



## Call For Proposals

*US\$500,000 to develop risky and innovative ideas*

Innovators across the Caribbean are currently being invited to submit proposals to the Compete Caribbean Enterprise Innovation Challenge Fund (EICF) to compete for up to US\$500,000 to develop their ideas.

The open call was launched on October 1st, 2012 and ends on November 30th, 2012. Submissions should have the potential to increase exports and create jobs for Caribbean men and women.

The Caribbean is wonderfully diverse with a rich heritage and a unique culture that encourages flair and creativity. The *Innovation Window* is designed to probe for and develop the ingenuity of the Caribbean private sector by encouraging firms and entrepreneurs across the Caribbean states to compete for non-reimbursable grant funding.

The grants finance projects that are innovative and risky. If successful these projects could make a significant contribution to the economic development of the Caribbean.

Specifically, the fund will provide matching grant resources to firms and entrepreneurs, who want to finance innovative ventures, take risks to develop new products, implement new business models and/or enter new markets. **For More Information:** <http://www.competecaribbean.org/program/innovation-window>



## *The Embassy of Panama wishes to inform you that Panama will be the Host Country for the XXXI Edition of "Expocomer 2013" on April 17 – 20, 2013*

*Expocomer is a multi-sector trade exhibition. The main categories of Expocomer are: Foods, Textiles, Construction, Technology and Services. This is the ideal place for your company to exhibit products and services to local and regional markets, introduce new products to the market, evaluate the competition and use the Colon Free Trade Zone as a bridge to re-export products to the Caribbean, Central America and South America.*

*For more information, you may send an email to: [imunoz@panacamara.org](mailto:imunoz@panacamara.org) or telephone: (507) 207-3434 or Fax: (507) 227-0115. You may also visit their webpage at: [www.expocomer.com](http://www.expocomer.com) where you can find information on the Rules of Admission, Product Categories, Participation Options, as well as Floor Plans among other things.*

## JCC / MF&G Wednesday Morning Seminar

### *“Developments in Anti-Money Laundering”*

**Date:** Wed. Nov. 14, 2012

**Venue:** Myers, Fletcher & Gordon,  
21 East Street, Kingston

**Presenter:** Gina Phillips Black,  
Attorney-at-Law, Partner, MF&G

## Parish Chamber Quarterly Meeting

**Date:** Sat. Nov. 24, 2012

**Venue:** Sandy Haven Resort, Negril

**Keynote Speaker:** Andrew Holness,  
Leader of the Opposition

**For more information, or to register for upcoming events please contact:**



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Members are encouraged to get involved with the work of the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce... Contact any member of the Executive, Board of Directors or the Secretariat, to indicate your interest to volunteer and participate in one of JCCs many Committees, whose work is a benefit to all members and the business community at large...



The Jamaica Chamber of Commerce (JCC),  
The Jamaica Exporters' Association (JEA), and  
The Jamaica Manufacturers' Association (JMA)  
will be hosting a

## BREAKFAST MEETING

*‘Strategies to Improve the Competitiveness of the Jamaican Economy’*

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi,  
Secretary General of the United Nations Centre for  
Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

**DATE:** Thursday, November 15, 2012

**TIME:** 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**VENUE:** Knutsford Court Hotel, Ruthven Road,  
Kingston 10

**COST:** \$2,500 per person (inclusive of tax)

For a Reservation Form or for further information, please contact the JEA Attention: Nicola McEwan at Tel: 960-4908 or [nicolam@exportja.org](mailto:nicolam@exportja.org)