

# **COMPETE CARIBBEAN**

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**Maritime Transport**

**Air Transport**

**Broadband Connectivity**

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# MARITIME TRANSPORT

| Issue  | Strategy for Change<br>(mitigate the issue related risks)   | Institutions   |
|--|---|--|
| Inefficient and uncompetitive small vessel (SV) fleet not optimally linked to external fleets for transshipment and backhaul purposes                            | Small vessel network (regional maritime clusters)   | CAIC – CDE – OECS – CC – Shipping Agent – SV owners and operators  |
| Research regarding supply/demand market information, standards, rationalisation of vessel type, unions, goods clearance, port efficiency and equipment upgrading | Caribbean maritime information system   | CAIC – CDE – OECS – CC – Shipping Agents – SV owners and operators<br>CAHFSA – Consumer protection agency (JA model) |
| Timely access to appropriate finance   | Regional benevolent quick response seed/venture capital with shepherding process to mitigate the risk of business failure | Private investment with Govt. incentives – CDB – Funding Agencies – Banks - Diaspora                                 |

# AIR TRANSPORT

| Issue  | Strategy for Change<br>(mitigate the issue related risks)   | Institutions   |
|--|---|--|
| Ageing LIAT fleet  | Replace fleet   | LIAT s'holders – CDB   |
| High air fares   | Develop business model to reduce the tax component  | Govt's – CC – CTO – OECS   |
| Inefficient scheduling and interlining arrangements within the region and between regional/ int'l carriers                                       | Establish a Caribbean aviation task force<br>Establish communication with Latin American airlines<br>Establish a regional CASOS | OECS – CC – airport authorities – airline owners and operators – CTO – ECCA                                  |
| Research regarding supply/demand market information, standards, aircraft type, security, open skies, creative revenue models, airport efficiency | Caribbean air travel information system   | OECS – CC – airport authorities – airline owners and operators – CTO – Consumer protection agency (JA model) |
| Timely access to appropriate finance   | Benevolent quick response seed/venture capital funding with shepherding component to mitigate the risk of business failure      | Private sector investment with Govt. incentives – CDB – Funding Agencies – Diaspora                          |

# BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY

| Issue                                | Strategy for Change<br>(mitigate the issue related risks)  | Institutions  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Cost of Bandwidth                    | Spectrum allocation regulations  | ISPs – OECS – CC – CTU – IDB  |
| Free Wifi for all                    | Unlock internet access   | BEF   |
| E-Commerce                           | Legislation<br>Clearing house facility for banks   | CC – OECS – Banks   |
| Online processing inefficiency       | Awareness programme  | Individuals - OECS – CC – Private sector  |
| Communications serves                | Apps – Internet TV<br>Promote culture of innovation for young entrepreneurs  | Young promoters of communication services - national regulators; sub-regional and regional lobbyists – YBTs |
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