

# AFRICARIBBEAN TRADE AND INVESTMENT FORUM 2022

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Date: 1-3 September 2022

Venue: Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre (LESC)  
Bridgetown, Barbados

## Invitation to Participate in the Africa Caribbean Trade and Investment Forum 2022

The Government of the Republic of Barbados will be hosting the first ever edition of the AfriCaribbean Trade and Investment Forum (ACTIF) which is being convened by African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank) and Government of Barbados in collaboration with African Union Commission (AUC), African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, Africa Business Council, the Caribbean Community Secretariat, and Caribbean Export Development Agency.

African and Caribbean ties are deep rooted and based on shared history, culture, and sense of a common identity and destiny that was forged by the slave trade creating large centres of African Diaspora in the Caribbean and elsewhere. Today, while Africa and the Caribbean have renewed their engagement, with a Heads of State and Government Summit of the Caribbean Community and Africa, held on 7 September 2021, the relationship needs to be institutionalized through deepening of trade and investment ties between the two regions.

The holding of the inaugural Africa-Caribbean Trade and Investment Forum is therefore a key strategic deliverable towards the institutionalisation of the reborn relationship between Africa and the Caribbean. This Forum will further consolidate the political agreement reached by Heads of State and Government of the Caribbean Community and which aims to strengthen collaboration, unity and to foster increased trade, investment and people-to-people engagement between the two regions.

It is in this context that the inaugural Africa Caribbean Trade and Investment Forum (ACTIF), has been organised to hold during 1-3 September 2022 at Bridgetown, Barbados. The Forum dubbed: **AfriCaribbean Trade and Investment Forum 2022**, will hold under the theme **“One People, One Destiny. Uniting and Reimagining Our Future”**.

The main goal of the AfriCaribbean Trade and Investment Forum is to provide a platform for the development of strategic partnerships between the business communities in Africa and the CARICOM Region with the objective of fostering bilateral cooperation and engagement in trade, investment, technology transfer, innovation, tourism, culture and other services. The Forum will also be used as a vehicle to actively promote trade and investment opportunities among people of Africa and the Caribbean, as well as the wider diaspora which will contribute to the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) and to the Caribbean trade development agenda.

It is therefore with great pleasure, that I write to respectfully invite you to participate in the Africa-Caribbean Trade and Investment Forum. For registration and other information pertaining to the Forum, including travel, accommodation and the opportunity to exhibit, kindly visit the event website and secure your place by clicking on the **Register Now** button.

While I await your favourable response, please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and our regards.

Sincerely yours,

**Prof. Benedict O. Oramah**

President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Afreximbank

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