Creation of the Farmer Support Company within the Min. Of Agriculture to offer loans to farmers		Started offering loans farmers under the Farmer Support Company,				350 farmers accessed and benefited from loans by end of April, for an amount of 1.5 mill EC\$. .		Preparation of training modules for enhancement in GMP for farmers by the Center for Enterprise Development (CED).	Preparation of modules for Capacity Building through Business Development workshops (CED)	Infrastructural Development and equipment upgrade for farmers.
<b>OBJECTIVE 3 : TO STIMULATE MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESSES' DEVELOPMENT THROUGH FINANCIAL ACCESS AND SUPPORT</b>															

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3.1 Strengthen financial environment for MSME's (Facilitate access to financing and improved financial services-consolidation of financial institutions that support small and medium term enterprises i.e. comfy, credit unions etc).	COMFI		Training on Business Development to MSMEs				Training on Business Development to MSMEs			Training on Business Development to MSMEs 137 loans have been approved specially to agriculture sector	Completion of draft strategic plan document				
<b>OBJECTIVE 4 : TO IMPROVE MARKET ACCESS AND COMPETITIVENESS OF VALUE ADDED INITIATIVES</b>															
4.1 Improve National Capacity to respond to international competitiveness standards	Cuthbert Knights (Director of Trade)	European Union, Caricom, Compete Caribbean				Trade mission to the French Caribbean Outermost Region showcasing Vincentian products and establishing links			Discussions held for upcoming trade missions such as Expo Milan in 2015.		Trade Facilitation Task Force to meet to address bottlenecks to trade facilitation as well as to review Ease of Doing Business Report.	Produce document based on review of SVG's current ranking in the Ease of Doing Business.	Invest SVG, in collaboration with the ministry will begin a strategic promotional drive targeting a major hotel chain to SVG in response to the coming of the Argyle International Airport.	Implement suggested improvements in trade facilitation.	
4.2 Facilitating access to markets	Cuthbert Knights (Director of Trade)	European Union			Development of Inventory Guide for accessing the EU Market	Export Development Consultancy provided for SMEs in the preparation of business and marketing plans. Trade mission to the FCORs.				Discussions to be held with the Customs Department regarding the drafting of the 2015 legislative cuts for preferential rates.	Offering of business development support to SMEs, facilitating their export readiness. This done through workshops, consultation and advice.	Offering of business development support to SMEs, facilitating their export readiness. This done through workshops, consultation and advice.	Offering of business development support to SMEs, facilitating their export readiness. This done through workshops, consultation and advice.	Legislative document on preferential rates to be presented to cabinet for approval.	