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## National Quality Policy Implementation Matrix Workshop

**Date:** 27 January 2025, 2 PM – 4 PM, Barbados time

**Location:** Hybrid – Warrens Suite, Baobab Tower, St. Michael, Barbados | Zoom – Link to register:  
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### Background

Most CROSQ members have developed or are in the process of developing National Quality Policies (NQPs). These policies serve as vital frameworks for the national quality infrastructure (QI) institutions, stakeholders, and suppliers of products and services, promoting economic growth at national, regional, and international levels.

In addition, CROSQ has approved the Regional Quality Policy (RQP), which aligns these NQPs with regionally agreed priorities. With these developments nearing completion, the focus now shifts to the **implementation of NQPs**.

The British Standards Institution (BSI) has played a key role in this space, collaborating with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to develop NQP guidance documents. Leveraging these, BSI has introduced the **NQP Implementation Matrix**, a simple Excel tool designed to support a sector-based approach for assessing and addressing QI needs.

This tool empowers local experts to evaluate the current QI capacity against national demands for priority sectors, providing a structured pathway for policy implementation.

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### Workshop Overview

As part of the UK-funded Standards Partnership Program, CROSQ and BSI invite you to a **virtual training session** on implementing NQPs using the NQP Implementation Matrix.

### Workshop Highlights:

- Review of the quality infrastructure (QI), the essential elements, and the need for further development to be demand driven.
- The role and purpose of NQPs and of the CARICOM Regional Quality Policy.
- Practical guidance related to the updating and implementation of the NQPs and the role of the NQP Implementation Strategy Matrix.
- Discussions on how to identify and select priority sectors, collect and aggregate data and the role of validation workshops.

The attendees will then be expected to use the information and techniques provided to begin to formulate implementation strategies for each country. They will also be encouraged to identify any areas that may need to be refreshed in their NQPs to ensure that they are current and fit-for-purpose.

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### Target Audience

This workshop is designed for:

- CROSQ Members and other national quality infrastructure stakeholders involved in National Quality Policy development and implementation within CARICOM Member States.