**The Bahamas Bureau of Standards & Quality (BBSQ)**

**& Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)**

***Host***

**The 2023 Bahamas NQP Re-engagement Forum:**

**Strengthening the Quality Infrastructure through Enhanced Standards and Metrology Services**

**(*hybrid meeting*)**

**7th June, 2023**

**Super Club Breezes Hotel at 9am-3pm**

**Nassau, The Bahamas**

**Agenda**

**Moderator** Dr. Renae F. Bufford, Head (BBSQ)

8am – 9:00am **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

9:00am **National Anthem**, RBDF Pop Band (Royal Bahamas Defence Force)

9:05am **Prayer**

9:10am **Welcome Address**:

Miss Pauline Curry (Chairwoman, Standards Council)

Mr. Daniel Best (Director, Projects Department, Caribbean Development Bank)

9:20am **Brief Greetings (2 mins)**:

Mr. De La Court, (Project Consultant) OCA Global

Mr. Devin Griffith, (Marketing Consultant) G&A Communications

Mr. Nichol Best (Metrology Technical Officer) CARICOM Regional Organization

for Standards & Quality (CROSQ)

9:35am **Visual Presentations** – Soft Launch

* + - * BBSQ’s Re-designed Website
      * BBSQ’s Re-branded Logo

9:50am **Brief Remarks (3-4 mins):**

CARIFORUM Directorate, Director General; TBD

Head of EU Delegation to Barbados, ECS, OECS, and CARIFORUM; TBD

The Hon. Clay Sweeting, Minister of Agriculture, Marine Resources and Family Island Affairs; TBD

The Hon. Dr. Michael Darville, Minister of Health and Wellness; TBD

The Hon. Alfred Sears, K.C., Minister of Works and Utilities; TBD and

The Hon. I. Chester Cooper, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, Investments and Aviation. TBD

10:20am **Selection** – RBDF Pop Band

10:25am Introduction of Minister Halkitis TBD

10:30am **Keynote Address**:

Senator, the Hon. Michael Halkitis, Minister of Economic Affairs (head of BBSQ)

10:50am **Coffee Break**

11:05am **NQI PowerPoint Presentations**:

* + - * + Standards Development (Standards Team)
        + Legal Metrology (Legal Metrology team)
        + Industrial Metrology (Brendon Johnson and Pieter de la Court)

11:30am **Break-out Sessions: Standards and Metrology**

**Standards** (Subtopic for consideration - “Exploring demonstrable national quality infrastructure good practice in support of export competitiveness”, Moderator’s name TBD)

**Metrology** (Subtopic for consideration -“Exploring the Metrology needs of stakeholders towards strengthened capacity, competitiveness and quality assurance”, Moderator’s name TBD)

1:00pm **Lunch Break**

2:00pm ***The Way Forward***

2:30pm **Closing Remarks** - Mr. Cadrington Coleby, Vice Chair (Standards Council)

2:35pm **Viewing of Artisans Exhibition**