

EXPERIENCE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IN MONITORING THE SDGs



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BACKGROUND

- ❖ Trinidad and Tobago prepared its first VNR in 2020
- ❖ Coordinated by the Ministry of Planning and Development with Central Statistical Office (CSO)
- ❖ Two independent consultants worked with the VNR team.

SCOPE OF VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW

- ❖ Report focused on 8 of the 17 Goals in the SDG framework



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- ❖ Goals selected were informed by several factors including:
 - Goal aligned to the national development planning framework: *National Development Strategy (NDS) 2016-2030, Vision 2030*;
 - Data availability to support evidence-based reporting; and
 - Setting realistic goals for the country's first VNR.

DECISIONS TAKEN

- ❖ Restrict SDG reporting to CARICOM Core Indicators for SDGs - 109 unique indicators.
- ❖ Only official national statistics were used to compile the report i.e. data prepared by the CSO or recognized by the CSO/government as official statistics.

KEY CHALLENGES

- ❖ CSO had not commenced formally compiling SDG data prior to the VNR process.
- ❖ Identifying and coordinating collection of data is a lengthy process that requires dedicated resources.

KEY CHALLENGES CONT'D

- ❖ Data identified as available during data assessment exercises are often not *readily available* when requested.
- ❖ Data collected via paper-based administrative records are often difficult to incorporate into the process based on limited timeframe.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- ❖ The same data are often available from multiple sources.
- ❖ Non-traditional data sources, not previously contemplated by the CSO were consulted, e.g., Bankers Association (8.10.1 and 8.10.2).
- ❖ Difficulty in obtaining disaggregated data to meet defined reporting requirements.

OUTCOMES

- ❖ 62 percent of the targeted 109 unique indicators were produced.
- ❖ Exercise provided a good benchmark with respect to data gaps as well as a comprehensive mapping of indicators to data sources/providers.
- ❖ Provided baseline and roadmap for follow up actions to promote and sustain future reporting on SDGs at the national and sub-national levels.



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