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
4. Guadeloupe
5. Martinique
6. Kingdom of the Netherlands: Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius
7. Saint Martin
8. Sint Martin
9. Turks and Caicos
FoundingObservers
ACS’ 4 Areas of Focus

Sustainable Tourism

Trade Development and External Economic Relations

Disaster Risk Reduction

Transport
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 7th 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

- Member States
- Associate Members
- Observer Members
- Donors and Financing Organisations
- Capacity Building
- Regional Projects
- Multilateral and Bilateral Negotiations
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Project Implementation
- Resource Mobilisation
- Priority Areas
- Co-ordination + Cooperation
- Mainstream
- Migration

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THANK YOU!

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