

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT and CAPACITIES TO IMPLEMENT RECOVERY PLANS POST COVID-19

National Consultation on Sustainable Recovery and Resilience Towards
Achieving the SDGs

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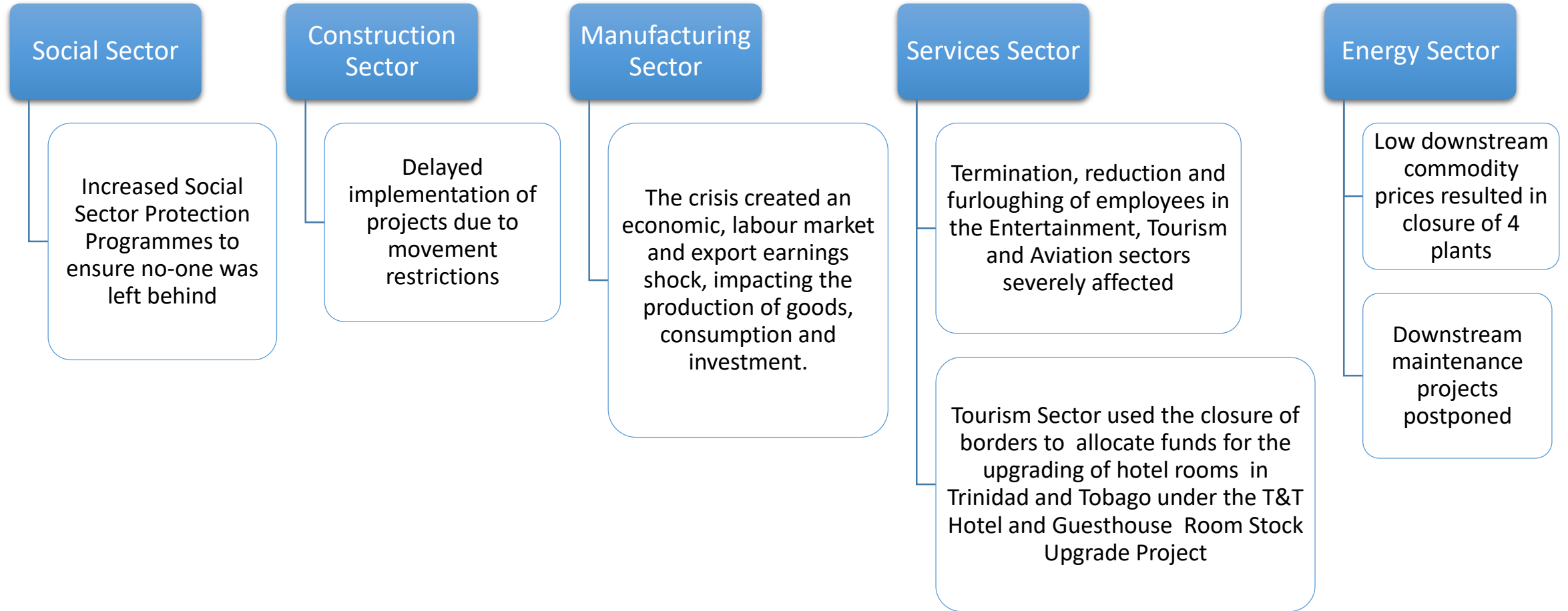
How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected the implementation of Vision 2030?

Prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the country was in pursuit of achieving developed country status by the year 2030 via the National Development Strategy, Vision 2030.

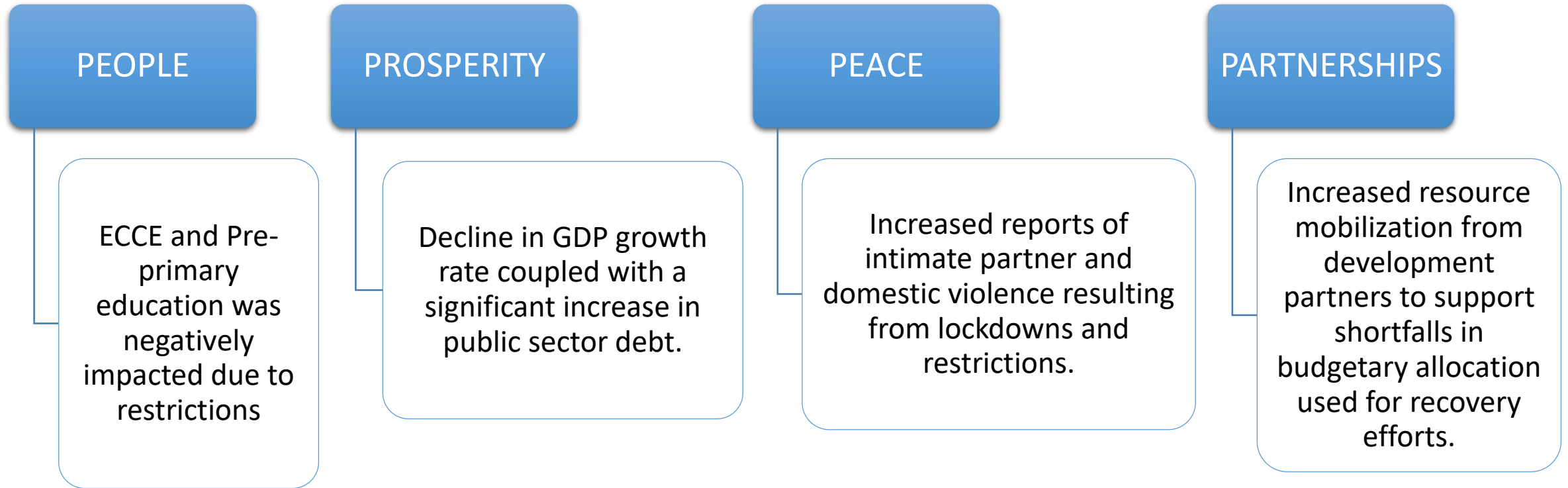
Some Key Achievements 2016 - 2020

Inflation	National Security	Education	Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A stable and low inflation environment of less than 2.0 percent for almost a decade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Crime Detection Rate improved during 2015 – 2020, up from 23 percent to 33 percent, respectively.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The percentage of secondary school students who received five (5) or more passes, increased from (52.2%) in 2016 to (54.3%) in 2019;• The pass rate for the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) in English A surpassed its 2020 target of 75 percent and recorded 76.1 percent passes in 2019; and• 100 percent of secondary schools and tertiary level institutions, were equipped with ICT infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A reduction in the consumption of ozone depleting substances and a reduction in the import of the refrigerant and ozone depleting substance hydro chlorofluorocarbon (HCFC), from the national baseline of 838.9 MT in 2013 to 379.32 MT in 2020.

How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected the implementation of Vision 2030?



How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Trinidad and Tobago?



What have been some of the immediate actions to reduce the overall socio-economic impacts on the population and the economy?

Government appointed two (2) committees (Roadmap to Recovery (R2R) and Community Recovery (CR)) to examine and propose strategic priorities that would stabilise the economy and communities and increase economic growth to minimize the long term adverse effects of the pandemic and consequential impacts on economic and social structures.

The Committees were guided by Vision 2030 which provided the broad framework and vision for transforming Trinidad and Tobago into a developed country.

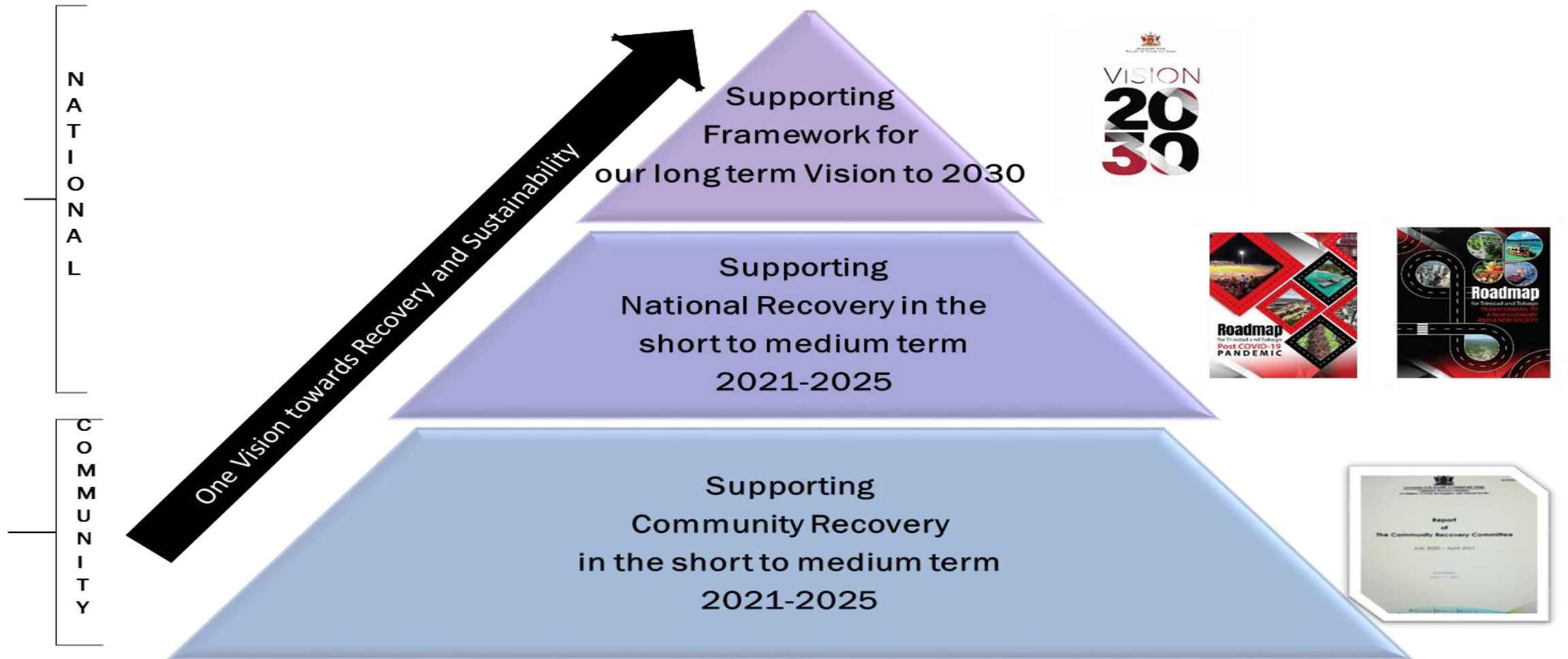
Three (3) reports were produced and provide comprehensive strategies focused on socio-economic and environmental recovery, transformation and resilience

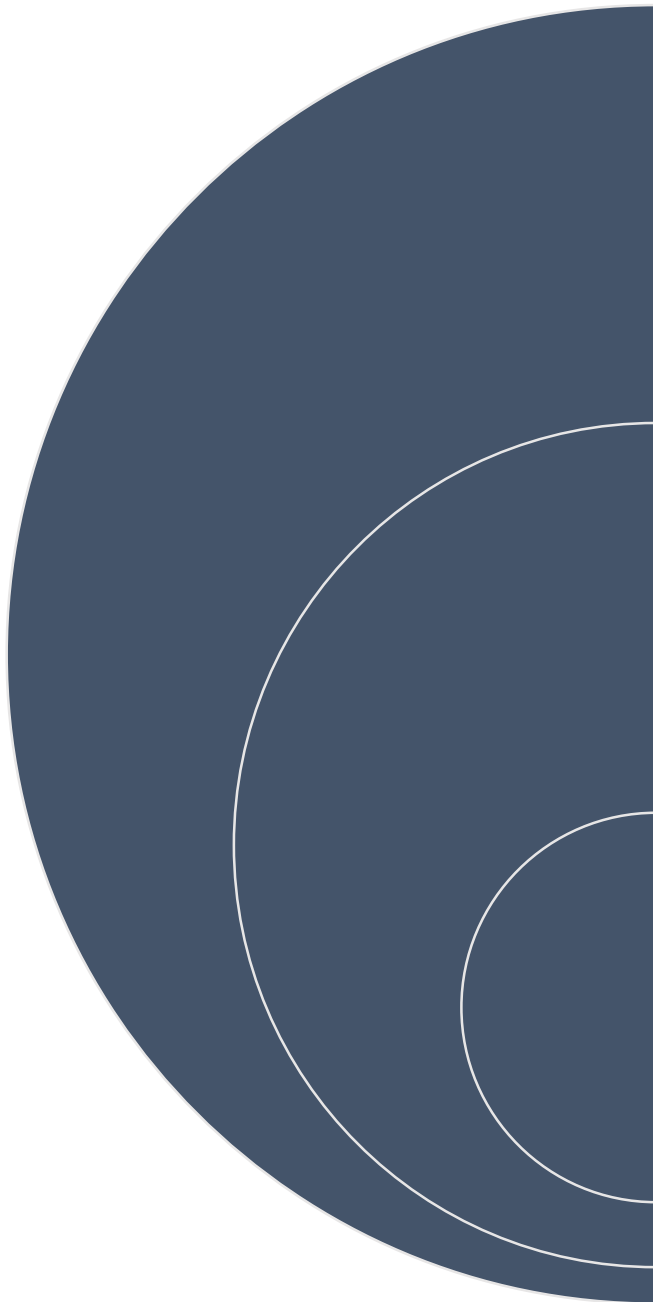
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- **Roadmap to Recovery Reports (RRR):** The *Roadmap to Recovery Phase I and Phase II Reports* contain recommendations intended to guide Government's actions in the immediate-short term and set a solid foundation for the transformation of the economy and the society, over the medium to long term.
- **Community Recovery Report (CRR):** The CRR made recommendations to support communities with “at risk” youth and vulnerable groups in some communities throughout Trinidad and Tobago .

Some of the R2R and CR recovery interventions were included into the fiscal 2022 budget and will form a part of the 3 year PSIP cycle as the PSIP aims to propel Trinidad and Tobago to cope and recover from the unprecedented challenges, new and emerging, brought about by the pandemic.

Brief Overview of the Roadmap to Recovery (R2R) and the Community Recovery (CR) Reports





Pillar 1:
**Diversifying &
Transforming the Economy in Tobago & in
Trinidad by
leveraging digitalization**

- **Priority Area 5:** Building Climate and Environmental Resilience
- **Priority Area 6:** Investing in Strategic Sectors to Create Growth and Jobs
- **Priority Area 7:** Creating a Digital Nation
- **Priority Area 8:** Rationalising Public Investment for Greater Efficiency and Effectiveness
- **Priority Area 9:** Economic Recovery: Rebuilding Lives & Livelihoods.

Pillar 2:
**Making Food Security a Reality in Trinidad
and Tobago**

- **Priority Area 3:** Ensuring Food Safety and Security
- **Priority Area 5:** Building Climate and Environmental Resilience

Pillar 3:
**Leaving No One Behind while creating
greater Equity in Trinidad and Tobago**

- **Priority Area 1:** Fostering citizen safety and security
- **Priority Area 2:** Protecting the Vulnerable
- **Priority Area 4:** Improving Public Health

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- Food Support
- Public Assistance and Disability
- Salary Relief
- Rental Assistance
- Fuel Relief
- Emergency Relief
- Humanitarian Assistance to Stranded Nationals Abroad



Small & Medium Enterprises

- SME Loans
- Small Business Liquidity Support Facility
- Government-guaranteed SME loan facility



VAT & Income Tax Refunds

- VAT Refunds to SMEs
- VAT bonds
- Accelerated Income Tax Refunds



Liquidity Support

- Moratorium on mortgages and loan instalment payments
- Penalties are being waived on overdraft facilities
- Reduction of prime lending rates

Roadmap to Recovery Interventions over the Medium Term 2022 - 2024

Retraining of Women in SME Development

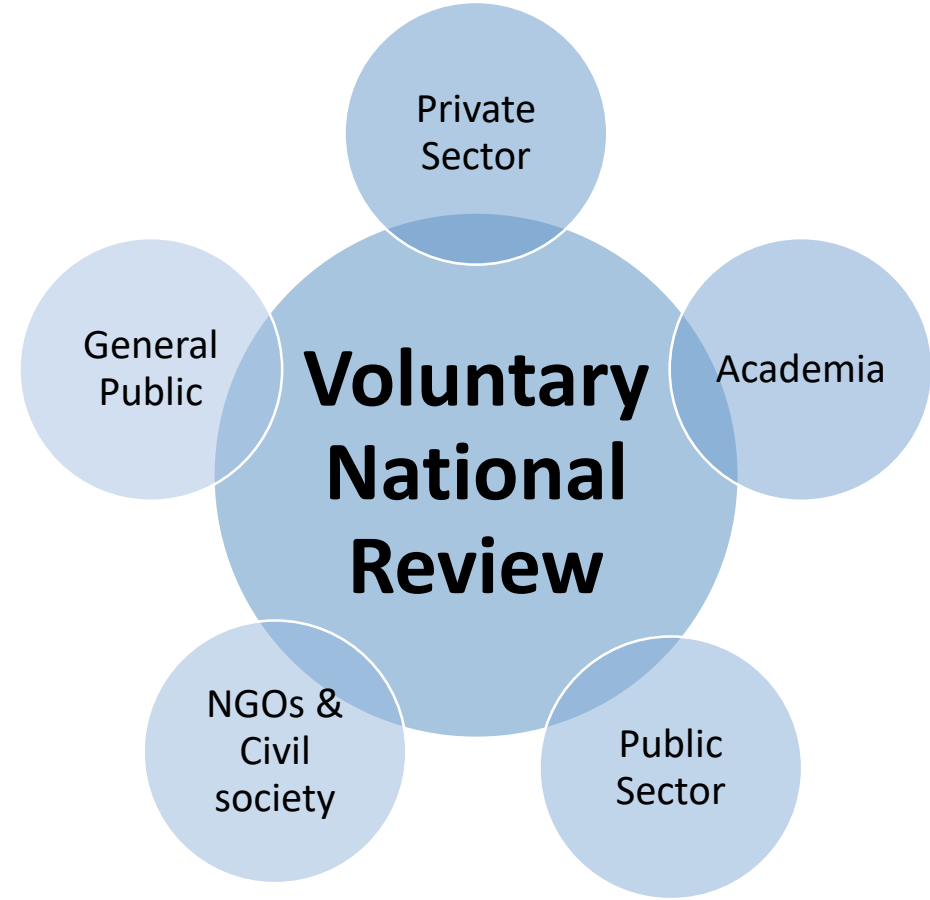
Digital Government Programme

Development of Smart City Infrastructure

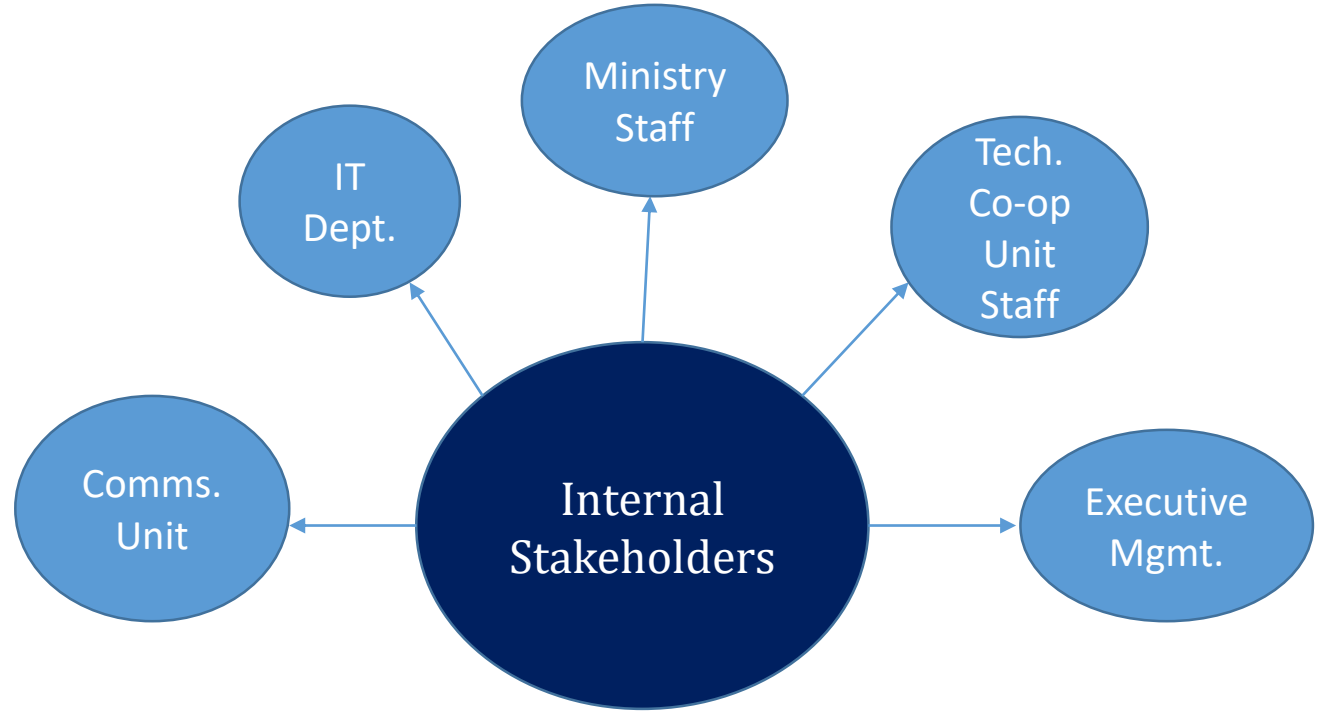
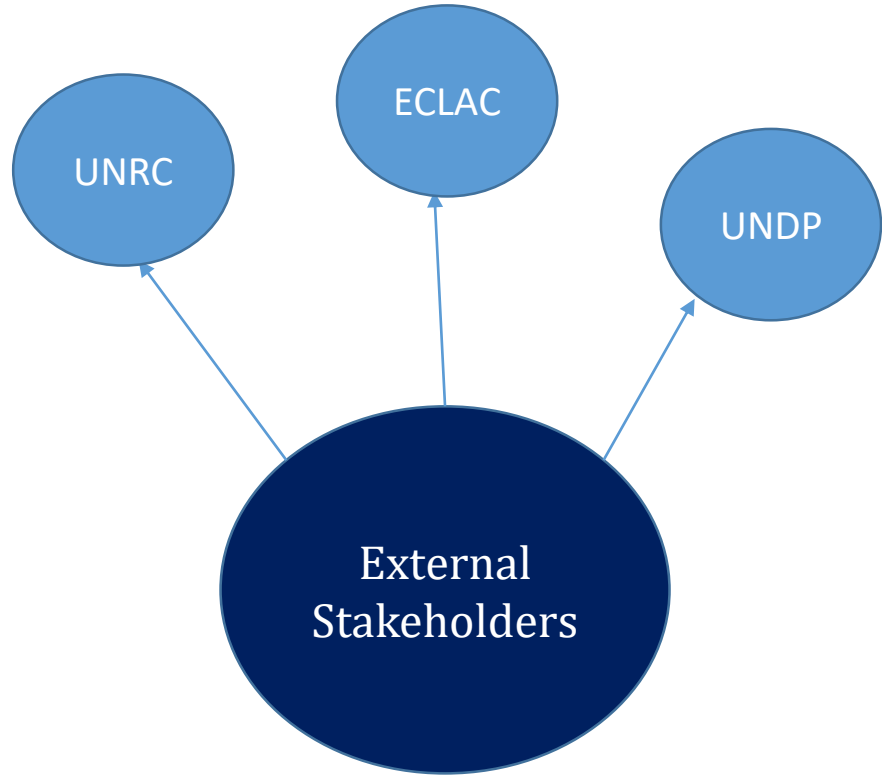
Youth Business Park

Development of the Eco-Friendly Business Sector

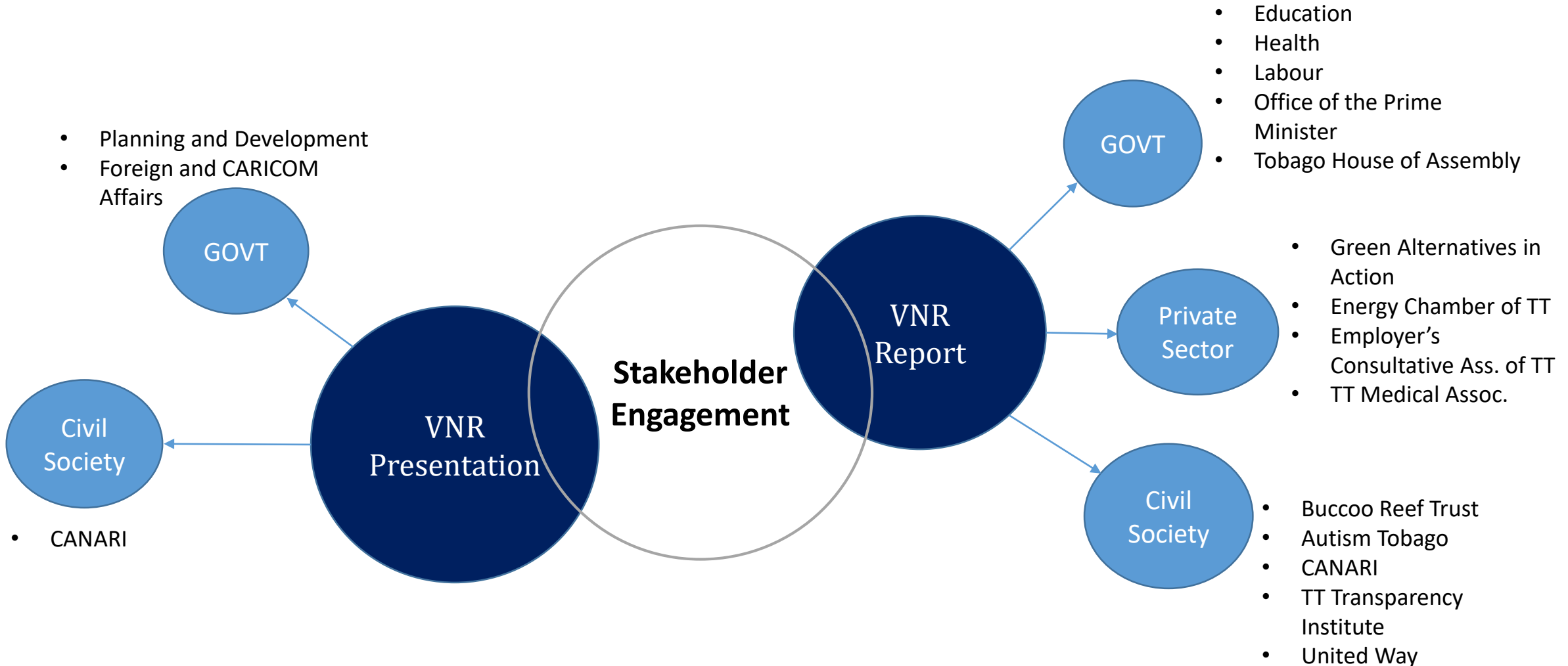
Stakeholder Engagement Process



Project Good Practice



Deliverable Good Practice



VNR Stakeholder Engagement Steps

Selection

Based on the scope of the VNR report which covered 8 of the 17 SDGs

Mapping

This process was spearheaded by 2 consultants who were hired to prepare the VNR Report

Analysis

Area for improvement and Lesson Learned

THANK YOU

Ministry of Planning and Development