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Compete Caribbean+ Shortlists Nine Clusters for Climate-Smart Growth and Innovation

Three clusters are shortlisted through the OECS & Belize call and six through the Innovation Clusters call.

CARIBBEAN — Compete Caribbean+ has shortlisted nine clusters from two calls for proposals under its Clusters and Value Chains Instrument. The selected initiatives span agri-food, wellness, circular economy, healthcare resilience, biodiversity and creative industries.

The calls drew **79 proposals** from across the region. Call #2, a dedicated window for the OECS and Belize, received 18 applications from five countries. Call #3, the region-wide Innovation Clusters call, received 61 applications from 11 countries.

79
proposals received across both calls

9
clusters shortlisted

6
Caribbean countries represented on the shortlist

The shortlist will proceed to technical assistance for Cluster Development Plans. The plans will be considered by an Investment Panel as the next step toward implementation support.

PATHWAY TO IMPLEMENTATION

Following technical assistance, Cluster Development Plans will be presented to an Investment Panel. Grant amounts are US$250,000 under Call #2 and US$350,000 under Call #3.

The nine shortlisted clusters

Three clusters from the OECS & Belize call and six clusters from the Innovation Clusters call.

03 Call #2 · OECS & Belize

Belize Blend

BELIZE

Fine-flavour chocolate cluster integrating climate-smart agriculture, quality management and eco-tourism.

Lead firm: Corridgeree Belize Ltd

Seamoss and Wellness Value Chain

SAINT LUCIA

Seamoss value chain strengthening production, product quality, value-added products and market positioning through a unified brand.

Lead firm: Export Saint Lucia

Vincy Fruit Flavoured Seamoss

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Export-focused collaboration for research and development, shared processing, stronger raw-material supply, skills transfer and a route to market.

Lead firm: Grenadines Gold Ltd

06 Call #3 · Innovation

Jamaica Zero Waste Project

JAMAICA

Waste-to-value circularity platform focused on organic-waste diversion and agricultural output, including a digital application, research trials and certification.

Lead firm: SmilOzone Waste Management Limited

Caribbean Biodiversity Monitoring Cluster

SAINT LUCIA

Integrated, genomics-based biodiversity monitoring framework spanning Saint Lucia's marine and terrestrial environments.

Lead firm: CariGenetics (LC) Limited

Close the Loop Caribbean

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Circular-economy ecosystem to divert and process six waste streams through a commercialised public-private partnership model, with regional scaling.

Lead firm: Close the Loop Caribbean Ltd.

Sustainable Health Infrastructure & Emergency Linkages in Disasters (SHIELD)

JAMAICA

Climate-resilience hub-and-spoke healthcare network model to reinforce failure points in health systems during disasters.

Lead firm: Novamed Limited

Climate-Smart Cocoa Shell & Botanical Cluster

GRENADA

Research and development to valorise cocoa bean shell waste into beverages, supported by food safety, branding, packaging, market access and traceability.

Lead firm: Tri-Island Chocolate

Digital Creative Industries Cluster

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Industry-led innovation ecosystem for creative industries, with product development, export acceleration, talent development, intellectual-property support and capacity building.

Lead firm: Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industries

ABOUT COMPETE CARIBBEAN+

Compete Caribbean+ stimulates economic growth, productivity and innovation in 13 Caribbean countries. A partnership of the Inter-American Development Bank, the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, the Caribbean Development Bank and the Government of Canada, the programme fosters sustainable, inclusive private-sector development.