



# Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting of International Migration Experts on the Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

## *Theme 4:*

*Contributions of Migrants and Diasporas to all dimensions of sustainable development including remittances and portability of earned benefits*



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# Caribbean Migrants

- Political influence
- Mexico -12 million migrants living outside Mexico
- From net importers to net exporters of labour
- High rates of 'brain drain'
- Barrel Economy/ financial remittances = Resilience and stability
- Increased intra-regional migration= brain circulation



# Focus

*The role that regional organizations like the ACS can play in leveraging the contribution of migrants to sustainable development.*



# About the Association of Caribbean States

Established in 1994 to promote **consultation, cooperation and concerted action** in the Greater Caribbean – 34 Members





## Member States (25)

**CARICOM:** Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Christopher & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago

**Central America:** Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua

**Group of 3:** Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela

**Non-grouped:** Cuba, Dominican Republic and Panama



## Associate Members (9)

1. Aruba
2. Curaçao
3. France: French Guiana, Saint Barthèlemy.
4. Guadeloupe
5. Martinique
6. Kingdom of the Netherlands: Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius
7. Saint Martin
8. Sint Martin
9. Turks and Caicos

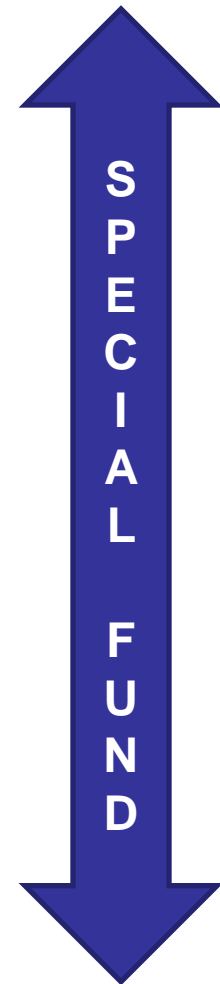


# Founding Observers





# ACS' 4 Areas of Focus







# Mainstreaming

- Dialogue and best practice exchange between mechanisms/ policies- [OECS](#), [CARICOM](#), [Cuba](#), [Mexico](#));
- Partnerships – [between governments, specialised institutions \(e.g. ACS/ IOM\), private sector](#);
- Diaspora/ migration lens applied to cooperation
- Data/ Statistics



# A Role for Regional Organisations

## 1. -Reaffirmation/ ownership of international commitments

The 7<sup>th</sup> ACS Summit, 2016 Havana Declaration reiterates:

- *profound commitment to the upholding of human rights of migrants, irrespective of their migration status...*
- *...the need for regular, orderly and safe migration..*
- *...Social, cultural and economic contributions of migrants irrespective of their migration status*



# A role for Regional Organisations

2. Space for peer exchange of best practices/ lessons learnt;
3. Facilitate dialogue between national mechanisms and policies
4. Fostering partnerships for synergies, reduced implementation costs, knowledge transfer etc



# Consultation, Coordination, Cooperation Partnerships





# THANK YOU!

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