



11th EDF - EPA Programme - TBT Component

“Support to CARIFORUM States in Furthering the Implementation of their Economic Partnership Agreement Commitments and in Meaningfully Reaping the Benefits of the Agreement”

BBSQ/ACR/08/1

15th November 2023

Dear Private and Public Stakeholders:

RE: BBSQ HOSTS SPONSORED BUILDING QUALITY EXCELLENCE FOR A COMPETITIVE WORLD TRAINING SESSIONS BY JAMAICA NATIONAL AGENCY FOR ACCREDITATION (JANAAC)

Please reference the captioned matter.

The Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality (BBSQ) will host a five (5) day training session on the importance of the implementation of a robust Quality Management Infrastructure (QMI). The training is being partially sponsored by the **11TH EDF-EPA Programme-TBT Component**. The project “*Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)*” is one component of the **11th European Development Fund (EDF) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) Programme** entitled, "Support to CARIFORUM States in Furthering the Implementation of their Economic Partnership Agreement Commitments and in Meaningfully Reaping the Benefits of the Agreement". The overall objective of the 11th EDF-EPA Programme is to contribute to the integration of the CARIFORUM into the world economy.

The course will provide a comprehensive understanding and training on:

- **ISO 15189: 2022 Medical Laboratories – Requirements for Quality and Competence**
This standard symbolizes quality assurance. It sets forth the rigorous requirements for medical laboratories, ensuring the accuracy, reliability, and safety of clinical testing. ISO 15189 serves as a global benchmark, harmonizing practices and fostering trust in medical services worldwide.
- **ISO/IEC 17025: 2017 General Requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories**
ISO/IEC 17025 facilitates the precision and accuracy of measurements, vital across industries from manufacturing to research. This standard plays a pivotal role in ensuring the consistency and reliability of products and services worldwide, underpinning economic growth and international trade.
- **ISO 9001: 2015 Quality Management Systems – Requirements**
ISO 9001 embodies the commitment to quality and continuous improvement. It offers a universal framework for the enhancement of product and service quality, customer satisfaction, and operational efficiency.

These standards serve as instruments of progress, driving economic growth, and facilitating global trade. Organizations that implement these standards not only elevate their quality management practices, but also position themselves as leaders in their respective industries on the international stage. We invite you to explore the depth and significance of these standards in this training workshop, where you will gain the knowledge and skills to thrive in today's competitive and globally connected world.





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In light of the foregoing, BBSQ extends an invitation to you or a suitable representative to participate in the training on **6th – 8th & 11th -12th December 2023** from **9:00am-4:00pm**. From **6th – 8th December**, the training will be held at the **Department of Physical Planning (Public Hearing Room), Aventura Plaza John F. Kennedy Drive, Nassau, The Bahamas**. On **11th & 12th December**, the training will be held at **New Providence Community Church 23 Blake Road, Nassau, The Bahamas**. There will be a **registration fee of \$25.00** to be paid through wire transfer (*See Banking Information Below*) or in cash on the day of the event. At the end of the training session a certificate will be issued to all attendees. Continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

We look forward with anticipation to your acceptance of this invitation as we strive to strengthen and advance our national quality infrastructure systems. **Registration closes on 30th November 2023.**

Banking Information:

Beneficiary Name: Bahamas Bureau of Standards and Quality

Beneficiary Bank: RBC, Main Branch

Branch Code: 05625

Account Number: 2882843

Chequing Account

(Payees shall reference the event on the transfer and send proof of payment to standards@bbsq.bs)

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Bahamas Bureau of Standard and Quality

Attachment: The flyer invitation.