



Negotiating Trade, Innovation and Intellectual Property: Lessons from the CARIFORUM EPA Experience from a Negotiator's Perspective

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Negotiating complex trade issues in new Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) often raises the question of adequate policy options, in particular in respect to chapters on innovation and intellectual property (IP).

In this context, the Policy Brief, *Negotiating Trade, Innovation and Intellectual Property: Lessons from the CARIFORUM EPA Experience from a Negotiator's Perspective*, by Malcolm Spence, Senior Coordinator, Caribbean Regional Negotiating Machinery gives an overview of the negotiations in the CARIFORUM EPA between the Caribbean Forum (CARIFORUM) and the European Commission (EC) on innovation and intellectual property rights (IPRs).

The author provides the necessary background how the concept of innovation was introduced, elaborated and adapted to the particularities of the region in this new trading agreement. Also, he describes the way to achieve the negotiating results from a senior negotiator's perspective. Further, he analyses the specific provisions on innovation, IP, enforcement of IPRs and cooperation in the CARIFORUM EPA. Finally, the author points to some short key conclusions and recommendations, as more general lessons, which could be of relevance for other sub-regions negotiating an EPA with the EU.

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