



Building Resilience and SDG Acceleration Roadmaps for Antigua and Barbuda

Strategies to enhance sustainability and resilience effectively

Strategic Context and Alignment

FRAMEWORKS FOR RESILIENCE

The national development priorities, as outlined in the 2026 Budget, align seamlessly with key regional and international frameworks: the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS), the MSDCF, the OECS Harmonization Agenda, and the CARICOM Treaty Commitments under the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas.

These frameworks converge around a single objective: fostering resilient and inclusive prosperity for Caribbean SIDS, shaping a cooperative approach to climate risk, economic shocks, limited fiscal capacity, and the structural constraints faced by small island states.

Together, they guide Antigua and Barbuda's sustainable development priorities, aligning them with global and regional commitments. ABAS outlines four pillars, focusing on resilient economies, safe societies, secure futures, and environmental protection, from 2024 to 2034. It integrates disaster risk reduction, climate action, and sustainable energy, aligning with the global 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. The MSDCF framework promotes economic resilience, equality, climate adaptation, and justice across multiple Caribbean countries.



Building Resilience Roadmap

Overview and Objectives

Addressing Multidimensional Vulnerabilities

The roadmap targets food insecurity, energy vulnerability, and financial instability to build resilience.

Sectoral Priorities

Focus areas include food systems, energy access, digital transformation, and job creation to support resilience.

Long-term Sustainability

Integrating resilience measures into national planning ensures sustainable and inclusive growth.

Leadership Among SIDS

The roadmap positions Antigua and Barbuda as a proactive leader in resilience among Small Island Developing States.





Operationalizing the Roadmap

To deliver on the Prime Minister's call for action, the UN system developed an action plan that would seek to operationalize the roadmap. One of the key activities of this action plan was the development of a list of bankable projects for Antigua and Barbuda.

The Global Call and Proof-of-Concept Workshop represents a new and transformative approach for the Eastern Caribbean, one that opens the door for innovators worldwide to directly contribute to national and regional development priorities. By creating a structured pipeline for ideas to be tested, refined, and supported, the initiative ensures that countries across the region can access tailored, cutting-edge solutions suited to their unique climate and economic challenges.

The initiative marks a significant step in advancing innovative climate-resilience and sustainability solutions across the region.

Beyond identifying technical solutions, the Global Call initiative is also designed to accelerate collaboration, bringing together governments, communities, private-sector actors, and innovators in a way that strengthens shared ownership of emerging solutions. This collaborative model is central to building resilience in Small Island Developing States, where scalable, context-appropriate innovations can significantly strengthen national systems and long-term sustainability.

SDG Acceleration Roadmap



- Review and assess SDG implementation – identify gaps and bottlenecks in current progress.
- Prioritize high-impact interventions – focus on areas that can deliver transformative results for resilience and inclusive development.
- Mobilize resources and partnerships – leverage financing, technical assistance, and multi-stakeholder collaboration.
- Integrate resilience and social protection – ensure that climate adaptation and human development are central to acceleration strategies.
- Create a practical roadmap for action – define clear steps, roles, and timelines for implementation and reporting.

National Consultation and Objectives



High-Level National Consultation

Senior policymakers and experts convened to identify strategies for accelerating SDG progress by 2030.

Core Objectives

Reviewing SDG implementation, identifying gaps, aligning priorities, and creating a practical acceleration roadmap.

Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration

Emphasis on partnerships, resource mobilization, and integrating climate resilience and social protection.

Inclusive Sustainable Development

Ensuring no one is left behind by leveraging expertise and fostering inclusive national planning.

Call to Action- Accelerating ABAS Implementation

Strategic Alignment

The SDG roadmap reviews SDG progress and identifies gaps, ensuring that ABAS actions are integrated into national planning and reporting systems.

They align with ABAS's four pillars—resilient economies, safe societies, secure futures, and environmental protection—by embedding these priorities into SDG acceleration strategies.

Operationalization of ABAS Actions

Moves ABAS from policy vision to actionable projects through bankable initiatives and implementation pathways.

The Proof-of-Concept Workshop validated innovative solutions (e.g., waste-to-energy, Sol Agri System) and created a pipeline for early adoption.

Mobilization of Mechanisms

Helps prioritize interventions that have the highest impact on ABAS goals, such as climate resilience, social protection, and economic diversification.

Leverages national mechanisms (Climate Resilience and Development Fund, PPPs) and global mechanisms (GCF, MVI financing) to secure resources for ABAS priorities.

Monitoring and Reporting

Provides a structured framework for tracking progress, enabling timely reporting on ABAS actions and alignment with MSDCF and SDG indicators.

Multi-Stakeholder Engagement

The national consultation convened policymakers, the private sector, civil society, and technical experts, fostering shared ownership of ABAS-aligned actions.

Encourages collaborative implementation across sectors, reducing duplication and accelerating delivery.

Encourages multi-stakeholder collaboration, ensuring shared ownership and accountability.

Catalytic Effect Across SDGs

By focusing on resilience in food, energy, and jobs, the roadmap creates multiplier impacts across multiple SDGs, accelerating ABAS's integrated approach.

Key Takeaways



Unified Strategic Roadmaps

Roadmaps integrate resilience building and SDG acceleration to address national vulnerabilities effectively.

The Importance of Operationalizing Roadmaps

The workshop highlighted participatory approaches critical to turning plans into actionable results.

Alignment with Frameworks

Roadmaps align with ABAS and MSDCF frameworks, ensuring cohesion between national and global goals.

Multi-stakeholder Collaboration

Embedding resilience through diverse stakeholder cooperation advances a secure and sustainable future.