



CARIFORUM



**The Ministry of Economic Affairs,
The Bahamas Customs and Excise Department
In conjunction with
Caribbean Forum (CARIFORUM)**

**CARIFORUM EU/UK Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)
CUSTOM PROCEDURES AND TRADE FACILITATION WORKSHOP**

September 29th 2023

PROGRAMME

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| 9:00 – 9:15 | Welcome Remarks
<i>CARIFORUM Directorate/ Official from The Bahamas to deliver remarks</i> |
| 9:15 - 9:30 | Tour de Table |
| 9:30 – 10:15 | The CARIFORUM-EU EPA and its General Implementation Commitments
<i>An overview of the fundamentals of the Agreement and the role of The Bahamas</i> |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | COFFEE BREAK |
| 10:30 – 11:15 | EPA Trade in Goods Commitments
<i>The Bahamas' Trade in Goods commitments under the CARIFORUM-EU EPA</i> |
| 11:15 - 12:00 | EPA Rules of Origin
<i>Consideration of the flexibilities available under Protocol I for The Bahamas' exporters to take advantage of the preferential access to the EU Market under the CARIFORUM-EU EPA.</i> |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | LUNCH BREAK |
| 13:30 – 14:15 | Opportunities and Challenges utilising Preferential Access under the EPA
<i>The Bahamas' opportunities and challenges utilising preferential access granted under the CARIFORUM-EU EPA</i> |
| 14:15 – 14:30 | Closing Remarks
<i>Representative from The Bahamas to deliver remarks</i> |