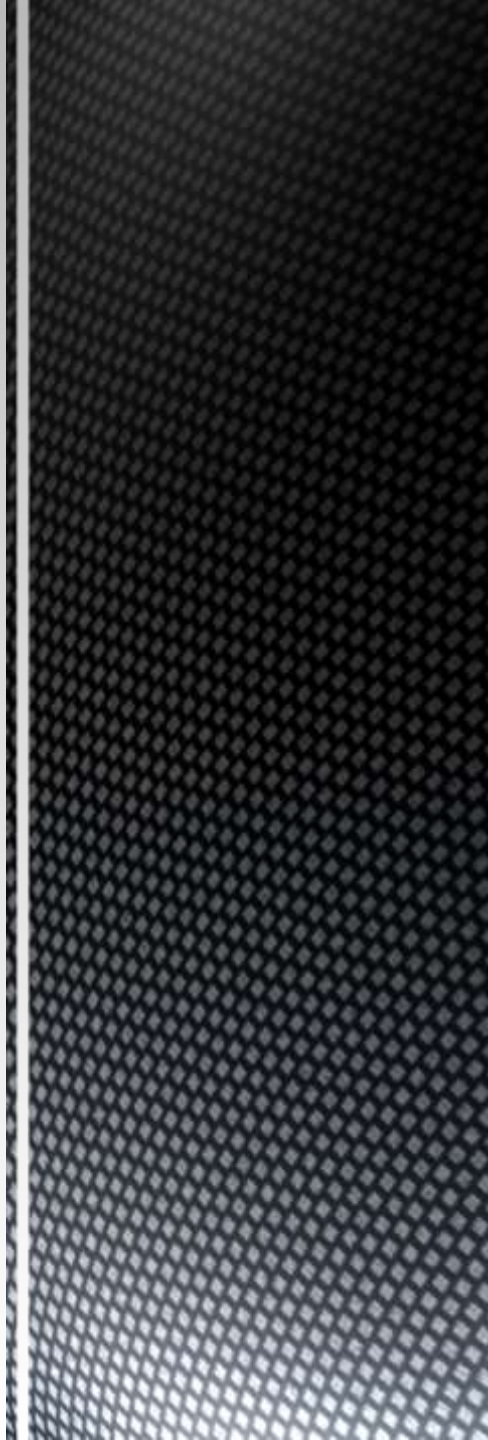




Perspectives from the Middle

Economic Cooperation and Integration Across
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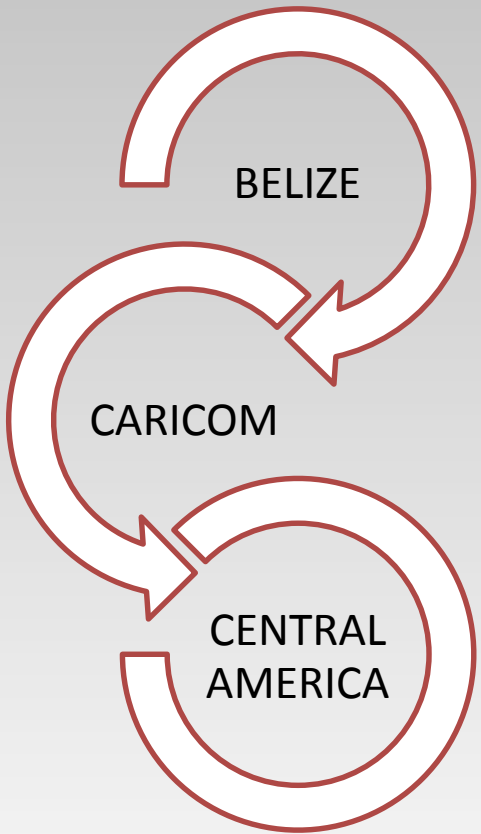


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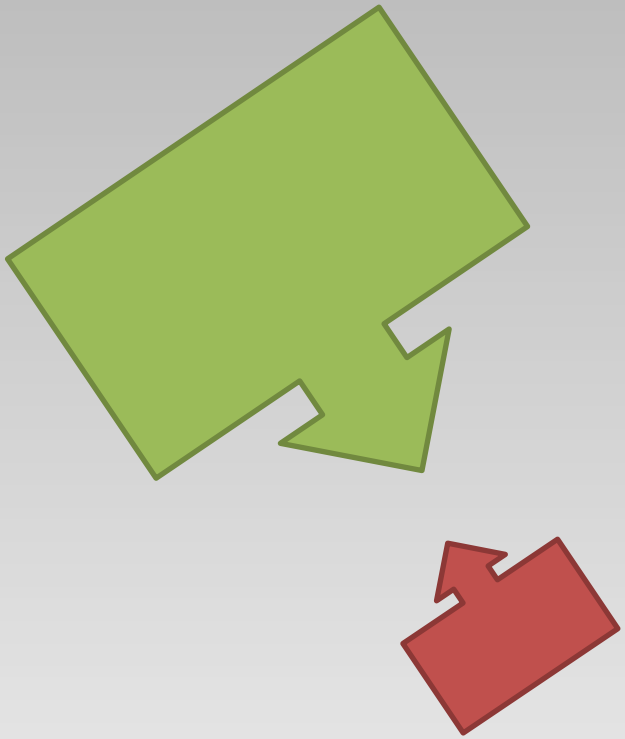
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The challenge
to formalise trade
and the persistence of un-
recorded, informal trading





BELIZE AND CARICOM THIRD PARTY NEGOTIATIONS



BELIZE AND MEXICO

Challenges and
Limited Successes

Recommendation:
Beneficial for All –
Consolidation of
Negotiations between
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MEXICO & BELIZE



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PROSPECTS:

CENTRAL AMERICA
&
THE CARIBBEAN

REGIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Often painful, sometimes
demoralising ...

BUT

Ultimately possible with:

- creative approaches to export funding
- commitment and understanding that there is strength in negotiating as blocs
- mechanisms for responding quickly to opportunities



Thank you, gracias.

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