

# ECLAC Symposium on mainstreaming the SDGs in national development planning

## Meeting the data demands for SDG monitoring and reporting in the Caribbean



## The Role of Development Banks in Building Statistical Capacity in the Caribbean

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# Statistical Challenges in the Caribbean

- Lack of comprehensive data set, especially social and environmental
- Issues with accuracy, timeliness and consistency of data
- Inadequate structure and human resource capacity of national statistical systems
- limited identity for the Region within the context of LAC coverage and reporting
- Weak and outdated legislative frameworks
- Evidence-based decision-making is not particularly robust
- Difficulty in tracking development results



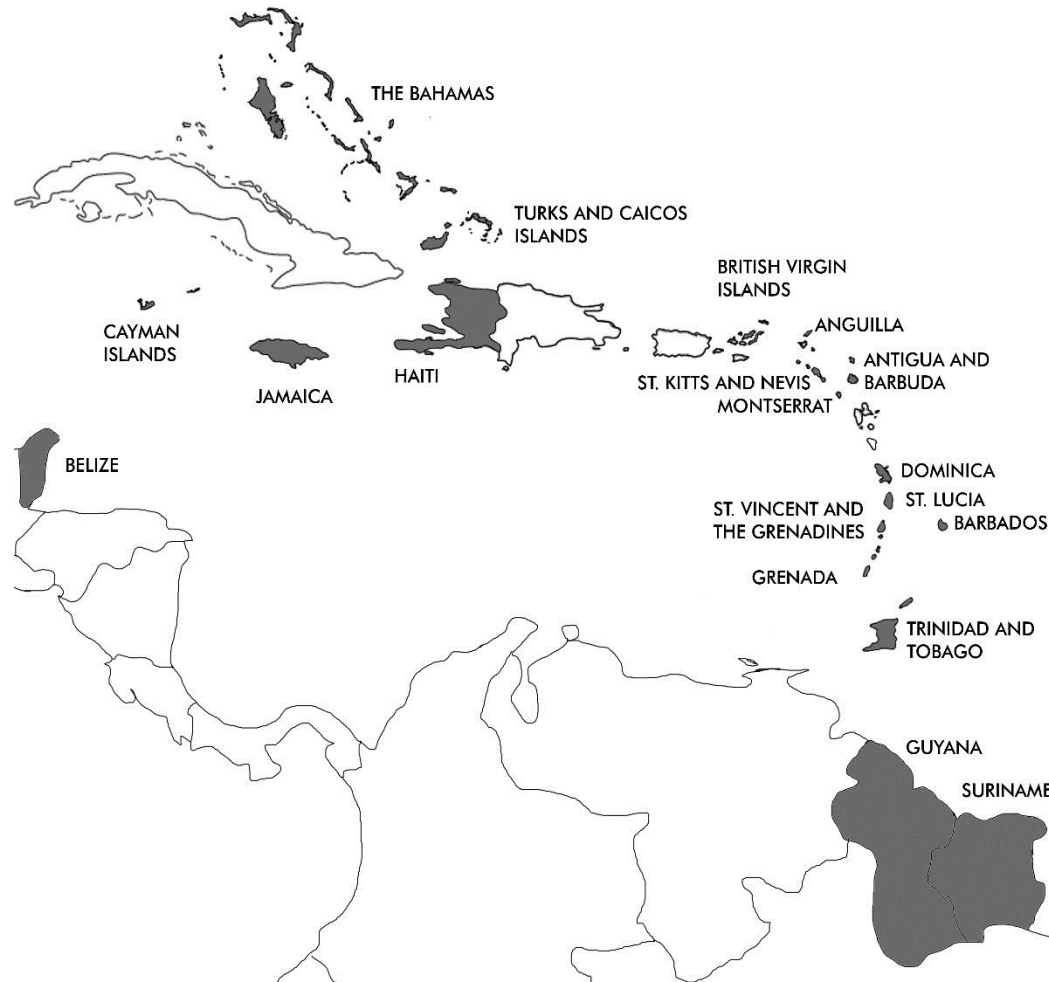
# Multilateral Development Banks in the Caribbean

- CDB - important provider of financing and policy advice to 19 BMCs esp. UK Overseas Territories and the OECS
- IDB has joint membership with CDB in 6 BMCs and intermediates funds through CDB for OECS countries
- WB – membership by 11 BMCs
- EIB - funding through CDB and some direct lending
- CABEI – Belize
- CAF- Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago
- CDB is a significant source of financing for Statistical Capacity Building in its BMCs.
- Other MDBs focus on investment lending and PBOs.



# CDB's footprint in the Caribbean – 19 Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs)

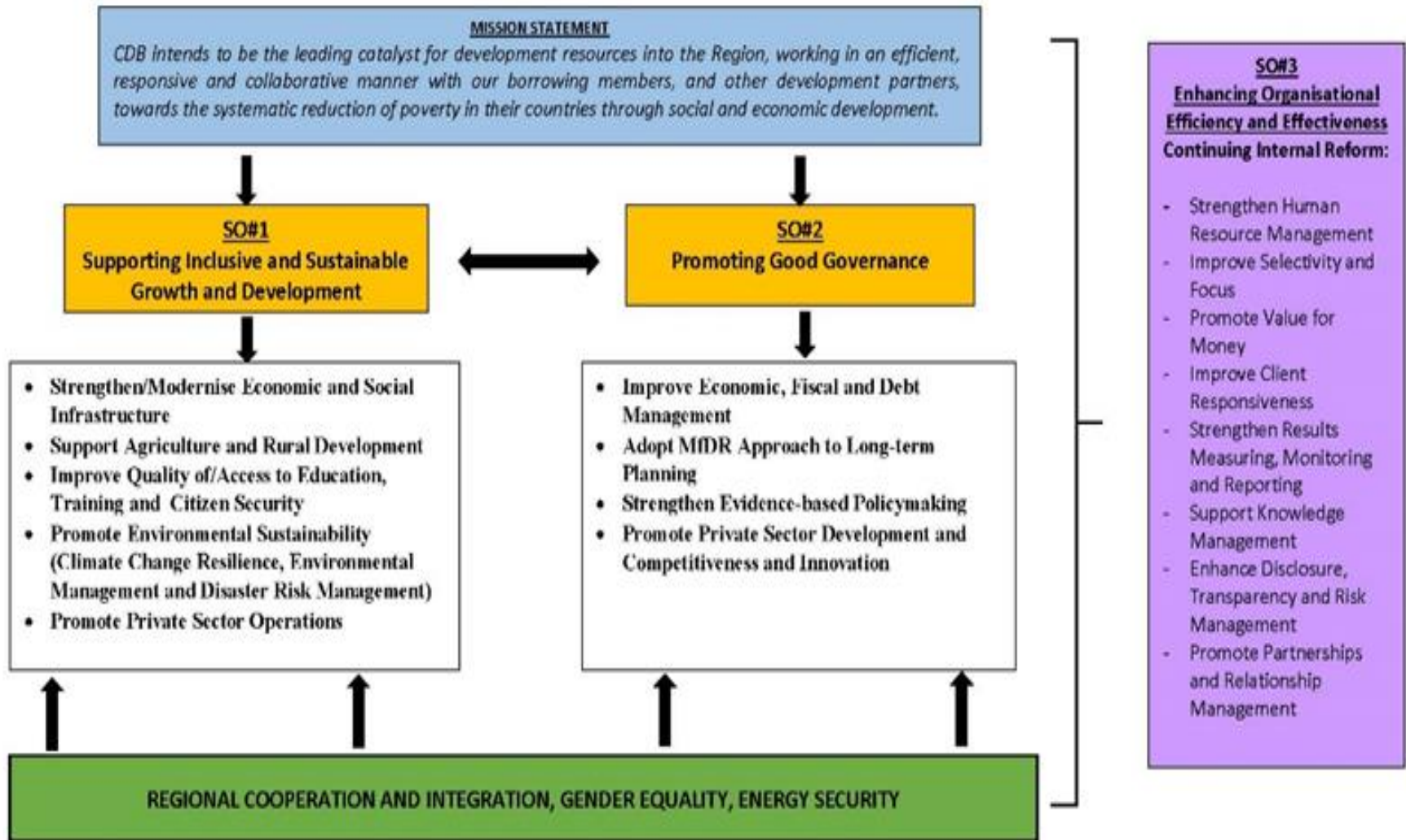
- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- British Virgin Islands
- Cayman Islands
- Jamaica
- Haiti
- Grenada
- Guyana



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- Jamaica
- Montserrat
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent and the Grenadine
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands



# CDB's Strategic Framework





# CDB Instruments of support

- Loans – market and concessional
  - Countries tend not to borrow for statistical capacity building
- Grants – Special Development Fund
  - Considerable funding has been provided for national and regional projects in statistics, SDF 9 new resources
- Other Special Funds – Loans and grants
  - Administration of funds for donors where funding is specifically earmarked,
- Policy advice
  - Evidence based decision making, NSS structure, legal frameworks

**All underpinned the importance of reporting on results**



# CDB's Approach to Statistical Capacity Building

- Support for BMCs to strengthen national statistical systems
- Alignment with programmes of regional institutions charged with responsibility for statistics
  - CARICOM statistical programme, including the Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians
  - OECS Secretariat
- Coordination with other development partners to avoid duplication of effort,
- Support for policy and institutional development that promote sustainability
- Advocacy regarding including statistics in national planning and exploring regional approaches to statistics





# Highlights of CDB's Support

Significant support provided in building out social data sets and promoting and embedding Managing for Development Results as a critical development tool-

- Country Poverty Assessments (since 1995) and Enhanced Country Poverty Assessments (2016)
- Design and Implementation of Poverty Reduction Strategies
- Development of Caribbean-specific MDGs
- Demographic Analysis training re the 2010 census
- Rolling out MfDR in select member countries
- DevInfo in 5 BMCs and OECS for data dissemination
- Training in Project Cycle Management
- Supporting National Statistical System participation at various fora



# CDB and the SDGs

Ownership of the SDG process by BMCs, coordinated by CARICOM and the OECS, CDB's role is to provide support

- The programming framework for SDF 9 is aligned with the SDGs with one of the SDF 9 themes being:
  - **Supporting the achievement of SDG targets relevant to the Caribbean (SDGs 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, & 17)**
- Through SDF 9, CDB will
  - **Support the development of Core set of SDGs for the Caribbean (including a baseline assessment) building on the lessons from the Caribbean specific MDG targets**
  - **Develop programmes to strengthen the National Statistical Systems in BMCs to monitor and report on SDGs**



# Summary of Other Areas Requiring Support

- The Action Plan for Statistics in the Caribbean:
  - The five themes of the Action Plan, viz Coordination, Communication and Advocacy, Integration, Innovation, and Capacity Building are quite appropriate for pushing the SDG monitoring and reporting agenda.
- The Regional Census Strategy - The 2020 Census Round will be a key data source for the SDGs
- Implementing “SDGInfo” software for dissemination
- Training of Statisticians as Data Scientists to enable the exploitation of the latest IT technology and Big data
- Training in Demography and Sampling/Survey Design
- **But Coordination among development partners will be key**



**Thank You**