

Strengthened capacity to design and implement policies to enhance resilience in Caribbean SIDS

A Development Account Project

Project Launch in Saint Kitts and Nevis

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Background

Challenges faced by Caribbean Countries

- Slow pace of achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Susceptibility to impacts of climate change as Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- Exposure to natural hazards and disasters
- Unsustainable public debt
- Limited technical and institutional capacity to effectively tackle development challenges
- Implementation gaps relating to sustainable development initiatives in sectors critical to resilience building
 - Highlight on data limitations
 - Capacity limitation



Status of the SDGs in the Caribbean

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Goal	Target																						
SDG 1						1.1	1.3	1.4	1.a	1.2	1.5	1.b											
SDG 2					2.1	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.a	2.b	2.3	2.c											
SDG 3		3.1	3.4	3.5	3.8	3.d	3.2	3.3	3.7	3.9	3.c	3.a	3.b	3.6									
SDG 4						4.2	4.c	4.1	4.3	4.5	4.b	4.a	4.4	4.6	4.7								
SDG 5								5.5	5.b	5.c	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.a							
SDG 6		6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.a	6.5	6.b														
SDG 7							7.a	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.b												
SDG 8					8.3	8.8	8.10	8.b	8.2	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.a	8.1	8.7	8.9							
SDG 9					9.1	9.2	9.a	9.4	9.c	9.3	9.5	9.b											
SDG 10				10.4	10.6	10.7	10.b	10.5	10.a	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.c										
SDG 11							11.1	11.6	11.2	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.7	11.b	11.c								
SDG 12				12.3	12.4	12.b	12.c	12.2	12.1	12.5	12.a	12.6	12.7	12.8									
SDG 13							13.2	13.3	13.1	13.a	13.b												
SDG 14					14.2	14.6	14.b	14.1	14.7	14.5	14.3	14.4	14.a	14.c									
SDG 15				15.1	15.4	15.a	15.b	15.2	15.3	15.5	15.6	15.8	15.7	15.9	15.c								
SDG 16				16.3	16.6	16.7	16.8	16.1	16.2	16.4	16.5	16.9	16.10	16.a	16.b								
SDG 17					17.7	17.9	17.11	17.1	17.3	17.4	17.12	17.13	17.17	17.18	17.19	17.6	17.8	17.2	17.5	17.10	17.14	17.15	17.16

- The trend is moving away from the target
- The trend is in the right direction, but progress is too slow for the target to be met
- Target already reached or likely to be reached on the current trend
- Insufficient data

Source: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

- 29% moving away from target
- 27% moving in the right direction but progress is slow
- Target already reached on 8%
- Data insufficient for 36% of targets

Background

DA Project - A Response to the Challenges

There is an urgency to accelerate action in implementing the SDGs, considering:

- The challenging global environment in which Caribbean SIDS operate
- The timeline for the 2030 Agenda is only five years away

This will require **strengthening of national and subnational capacity, accountability, and public institutions**. The DA Project is designed to respond to the institutional capacity needs of Caribbean member States, including **capacity strengthening in data-informed policy formulation and implementation**. It started in September 2024 and will conclude in June 2027.



Objective of the DA Project

To **strengthen national capacities** of selected Caribbean countries to design and implement **policies and strategies** for accelerating the achievement of the SDGs and building resilient economies.



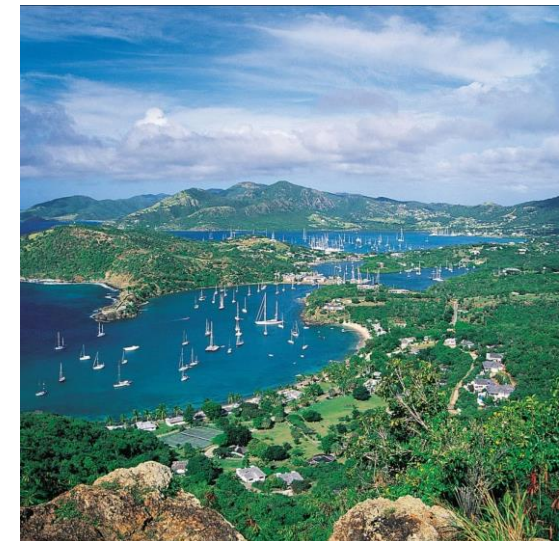
Expected Outcomes of the DA Project

1. Enhanced technical skills among decision-makers in the beneficiary countries to develop policies and projects to promote sustainable development and build resilience to shocks.
2. Strengthened institutional capacity of target countries to facilitate greater synergy in implementation of the SDGs and ABAS.



Sustainable
Development
Goals

Antigua and
Barbuda
Agenda for
SIDS



Target Countries



Antigua and
Barbuda



Belize



Grenada



Saint Kitts and
Nevis



Saint Lucia



Suriname

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Observations made in country's first Voluntary National Review (VNR) presented to the HLPF in 2023

- Necessity to secure adequate financial resources to implement national priorities and achieve the SDGs
- Need to develop financing and mobilization strategies to identify and quantify the funding gap for implementing national priorities that contribute to the achievement of the SDGs.
- Limited statistical capacities as a major barrier to the implementation of, and reporting on, the SDGs



Project Activities

- National capacity building workshops
 - Statistical analysis
 - Cost-benefit analysis,
 - Strategic policy planning
- Technical assistance in drafting and implementation of national policies/strategies
- National training course on project proposal preparation and effective project management
- Technical assistance to support the design of at least one project proposal that advances sustainable development and/or promotes resilience to economic, social, or environmental shocks



Project Activities

- Technical assistance and advisory services in the preparation of Saint Kitts and Nevis' 2nd VNR
- Subregional workshop to develop the capacity of Saint Kitts and Nevis and other target countries to develop, revise, and/or institute mechanisms for synergistic implementation of the SDGs and ABAS, in alignment with national development priorities
- Intraregional study tour for peer learning in institutional mechanisms for sustainable development
- End-of-project subregional workshop to share lessons learned





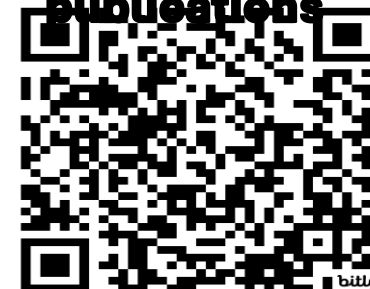
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