

# CARIBBEAN FORUM:

Shaping a Sustainable Development Agenda  
to Address the Caribbean Reality  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



# An Opportunity to Reflect...

## ...And to Prepare

- **Millennium Development Goals**
- **Post 2015 Development Agenda**
- **Rio+ 20 Follow-Up**
- **Open-Ended Working Group on SDGs**
- **High Level Political Forum of the UNGA on SD**
- **Third Global Conference on SIDS**

# Addressing the Vulnerability of Caribbean SIDS through Resilience Building

- Promoting human development, citizen security and human rights in Caribbean SIDS;
- Promoting inclusive growth through diversification, creativity and innovation in Caribbean SIDS;
- Building resilience and social cohesion by leveraging cultural capital and community empowerment in Caribbean SIDS.

# Strengthening Governance and Financial Infrastructure in support of sustainable development in SIDS

- Enhancing institutional infrastructure and governance for sustainable development in Caribbean SIDS;
- Financing for sustainable development in small middle income Caribbean countries

# Caribbean Statement on the Follow-Up to Rio+20, the SDGs and the Post 2015 Agenda

## Guiding Principles

- Poverty eradication
- Participatory Approach
- Inclusive, equitable growth
- People-centred development
- Comprehensive development agenda
- Recognition of SIDS Vulnerabilities
- Enhanced and inclusive governance
- Finite natural resources

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## Priority Areas

- Special consideration for middle income countries
- Increased employment opportunities
- Promoting partnerships
- Strategies to attract FDI
- Innovative engagement of the Diaspora
- Investment in research and patenting
- Improving regional transport

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- Addressing Citizen Security and GBV
- Universal Access to Healthcare
- Social Protection and Mobility
- Promoting an integrated SD strategy
- Energy, food and water security
- Securing financing for green economy policy implementation

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- Risk reduction and resilience building measures
- Establish a regional SD technical advisory Group
- Mechanism to minimize and adapt to economic shocks
- Mechanism to assess carrying capacity of the tourism industry
- Enhanced capacity for environmental impact assessment
- Strategy to create knowledge based economies