



Annual Work Plan 2

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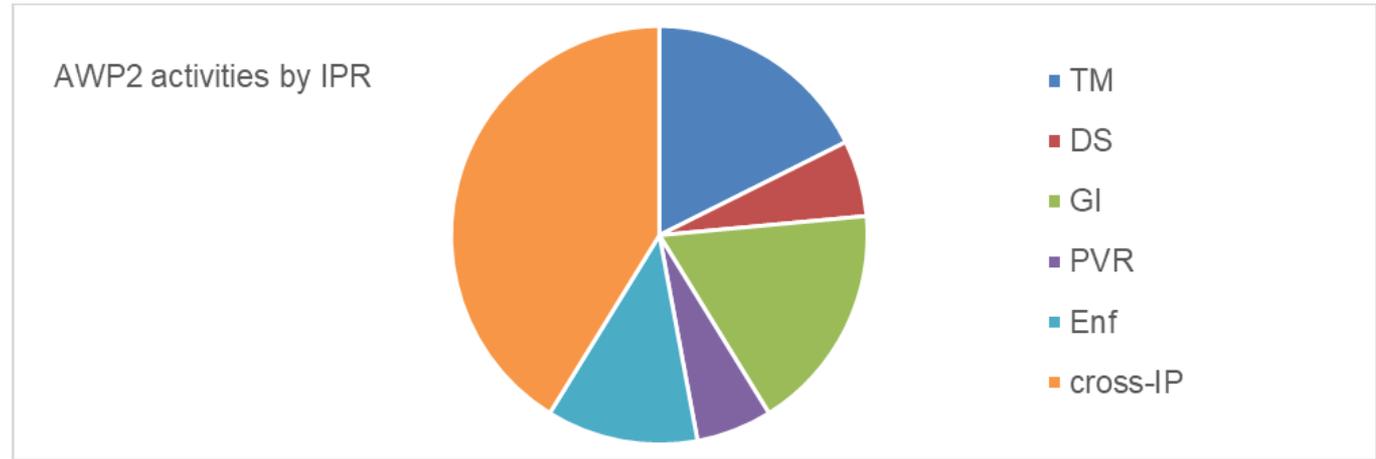


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OVERVIEW

- 12 MONTHS (1ST NOVEMBER 2020 – 31ST OCTOBER 2021)
- 4 WORK PACKAGES
- 16 ACTIVITIES



AWP 2 ACTIVITIES



WP1: Raising Awareness and Support

- A1 IP management for OLPs: case studies & communications actions
- A2 IP awareness raising actions
- A3 Policy Level – Building IP awareness among National EPA Coordinators

WP2: Institutional strengthening and digitalisation

- A4 Support IPOs in digitization of their business processes and databases
- A5 Specialised training for IPO examiners
- A6 Specific technical support and training to the Haitian IPO
- A7 Training for judiciary on IP Dispute Resolution - IP Case Law Conference
- A8 Training on IP crime detection and enforcement for customs and police

AWP 2 ACTIVITIES

WP 3: Regional harmonisation of laws and practice

- A9 Support in drafting and implementing modernized IP laws
- A10 GI manual and model law
- A11 Registration Framework for Plant Variety Rights
- A12 Support to accession to International Treaties
- A13 Identify and document common practices in TM, Designs
- A14 Support deeper regional harmonisation efforts

WP 4: Generating value and innovation through IPR

- A15 Building capacity of BSOs and SMEs
- A16 Mentorship programme for OLP/GI producer groups

Expected Result I: Increased awareness of the value and contribution of innovation and IPR to economic and social development, among policy makers, private sector and the general public.

WP 1: RAISING AWARENESS ON THE BENEFITS OF IPR

A.1 IP MANAGEMENT: CASE STUDIES & COMMUNICATION ACTIONS



Objectives:

- To document cases of OLPs in the region protected by IP tools and which emphasise the importance of IPRs for innovation and economic development

IPR:	All
Subject:	Case Study
Target:	Industry Stakeholders, Policy Makers
Start date:	Jun 2021
End date:	Sep 2021
Venue:	Virtual

Expected Results:

- Increased resources available on specific regional OLPs, their protection using IP tools and their commercialisation
- Enhanced awareness of OLP producers and policy makers of the importance of IPR for economic development and innovation

A.2 IP AWARENESS RAISING ACTIONS



Objectives:

- To raise awareness of IP issues among CF stakeholders at all levels (i.e. IP day campaigns; collaborating with Caribbean Export and other partners on, for example IP awareness events and awards; providing support to relevant events and activities undertaken by IPOs)

IPR:	All
Subject:	TA/Support
Target:	Policy Makers
Start date:	Nov 2020
End date:	Oct 2021
Venue:	CARIFORUM

Expected Results:

- Increased access to content produced by CarIPI on the website, social media and other online platforms
- Increased project visibility and opportunities to educate about the project and its interventions
- Enhanced awareness of importance of IPR for economic development and innovation

A.3 POLICY LEVEL - BUILDING IP AWARENESS AMONG NATIONAL EPA COORDINATORS AND OTHER RELEVANT MINISTRIES



IPR:	All
Subject:	Event/Training
Target:	Policy Makers
Start date:	Jan 2021
End date:	Mar 2021
Venue:	TBD

Objectives:

- To raise awareness on the importance of IP. Actions will include:
 - A tailored webinar on the importance of innovation and IP for national and regional development
 - CarIPI participation in a regional ‘high-level’ meeting to promote IP and present the project and interventions

Expected Results:

- Increased awareness of EPA coordinators and relevant ministries of the benefits of innovation and IP for development
- Increased commitment for the CarIPI project and its interventions; opportunities to educate about the project

Expected Result II: A network of strengthened and more efficient IP institutions, delivering timely, high quality and accessible IPR administration and enforcement services, benefiting MSMEs in particular.

WP 2: INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING AND DIGITALISATION

A.4 SUPPORT IPOS IN DIGITIZATION OF THEIR BUSINESS PROCESSES AND DATABASES

IPR: All

Start date: Jan 2021

Subject: Training/ TA

End date: Oct 2021

Target: All CS IPOs

Venue: n/a

Objectives:

- To identify and publish the list of G&S accepted by the different CS IPOs
- Regional Caribbean TMClass interface
- To connect the digitized CS IPOs TM registries
- Regional interface “Caribbean TMview”
- To launch the regional GView database
- To develop a strategy for the creation and long-term maintenance of a regional “Caribbean IP portal”



Expected Results:

- More CS IPOs joining TMClass and TMView
- Regional Caribbean TMClass interface launched
- Regional GI database launched

A.5 SPECIALISED TRAINING FOR IPO EXAMINERS

IPR: GIs, TMs, Designs
Start date: Mar 2021

Subject: Training
End date: Oct 2021

Target: All CS IPOs
Venue: n/a



Objectives:

- series of training interventions directed at TM, GI and Design examiners from the CS IP offices
- To gather recommendations for the preparation of a minimum standard GI examination process. This will be a first step towards the creation of a regional GI examination manual.

Expected Results:

- IP examiners skills enhanced
- Draft processes/procedures for GI registration
- Approved recommendations for developing a regional GI examination manual

A.6 SPECIFIC TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND TRAINING TO THE HAITIAN IPO

IPR: All

Start date: Jan 2021

Subject: TA & Training

End date: Aug 2021

Target: Haiti IPO

Venue: Haiti

Objectives:

- To support the process of establishing a functional IPO dealing with industrial property matters through i.e. trainings; technical assistance; sharing know-how, manuals, documentation, and forms; study visits.

Expected Results:

- 3 training actions implemented
- Training materials and resources in FR delivered
- Lessons learned and resources developed shared with other CS



A.7 TRAINING FOR JUDICIARY ON IP DISPUTE RESOLUTION - IP CASE LAW CONFERENCE

IPR: All
Start date: Sep 2021

Subject: Training
End date: Oct 2021

Target: CS Judiciary
Venue: Virtual & Alicante



Objectives:

To provide training in:

- Substantive and procedural issues of IP dispute resolution, incl. mediation
- Collaboration with regional partners (i.e. CCJ Academy of Law and/or the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers)

Expected Results:

- One webinar, skills of judiciary enhanced
- Attendance at IP Case Law Conference in fall 2021 in Alicante for a selected no. of members of the regional judiciary – if possible

A.8 TRAINING ON IP CRIME DETECTION AND ENFORCEMENT FOR CUSTOMS AND POLICE

IPR: All

Start date: Jan 2021

Subject: Training

End date: Oct 2021

Target: Customs, Police

Venue: Virtual/Antigua
and Barbuda



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Objectives:

- To implement activities on enforcement targeting senior officers in key agencies (customs and police) with responsibility for and experience in the area of IPR enforcement from the 16 CARIFORUM countries

Expected Results:

- Enhanced capacities of CS customs, police in CARIFORUM with a view to enhance regional sharing of knowledge and good practice
- Raised awareness on the current challenges and increased level of engagement and networking among key agencies

Expected Result III: Enhanced legal and policy frameworks in the area of Trade Marks, Designs and GIs, facilitating the participation in global protection systems in compliance with EPA provisions, and boosting regional harmonisation

WP 3: HARMONISATION OF LAW AND PRACTICE

A.9 SUPPORT IN DRAFTING AND IMPLEMENTING MODERNIZED IP LAWS



IPR:	TM, Designs, PVR
Subject:	Laws
Target:	All IP Offices
Start date:	Nov 2020
End date:	Oct 2021
Venue:	n/a

Objectives:

- To support CS in drafting and implementing modernized Design and PVR laws
- To specifically support harmonization of TM laws CARIFOURM wide
- To implement training on TM law targeting IPOs and drafts persons

Expected Results:

- Trade Mark draft model law implementation supported
- Support to drafting and modernizing Design or PVR laws provided to at least 3 countries

A.10 GI MANUAL AND MODEL LAW



IPR:	GIs
Subject:	Laws, Training
Target:	IPOs, draftspersons OLP producer gr.
Start date:	Nov 2020
End date:	Feb 2021
Venue:	Virtual

Objectives:

- To complete a GI model law, regulations, forms
- To develop a regional GI Examination Manual
- To facilitate a series of webinars and workshops on the model law

Expected Results:

- A model law on GI endorsed
- Webinars delivered for CS in relation to the model law with IPOs, draftspersons and other stakeholders participating

A.11 REGISTRATION FRAMEWORK FOR PLANT VARIETY RIGHTS



Objectives:

- To support CS in implementing PVR registration frameworks in conformity with UPOV and national laws, based on the DO experience

IPR	PVP
Subject	Webinar/TA
Target	IPOs/PVR Administrators
Start date	Jan 2021
End date	Mar 2021
Target	VC, JM

Expected Results:

- Capacities of administrations in charge of registering PVR enhanced
- At least 1 webinar or face-to-face meeting on importance of plant breeding
- Increased awareness of potential benefits of plant breeding activities

A.12 SUPPORT FOR ACCESSION TO INTERNATIONAL TREATIES



IPR	GI, TM, Design, PVP
Subject	Treaties, Training
Target	Government Agencies, IPOs
Start date	Jan 2021
End date	Sep 2021
Venue	Virtual & 1 tbc

Objectives:

- To implement 2 webinars on pre and post accession issues
- To collaborate with WIPO/UPOV/CPVO to implement 1 in-person event on a relevant treaty
- To develop/adapt information materials on accession to international treaties

Expected Results:

- Enhanced capacity of IPOs to address accession processes and procedures
- More information on specific IPR treaties available to the public

A.13 IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT COMMON PRACTICES IN TM & DESIGNS



IPR	GI, TM, Design
Subject	Practice
Target	Policy makers, IPOs, IP users
Start date	May 2021
End date	Aug 2021
Venue	Virtual & 1 tbc

Objectives:

- To contribute to the existing WIPO Trade Mark manual (common practices on TMs) and identify and discuss common practices related to industrial designs

Expected Results:

- Common practices documented in the area of trade marks
- Common practices discussed on Designs

A.14 SUPPORT DEEPER REGIONAL HARMONISATION EFFORTS



IPR	PVP
Subject	TA & Training
Target	All CS
Start date	Feb 2021
End date	Jun 2021
Venue	virtual

Objectives:

- To support evaluating the feasibility of regional systems or institutions in the field of IPR, by sharing know-how, methodologies and practices
- To implement a webinar to share practices in relation to regional harmonisation and to share results with other CARIFORUM States in view of replicating good practices

Expected Results:

- Contribution to further regional harmonisation in the IPR field in CARIFORUM (meetings, discussions, documentation, possibly a study)

Expected Result IV: Improved capacity of the productive sector to create, protect, utilize, commercialize and enforce their IP rights, thus stimulating innovation and new business models.

WP 4: GENERATING VALUE AND INNOVATION

A.15 BUILDING CAPACITY OF BSOS AND SMES

IPR: All

Start date: Nov 2020

Subject: TA, Events

End date: May 2021

Target: Private sector & intermediaries

Venue: virtual

Objectives:

- To enhance knowledge and skills of the business sector in the CS to use IPR in their business strategies. Focus:
 - webinars targeting private sector generally with a focus on specific value chains (e.g. handicraft, cocoa)
 - Support development of an IP/Innovation tool

Expected Results:

- Awareness and skills of business intermediaries/producer associations enhanced

A.16 MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME FOR OLP/GI PRODUCER GROUPS

IPR: GI, TM, DS

Subject: Training/TA

**Target: (Potential) GI Producer
Assoc. & rep.**

Start date: Jan 2021

End date: Aug 2021

Venue: virtual + tbc

Objectives:

- To build capacity among actors in the agro-business sector in relation to IP, entrepreneurship, export capacity and innovation;
- To enhance understanding and communication of the innovation ecosystem with respect to commercialization of IP/ideas/export requirements;
- To generate success stories with regards to expanding business to regional and EU markets, based on a sound IPR strategy.

Expected Results:

- More agro-food producers are prepared to register and market their products nationally, regionally, and internationally.





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