

# TRADE='N'-SPACES

INSIGHTS

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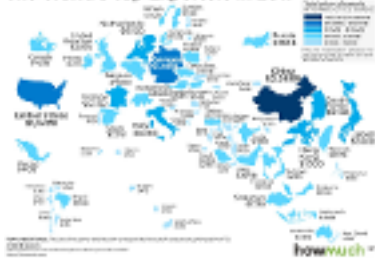
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## TRADE VISUALIZATIONS

The World's Top Exporters in 2017



### TOP 10 EXPORTERS (2017)

1. China
2. United States
3. Germany
4. Japan
5. Netherlands
6. South Korea
7. Hong Kong
8. France
9. Italy
10. United Kingdom

**"MAN CANNOT  
DISCOVER  
NEW OCEANS  
UNLESS HE HAS THE  
COURAGE TO LOSE  
SIGHT OF THE SHORE."  
- ANDRE GIDE**

## CSME FREE MOVEMENT OF LABOUR GUARANTEE: CONTINGENT RIGHTS

The social rights of select CARICOM Nationals residing and working in Barbados, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Suriname are secure. This is as a result of the recently signed Protocol at the 39th CARICOM Heads of Government Meeting in Jamaica.

This protocol allows the families of CARICOM Temporary Service Providers and CARICOM Nationals moving Capital or establishing businesses and residing in any of the 7 aforementioned states, the ability to access the social services of the host country on the same basis as the host country's nationals.

The penultimate Article 239 of the 2001 Revised

Treaty of Chaguaramas establishing the CARICOM including the CSME (RTC) mandated CARICOM Member States to develop a Protocol on Rights Contingent on establishment, provision of services and movement of capital in the Community. Some 17 years later, after the creation of the RTC and 12 years after the launch of the CSM, 7 out of 13 CSME participating states signed.

The Protocol is yet to be made public but it is hoped that CARICOM Heads of Government have corrected the grave error of Article 239 and included CARICOM Skilled Nationals.

*by Dr. K. Skeete,  
Trade Research Fellow*

## CLIMATE CHANGE & CARICOM FOOD SECURITY

The Caribbean's small size and vulnerability to natural disasters are important considerations in assessing its state of food security and the effects of climate change on agriculture in the region.

According to a 2017 UNESCO Media Release, as part of the Caribbean strategy to mitigate this threat, the CARICOM established the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre to coordinate the region's response to climate change and to increase resilience to its impact. Furthermore, individual Caribbean countries have started to take action, including Guyana, which is promoting forest conservation; Barbados, which is promoting renewable energy; and St. Lucia, which is incorporating climate change into its sustainable development agenda.

That being said, the region still has a long way to go in developing its strategy to counter the effects of climate change. For agriculture in particular, there must be increased use of technologies to minimize weather dependent agriculture. As shared by CARICOM Today - the official blog of CARICOM - these and other combined actions are critical if the region is to minimize the impact of climate change on its economies-particular its impact on agriculture and food security.

*by Camille Russell, Research  
Assistant*

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

UN ECLAC

Santiago, Chile

Deadline: August 16 2018

### PROGRAMME MANAGER

CARICOM Secretariat

Georgetown, Guyana

Deadline: August 9 2018

Click the job titles for further information.

## MITP ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



**Ms. Denisha Hector**

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This Vincentian born educator graduated from the MITP with Distinction in 2012. Denisha's research interests surround international affairs as it relates to the OECS & CARICOM regions. She is specifically interested in International Relations, Renewable Energy Trade and Caribbean Economic Development Strategies.

Her MSc Research Paper was on Renewable Energy Trade and Investments: Strategies for the OECS.

### RESEARCH PAPER ABSTRACT

A vibrant renewable energy sector can be a potential game changer for services trade in the OECS. The core barrier to the development of trade and investment in the OECS Renewable Energy sector, is a weak policy-legislation-incentive framework, which is said to be the best practice approach to the successful development of an renewable energy sector. Using a quantitative case study comparison between Barbados and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, to ascertain how the policy-legislation-incentive nexus impacts RE trade and investments, it was found that a weak nexus leads to several non-tariff market access barriers. To reduce these barriers, the development of a W/120 renewable energy and related services cluster is necessary as a means for policy makers to have a holistic view of all the sectors that are involved in RE trade and investments.

## NEWS TO WATCH

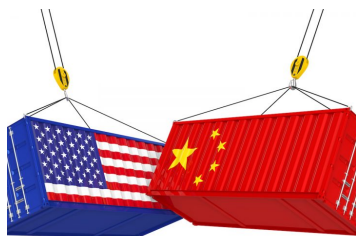


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### Trade Wars

The intensification of **US-China Trade** war has resulted in gains for other countries. Chinese seafood importers are sourcing fish and lobster from several markets as a result of the prohibitive prices of American seafood.



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### Post-Cotonou Partnership Agreement

Preparations for the **Post-Cotonou Partnership Agreement** have begun in earnest as the current agreement expires in February 2020. ACP and by extension CARIFORUM priorities surround the attainment of sustainable development.

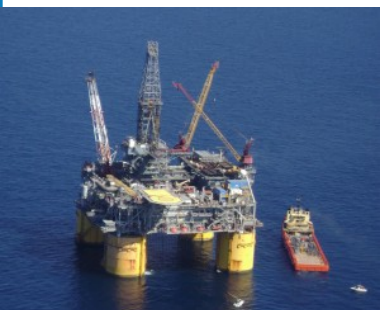


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### Guyana's Oil Sector

Exxon Mobil Corporation made its eighth **oil discovery offshore Guyana**. Predictions of Guyana's total oil production is expected to exceed 600,000 barrels per day by 2030.



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### Jamaica's Cannabis Sector

Will the ban on marijuana in its totality be lifted as recommended by the **CARICOM Regional Commission on Marijuana**? A positive start was the launch of Epican, Jamaica's first legal cannabis dispensary in Kingston.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### CARIBBEAN ENERGY POLICY, SOCIETIES AND LAW CONFERENCE

Thursday October 4 2018  
The University Inn & Conference Centre,  
UWI St. Augustine Campus,  
Trinidad

Abstract submission deadline:  
August 15 2018

### CONFERENCE ON THE ECONOMY 2018

**Economic Development Challenges:  
Looking Towards 2030**

October 2018

UWI St Augustine Campus, Trinidad

Abstract submission deadline :

August 18 2018

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