



## Call for Projects – Caribbean Investment Forum (CIF) 2026

The Caribbean Investment Forum (CIF) returns in 2026, hosted in Barbados, as the region's premier platform for advancing transformative Caribbean projects toward investment. Organised by the Caribbean Export Development Agency, CIF continues to drive high-impact investments that power the Caribbean's sustainability, digital transformation, regional integration, and inclusive growth.

For CIF 2026, the Forum is seeking advanced, investment-ready projects that can be further packaged and promoted to global investors. The focus is on identifying strong, commercially viable initiatives that demonstrate measurable national or regional impact and are poised for expansion or scaling. Projects should require capital investment of over US \$3 million and align with at least one of CIF's priority areas, the green economy, digital transformation, sustainable agriculture, logistics and transportation

Participation in CIF 2026 offers project developers the opportunity to gain international visibility, access technical support to refine and package their projects for investment, and engage directly with investors, development partners, and regional institutions committed to advancing sustainable growth across the Caribbean.

### Building on the Success of Previous Editions

Since its launch in 2022, the Caribbean Investment Forum (CIF) has evolved into the Caribbean's premier transaction-oriented investment marketplace, purpose-built to connect investment-ready projects with international investors, development finance institutions, and strategic partners. Across successive editions, CIF has progressively strengthened its deal-facilitation architecture, scaling both the volume and structure of business-to-business (B2B) engagements and delivering tangible value for project owners.

- **CIF 2022 – Trinidad & Tobago**  
Established CIF's foundational vision and positioned the Caribbean as a credible destination for sustainable and innovation-driven investment. The inaugural edition prioritised high-level investor exposure, curated networking, and exploratory deal discussions, laying the groundwork for the structured B2B model that would be formally introduced in subsequent years.
- **CIF 2023 – The Bahamas**  
Marked the introduction of a dedicated B2B Opportunity Centre, signalling CIF's transition from networking-led engagement to intentional deal facilitation. Eight investment-ready projects valued at US\$30.9 million were showcased, supported by 188 structured B2B meetings, including meetings between project sponsors, investors, and other business counterparts. These

engagements enabled early-stage negotiations, follow-up discussions, and the initiation of formal due diligence processes.

- **CIF 2024 – Guyana**

Represented a significant scale-up in transaction activity. Eight packaged projects valued at US\$58.8 million were presented, and the Forum facilitated 221 structured B2B meetings, reinforcing CIF's role as a high-impact matchmaking platform connecting project sponsors, investors, and strategic partners.

- **CIF 2025 – Jamaica**

Consolidated CIF's position as a mature investment marketplace. Twelve investment-ready projects valued at over US\$80 million were showcased, and 135 structured B2B meetings were facilitated, supporting substantive deal discussions and post-Forum engagement. CIF 2025 also marked a major institutional milestone with the signing of the Caribbean Export–IDB Memorandum of Understanding, establishing the ONE Caribbean Project Preparation Coordination Mechanism (PPCM) and strengthening structured pathways from project presentation to bankability.

Between 2023 and 2025, CIF facilitated more than 540 structured B2B meetings, reflecting the rapid maturation of its deal-making function. Over the same period, CIF supported the packaging of 30 projects, with 27 showcased across its Investment Villages, spanning the green economy, sustainable agriculture, digital innovation, and logistics sectors.

For project owners, CIF offers more than visibility. It provides curated investor access, structured B2B engagement, expert feedback, and credible post-Forum financing pathways within a trusted, institutionally anchored platform.

Building on this momentum, CIF 2026 in Barbados will further strengthen the Forum's value proposition by expanding its focus on Logistics and Transportation as a driver of regional integration, trade competitiveness, and connectivity, while continuing to champion sustainable, digital, and inclusive projects aligned with evolving investor demand.

## Priority Investment Sectors

### 1. Sustainable Agriculture

Innovate for food security and climate resilience! We are seeking projects that modernise Caribbean agriculture through sustainable practices, agritech solutions, and circular-economy models, from waste-to-energy and organic inputs to precision farming and smart irrigation.

### 2. Green Economy Transition

Accelerate sustainability and climate-smart growth! Submit initiatives that advance the region's low-carbon transition, including renewable energy, recycling, carbon reduction technologies, and energy-efficient or environmentally sustainable manufacturing.

### 3. Digital Transformation

Step into the digital future! Present solutions that harness digital platforms, automation, and smart systems to enhance efficiency, competitiveness, and access to regional and international markets.

### 4. Logistics & Transportation

Connect the Caribbean! We invite projects that strengthen regional trade logistics, transport infrastructure, and inter-island connectivity, from air and maritime cargo services to warehousing, fleet management, and sustainable mobility innovations.

## Why Submit Your Project

Projects selected for participation in CIF 2026 and the Investment Village will benefit from the following opportunities:

- **Visibility:** Gain international exposure by presenting your project at CIF 2026 to a target audience of investors, financiers, and strategic partners.
- **Credibility:** Become part of a curated pipeline of investment-ready projects promoted by Caribbean Export and its regional and international partners.
- **Targeted Support:** While direct guidance is not provided during the application stage, selected projects will have the opportunity to receive targeted, time-bound support to strengthen investment readiness and refine project presentations for investor engagement.
- **Investment Engagement:** Connect directly with investors and other business stakeholders through structured engagement, including the Investment Village pitching process.
- **Impact:** Contribute to advancing the Caribbean's sustainable, digital, and inclusive growth agenda through transformative investment opportunities aligned with regional priorities.
- **Practical Experience:** Strengthen the project pitch through real investor-facing experience. Presenting in a structured format helps refine the value proposition, improve clarity and timing, and focus on what investors typically look for.
- **Investor Feedback:** Gain insights from investor questions and reactions. This can help identify key gaps (e.g., financials, risks, market validation) and guide improvements to increase investment readiness.

## Application Process – Two Steps to the CIF Stage

- **Step 1: Expression of Interest (EOI)**

Applicants are required to submit an Expression of Interest by **March 15, 2026**, by completing the **form provided**. The EOI should briefly outline the project concept, investment required, sector alignment, and expected impact.

- **Step 2: Full Proposal (By Invitation Only)**

Following the review of EOIs, only shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a Full Proposal by **May 15, 2026**. **The Full Proposal should not exceed 50 pages and must be presented in letter-size format.**

## Elements of the Full Proposal

Shortlisted applicants will be required to submit a comprehensive proposal containing the following:

- **Project Proposal:** A detailed description of your project, including objectives, strategies, target audience, and expected outcomes. Clearly outline the problem or market need the project addresses and the proposed solution, showing how your project aligns with one or more of the specified sectors and its unique value. It is also recommended to include a brief Business Overview (who the organization is, what it does, and its market experience) to provide context and strengthen the proposal.
- **Budget Outline:** A comprehensive budget detailing capital investment and fund allocation. Include details on how funds will be used, potential revenue streams or cost-saving measures.
- **Three-Year Financial Projections:** Provide detailed financial projections for the next three years. Include revenue forecasts, anticipated expenses, profit margins, and any assumptions made in your projections. This will help us understand the financial viability and sustainability of your project.
- **Timeline:** An estimated timeline for project implementation and key milestones. Highlight critical phases and deliverables to demonstrate your project's roadmap to success. It is also recommended to include a brief expansion and scaling outlook to show the medium- and long-term growth strategy, without requiring an overly detailed or extended timeline.
- **Team Profile:** Brief bios of key team members, highlighting their expertise and roles in the project. Showcase your team's unique skills and experiences that position you for success.

- **Impact Assessment:** A description of the national or regional impact that will be created, supported by metrics for measuring success. the potential social, economic, and environmental benefits of your project.
- **Feasibility Study:** A thorough feasibility study assessing the viability of your project. This should include market analysis, business model, risk factors, potential challenges, and strategies for overcoming obstacles. Demonstrating the feasibility of your project is crucial for securing support.

Providing these elements upfront will help ensure strong, credible submissions and streamline the investor selection process.

## Eligibility

Projects must be implemented in CARIFORUM Member States, with a minimum investment requirement of US \$3 million. Private-sector enterprises, cooperatives, public-private partnerships, and social enterprises are eligible to apply.

*\*CARIFORUM Member States include Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago.*

## How to Submit

All EOIs and full proposals should be sent to:  
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