



International Federation of
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Regional Challenges in Establishing Collective Management – CARROSA

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The **Caribbean Reproduction Rights Organizations' Agency Ltd. (CARROSA)** was established in **May 2017** by the five RROs in the region, to facilitate multi-territorial licensing in the Caribbean.

1. **JAMCOPY (Jamaica)**
2. **TTRRO (Trinidad & Tobago)**
3. **BCOPY (Barbados)**
4. **BECLA (Belize)**
5. **ECCLA (Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States)**

IFRRO and CARROSA

IFRRO supported to CARROSA in a two phased project 2023-2024.

Part 1:

- ▶ Assessment report of the status of the negotiations and hurdles to completion of the UWI negotiations.
- ▶ Consultation on administrative and operational matters.
- ▶ Preparation of a draft Operational Plan “roadmap”, and budget in collaboration with JAMCOPY

Part 2:

- Implementation of operational plan/roadmap



Challenges

Outstanding CMO regulations:

- Jamaican Copyright Act under which CARROSA would operate is yet to enact long-promised CMO regulations.
- The Act was amended in 2015 requiring CMO registration, but regulations were never passed.
- In 2025, draft regulations are still “under review” at Attorney General Chambers (government lawyers).
- An amendment was passed in December 2023 to recognise CMO's in existence before 2015. This included JAMCOPY but not CARROSA (est.2019)



Challenges

- The relevant Jamaican government ministry with responsibility for legal reform is slow to prioritise CMO's concerns and unwilling to meaningfully consult with the CMOs in a timely manner
- Each Caribbean RRO is local registered as a legal entity to transact business...
- However, only JAMCOPY and BCOPY are currently offering licences.
- BECLA and ECCLA have outstanding company filings in their respective territories which affects their business standing.
- BECLA, ECCLA and TTRO have no existing members or affiliates.



Challenges

- Apart from JAMCOPY, none of the other Caribbean RROs is yet trained and equipped to provide administrative functions in relation to CARROSA.
- Fresh personnel with the vision, competence and passion to achieve local and regional licensing may need to be recruited.
- JAMCOPY has the willingness, the institutional history, subject matter expertise and competencies required to do so.
- Extending this expertise to train the other RROs is contemplated and can be realised through CARROSA





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Administrative and operational matters to be determined include:

- (i) The functions that CARROSA should undertake alongside the existing national RROs.
- (ii) The functions CARROSA should undertake for Caribbean countries which do not have any or any viable RRO.
- (iii) Distribution methodologies and protocols to be adopted.