



### Letter of Commitment

Mr. Antoni Estevadeordal  
Manager  
Integration and Trade Sector  
Inter-American Development Bank  
Washington DC 20577

Dear Mr. Estevadeordal:

The Belize Intellectual Property Office (BELIPO) is committed to fully supporting and participating in the execution of the proposed regional project entitled the "Caribbean Intellectual Property Management Facility", which we plan to execute under the IDB's Regional Public Good (RPG) Initiative. To that end, BELIPO will commit in-kind contributions of technical expertise as demanded in order to implement the regional project.

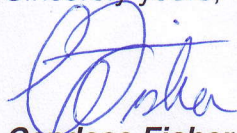
The Regional Public Good that the proposal attempts to promote is a priority for our country for the following reasons. It proposes:

- To increase awareness of the role of IP assets and its management in enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs
- To facilitate access to knowledge and technology that will foster creativity and innovation
- To assist companies in capitalising on technology commercialisation
- To strengthen the IPO and IPR framework whilst promoting a fair balance between IP protection and the public interest

In light of the above, this organisation pledges, once the objectives of the project have been accomplished, to continue promoting and supporting the development of the RPG by the following:

- Utilising the established virtual hub to improve IP institutional capacity through continued collaboration and peer-based learning between government, business, research institutions, and civil society
- Promoting an integrated regional IP system

Sincerely yours,



***Candace Fisher (Mrs)***  
***Deputy Registrar***  
***of Intellectual Property***



**Jamaica Intellectual Property Office**  
(An agency of the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce)  
18 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 10.  
JAMAICA

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March 21, 2014

Mr. Antoni Estevadeordal  
Manager  
Integration and Trade Sector  
Inter-American Development Bank  
Washington DC 20577

Dear Mr. Estevadeordal:

**Re: Letter of Commitment- Caribbean Intellectual Property Management Facility**

The Jamaican Intellectual Property Office (JIPO) is committed to fully supporting and participating in the execution of the proposed regional project entitled the “Caribbean Intellectual Property Management Facility”, which we plan to execute under the IDB’s Regional Public Good (RPG) Initiative. To that end, JIPO will commit in-kind contributions of technical expertise as demanded in order to implement the regional project.

The Regional Public Good that the proposal attempts to promote is a priority for our country for the following reasons. It proposes:

- To increase awareness of the role of IP assets and its management in enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs
- To facilitate access to knowledge and technology that will foster creativity and innovation
- To assist companies in capitalizing on technology commercialization
- To strengthen the IPO and IPR framework whilst promoting a fair balance between IP protection and the public interest

In light of the above, this organization pledges, once the objectives of the project have been accomplished, to continue promoting and supporting the development of the RPG by the following:

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- Utilizing the established virtual hub to improve IP institutional capacity through continued collaboration and peer-based learning between government, business, research institutions, and civil society
- Promoting an integrated regional IP system

**Sincerely yours,  
Jamaica Intellectual Property Office**



**Carol Simpson (Ms.)  
Executive Director/Attorney-at-Law**

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

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THE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF RESEARCH

Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Wayne Hunte

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April 17, 2014

Mr. Antoni Estevadeordal  
Manager  
Integration and Trade Sector  
Inter-American Development Bank  
Washington DC 20577

Dear Mr. Estevadeordal

I am writing to confirm that the University of the West Indies (UWI) is committed to fully supporting and acting as Executing Agency for the proposed regional project entitled the “Caribbean Intellectual Property Management Facility”, which we plan to execute under the IDB’s Regional Public Good (RPG) Initiative. I am further confirming that the UWI will commit in-kind contributions, primarily administrative and technical expertise and meeting space, as will be required in order to execute the regional project.

The Regional Public Good that the proposal attempts to promote is a priority for our region for several reasons. These include:

- To increase awareness of the role of IP assets and their management in enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs;
- To facilitate access to knowledge and technology that will foster creativity and innovation;
- To assist companies in capitalizing on technology commercialization; and
- To strengthen the regional IPO and IPR framework whilst promoting a fair balance between IP protection and the public interest.

Given the above, the UWI pledges, once the objectives of the project have been achieved, to continue promoting and supporting the development of the Regional Public Good through the following activities:

- Utilizing the established virtual hub to improve IP institutional capacity through continued collaboration and peer-based learning between government, business, research institutions and civil society; and
- Promoting an integrated regional IP system.

The University of the West Indies looks forward to working with the Inter-American Development Bank in executing the proposed project which we view as critical for facilitating Caribbean development.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Wayne Hunte  
Pro Vice Chancellor (Research)



**Mr. Antoni Estevadeordal**  
**Manager**  
**Integration and Trade Sector**  
**Inter-American Development Bank**  
**Washington DC 20577**

*Ref. nr. 2014.04.17.sb.04*

**Concern: Letter of Commitment**

Paramaribo, April 16, 2014

Dear Mr. Estevadeordal:

The Suriname Competitiveness Unit is committed to fully supporting and participating in the execution of the proposed regional project entitled the "Caribbean Intellectual Property Management Facility", within the framework of IDB's Regional Public Good (RPG) Initiative. To that end, the Suriname Competitiveness Unit will commit in-kind contributions, primarily technical expertise, as is demanded in order to implement the regional project.

The Regional Public Good that the proposal attempts to promote is a priority for our country for the following reasons. It proposes:

- To increase awareness of the role of IP assets and its management in enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs
- To facilitate access to knowledge and technology that will foster creativity and innovation
- To assist companies in capitalizing on technology commercialization
- To strengthen the IPO and IPR framework whilst promoting a fair balance between IP protection and the public interest

In light of the above, this organization pledges, once the objectives of the project have been accomplished, to continue promoting and supporting the development of the RPG by the following:

- Utilizing the established virtual hub to improve IP institutional capacity through continued collaboration and peer-based learning between government, business, research institutions, and civil society
- Promoting an integrated regional IP system

Sincerely,

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**Mr. Sieglien Burleson**  
**Executive Director Competitiveness Unit Suriname,**



Mr. Antoni Estevadeordal  
Manager  
Integration and Trade Sector  
Inter-American Development Bank  
Washington DC 20577

Geneva, 4 April, 2014

Dear Mr. Estevadeordal,

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) strongly supports the proposed regional project "Caribbean Intellectual Property Management Facility" to be executed under the IDB's Regional Public Good Initiative. The project follows the spirit and directions of technical assistance provided by WIPO in the past to the countries in the Caribbean. WIPO will make available to the implementation of the project its expertise, network of contacts, materials and partnerships that could support significantly the achievement of the objectives of this regional undertaking.

The Regional Public Good that the proposal aims to promote is fully in line with WIPO's objectives in terms of:

- raising awareness of the role of intellectual property and its management, while enhancing the competitiveness of the national creative and innovative sector;
- facilitating access to knowledge and information that will foster creativity and innovation;
- assisting rightholders in the commercialization of their intellectual property assets;
- strengthening the capacity of the Intellectual Property Offices to provide intellectual property-related services to society while maintaining a balanced IP regime.

The accomplishment of the objectives of the project will help the countries-beneficiaries to improve the use of their intellectual property resources in line with their national development objectives and regional priorities. It will also contribute to enhanced collaborations between rightholders and users, governments and creative businesses, which will help building up the national institutional capacity in intellectual property.

Sincerely yours,

  
Dimitar Gantchev  
Deputy Director and Head of Section Creative Industries,  
Culture and Creative Industries Sector  
World Intellectual Property Organization





## Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development

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October 27<sup>th</sup> 2014

Ms. Michelle Cross Fenty  
Representative  
Inter-American Development Bank  
17 Alexandra Street  
St Clair

Dear Ms. Cross Fenty,

**Re: Caribbean Regional Enterprise Asset Commercialization Hub (REACH) – Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados and Jamaica**

The Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development is in receipt of correspondence from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), requesting no objection for the participation of Trinidad and Tobago in the above captioned initiative. This initiative is intended to foster innovation and competitiveness in Caribbean Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) through the development of a Regional Entrepreneurial Assets Commercialization Hub (REACH) that will assist companies in commercializing their intellectual assets.

In light of this, the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development has no objection to the participation of Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean Regional Enterprise Asset Commercialization Hub (REACH).

Sincerely,

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/s/ Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development