Agenda Item 5: Furthering the SIDS Agenda in the Caribbean

Twenty-first meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

Port of Spain
3 November 2023
Background

1995
Interim Regional Coordination Mechanism established to assist region in the implementation of the BPOA

2006
RCM formalized at the 21 Session of the CDCC to monitor the implementation of the MSI

2018
27 Session of CDCC reaffirmed the need to fully operationalize the RCM to monitor SDGs and SIDS POA

2020
RCM renamed at the 28 Session of the CDCC to the Caribbean SIDS Mechanism for Sustainable Development
• Expanded mandate to monitor and support sustainable development implementation in Caribbean SIDS
Challenges

Limited resources to institutionalise the mechanism

RCM was never fully operationalized

Lack of country ownership of the mechanism
Towards SIDS 4

Caribbean SIDS acknowledged that the absence of an instituted coordinated mechanism hindered advancement of the SIDS development agenda.

Kingstown Outcome Document - Caribbean SIDS committed to revitalizing the RCM to support monitoring and implementation of the SIDS POA and the SDGs.

Praia Declaration reiterated the importance of regional coordination mechanisms in supporting implementation of the SIDS POA.
Why a C-SIDS Sustainable Development Mechanism?

• Provide a forum to define joint positions on SDG and SIDS POA matters.
• Increase assistance from donors to support the sustainable development agendas of Caribbean SIDS.
• Incentivize Caribbean SIDS to establish functioning national inter-sectoral committees on sustainable development.
• Provide a forum to share experiences and lessons learned in implementing the SDGs and SIDS POA targets.
• Reduce the burden of reporting on Caribbean SIDS.
Proposed objectives

- Assist Caribbean SIDS achieve their sustainable development commitments by providing capacity assistance and supporting the implementation of the SIDS POA and the SDGs.
- Streamline the monitoring of the SIDS POA and the SDGs in Caribbean SIDS.
- Monitor the implementation of the SIDS POA and the SDGs in Caribbean SIDS.
### Proposed Functions

| Foster          | Foster linkages with intergovernmental organizations, United Nations agencies, and other development partners; |
| Share          | Share best practices and lessons learned in monitoring the implementation of the SIDS POA and the SDGs through SIDS-SIDS cooperation; |
| Promote        | Promote greater synergy in monitoring the implementation of both the SIDS POA and Agenda 2030 on sustainable development; |
| Provide        | Provide recommendations to the CDCC on issues related to the sustainable development of Caribbean SIDS; |
| Provide        | Provide technical assistance to Caribbean SIDS on request, based on the availability of resources, in relation to the implementation of the SIDS POA and the SDGs. |
| Secure         | Secure donor assistance to support the implementation of sustainable development agendas of Caribbean SIDS. |
Proposed Structure

CDCC (Considers C-SIDS Mechanism for Sustainable Development recommendations for adoption)

C-SIDS Mechanism for Sustainable Development Convening Body (Focal Points from Caribbean SIDS and IGOs)

Secretariat

Working Group

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