



# Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States



**SUBREGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON THE  
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA AGENDA  
FOR SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (ABAS) AND ITS  
MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E) FRAMEWORK**

# Introduction

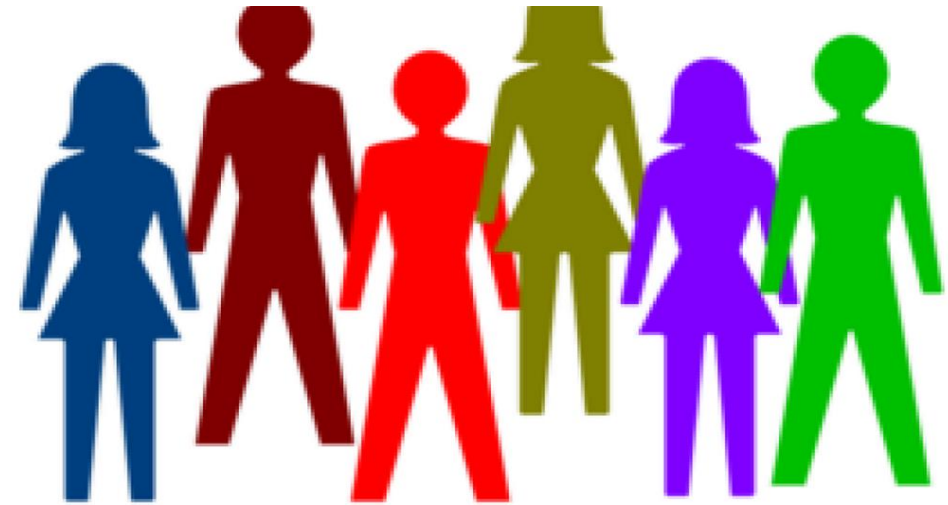
- ▶ The Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) has been actively engaged with the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), specifically in the context of enhancing sustainable development for SIDS within the region. The OECS seeks to address the unique challenges faced by small island nations, including climate change, economic vulnerability, and sustainable resource management.

# WHAT IS NEEDED NOW

Build Resilient Economies

Fostere Safe, Healthy, and Prosperous Societies

Environmental Protection and Planetary Sustainability



Enhance inter-island connectivity and establish centers of excellence.

Strengthen health systems and build strong institutions.

Promote gender equality, empower youth, and ensure inclusivity.

Foster transitions to sustainable energy and improve energy access.

Develop integrated water management, enhance food security, build resilient infrastructure, and improve transportation for better regional and global connectivity

Address climate change vulnerabilities and concerns regarding global emissions and biodiversity loss.

Seek urgent action on climate change, conservation of oceans and biodiversity, and mainstreaming disaster risk reduction to protect ecosystems and natural resources.



# HOW DO WE GET THERE

## Strengthening Data Systems

Invest in human and institutional capacity in for quality, accessible, and reliable disaggregated data collection.

Modernize national data infrastructure and enhance the capabilities of Statistical Offices

## Innovative Approaches

Implement science-based and innovative methods, including responsible AI usage,

## Partnerships and Best Practices

Foster partnerships and share expertise and data to facilitate peer-to-peer learning, especially through the Centre of Excellence.

## High-Quality Spatial Data:

Provide high-quality spatial data

# What have we done



## OECS Data for Decision Making Project - OECS / World Bank

- ▶ Creation of the OECS RDGC
- ▶ Implementation of the harmonised OECS LFS
- ▶ Training in weighting Sampling - scholarship for online course - ILO
- ▶ Training in Data anonymisation - 10% PHC completed ...recruiting firm to continue this initiative under the DDM project
- ▶ Training in survey documentation and micro data cataloging -
  - ▶ OECS Micro Data Catalog created
- ▶ Education thematic report
- ▶ Regional Statistical Bulletins -Youth and the elderly
- ▶ Training in Arc GIS - in collaboration with Caricom
- ▶ Addressed problems in Eurotrace - Trade Statistics
- ▶ Pilots - Use of drones and Use of Administrative Data

# Caribbean Digital Transformation Project

- ▶ **Enhanced Digital Infrastructure:** Improvements in the digital infrastructure across member states, facilitating better connectivity and access to digital services.
- ▶ **Strengthened Digital Governance:** Development and implementation of digital governance frameworks that enhance public service delivery and promote transparency and efficiency in government operations.
- ▶ **Capacity Building:** Training programs aimed at building the digital skills of both government employees and the general population, ensuring that individuals can effectively engage with digital technologies and services.
- ▶ **Promotion of E-Government Services:** Expansion of e-government services, allowing citizens to access government services online, leading to increased convenience and improved citizen engagement.
- ▶ **Support for Innovation and Entrepreneurship:** Encouragement of innovation and the development of digital businesses through support programs, workshops, and funding initiatives aimed at fostering a digital economy.
- ▶ **Regional Collaboration:** Strengthening of collaboration among OECS member states to share best practices, resources, and experiences in digital transformation efforts.

# Enhanced Country Poverty Assessment

- ▶ **Project Management and Coordination:** Coordination with the Caribbean Development Bank and the United Nations on Country Poverty Assessments,
- ▶ **Capacity Building:** Procurement of a Research and Survey Statistician and a Social and Gender Analyst and a GIS specialist to provide technical support for the SLC/HBS and enhance gender-integrated poverty assessments, along with a Capacity Building Data Anonymisation Workshop.
- ▶ **Data and Dissemination:** Supported the maintenance and upkeep of the OECS Data Portal to share data from the Enhanced CPA Programme, including new deprivation maps for five OECS countries, completion of recent poverty reports for several member states, and convened a High-Level Forum in August 2025 in Saint Lucia to discuss the results and outputs.

# Partnerships

The OECS Commission is strategically aligning with partners, such as the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), (MOU) on advancing the implementation of ABAS and strengthening a collective voice on the global stage

CDB enhanced Country Poverty Assessment project  
OECS/CDB strategy

UNITAR, CARICOM,  
STATCAN

# Thank You!

Please send email to [sherma.beroo@oecs.int](mailto:sherma.beroo@oecs.int) for more details and any areas of collaboration that jumps to you immediately or later. We are more than ready to work with our regional and international partners to build capacity in this region.

