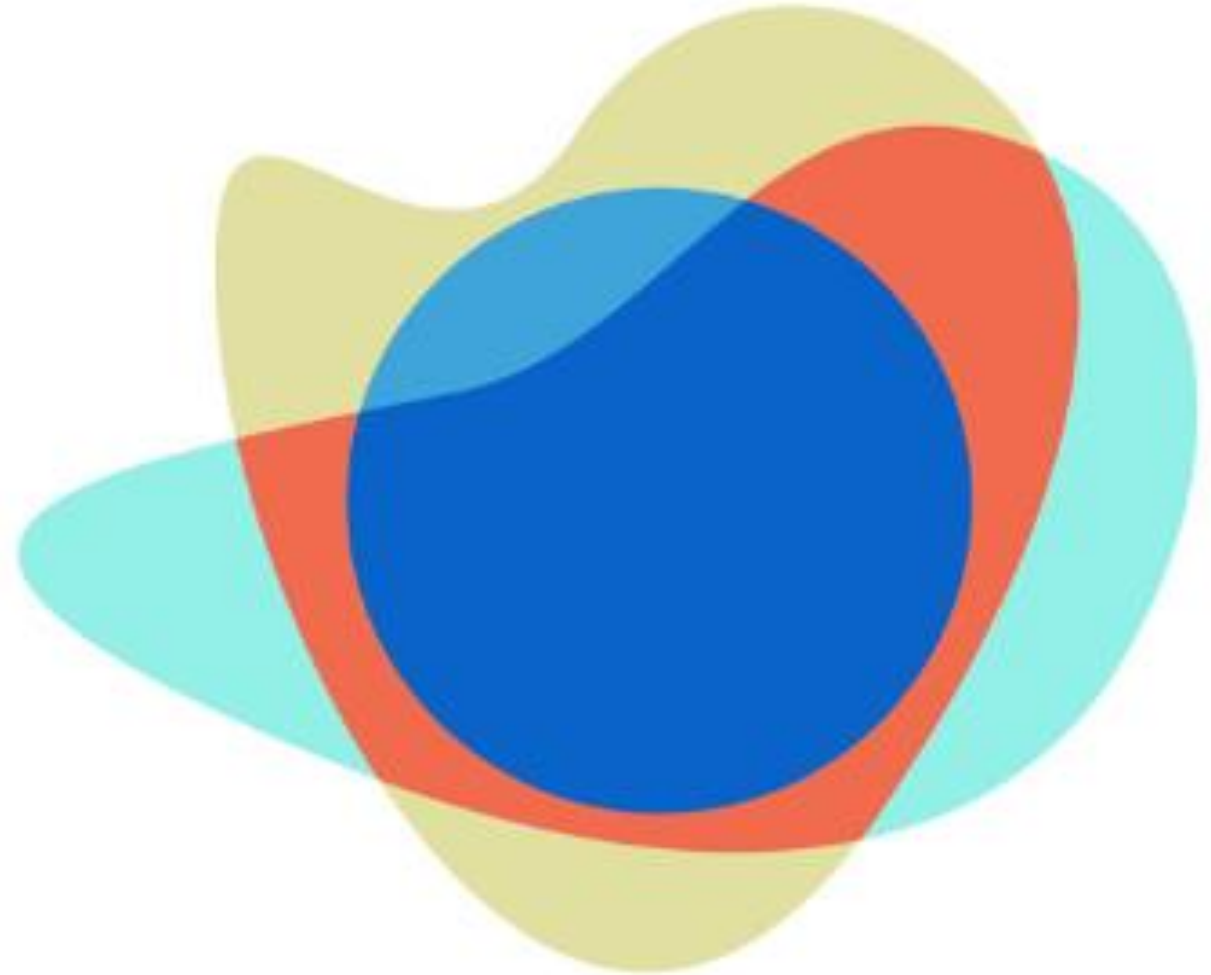


Setting the Scene - Unpacking the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS)

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Outline

1. Unpack the ABAS & its key components
2. Discuss alignment with international, regional and national frameworks
3. Reflect on key drivers and challenges in mainstreaming the ABAS with national development policies



The Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS

- *A Renewed Declaration for Resilient Prosperity*

1. Formally adopted at the 4th International Conference for SIDS, 30 May 2024 in Antigua and Barbuda
2. Outlines SIDS' development priorities, 2024 – 2034
3. Builds on the
 1. SAMOA Pathway (2014 – 2024);
 2. The Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the BPOA (2004 – 2014)
 3. The Barbados Programme of Action (1994 – 2004).



The ABAS is formally adopted during the 4th International Conference on SIDS, Antigua and Barbuda, 30 May 2024.

Unpacking the ABAS – Part 1

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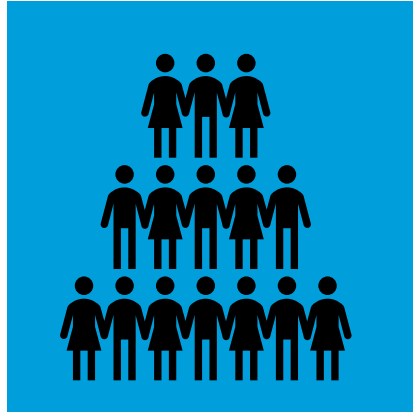
- 1) **‘The SIDS Story’** outlining SIDS as a special case both for environment and development
- 2) **‘What do SIDS Want’** Presenting SIDS’ Development priorities for the next 10 years
- 3) **‘How do SIDS Get There’** outlining the international community’s commitments to support SIDS’ Resilient Prosperity

Unpacking the ABAS – Part 2

Thematic Coverage



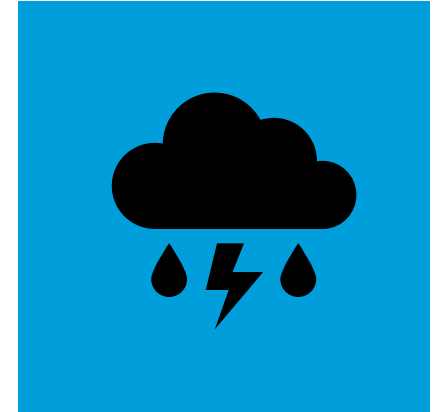
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**Equal, Inclusive
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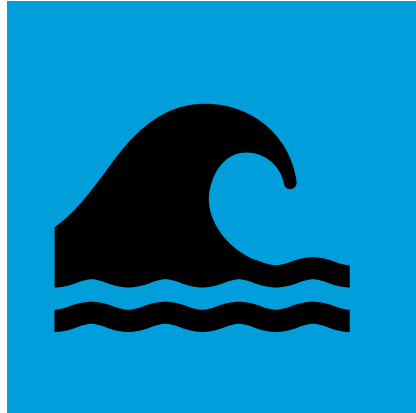
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Unpacking the ABAS – Part 3

Thematic Coverage



**Healthy
Societies**



**Oceans and
Biodiversity**



**Science,
Technology,
Innovation and
Digitalization**



Partnerships

Unpacking the ABAS – Part 4

Tangible Deliverables

SIDS Centre of Excellence, including:

- 1) SIDS Data Hub
- 2) Technology and Innovation Mechanism
- 3) Island Investment Forum
- 4) SIDS Debt Sustainability Support Service

Unpacking the ABAS – Part 6

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

- Development led by the IATF
- Nationally owned and consultative
- Aligned to existing reporting
- Completed by June 2025
- To be elaborated in Session 2

ABAS Alignment to International Frameworks

Sustainable
Development Goals

Sendai
Framework

KMGB – CBD



UNCLOS – BBNJ

New Urban
Agenda

FFD

UNFCCC – Paris
Agreement

ABAS Alignment to Regional Frameworks

- 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy
- CARICOM Secretariat Strategic Plan 2022 – 2030
- Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific
- African Union Agenda 2063



ABAS Alignment to Country-Level Frameworks

- National Development Plans
- Voluntary National Reviews
- Integrated National Financing Framework
- UN Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF, MSDCF, CCA, MFA)



Reflection: *Which further policies and frameworks should be considered in mainstreaming the ABAS?*

Country-level	Regional	International
National Development Plans	2050 Blue Pacific Strategy	SDGs
VNRs	CARICOM Secretariat Strategic Plan 2022 – 2030	Sendai Framework
INFFS	African Union Agenda 2063	KMGB - CBD
UN Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF, MSDCF, CCA, MFA)		UNFCCC - Paris Agreement
		FFD
		New Urban Agenda
		UNCLOS – BBNJ

Integration with National Policies – Key Drivers and Enabling Factors

- High momentum for ABAS
- Harmonized & efficient implementation
- Alignment to SIDS top-priorities
- Promoting SIDS-SIDS Learning and Cooperation.

Discussion: Which further drivers and enabling factors exist for meaningful integration with national policies?

Integration with National Policies – Key Challenges

- Capacity (technical, human resources, financial)?
- Coordination?
- Overlapping policies and mandates
- Competing reporting timelines & requirements?

Discussion: Which challenges should be considered, in effectively mainstreaming the ABAS with national policies?

Which solutions exist, to promote the mainstreaming of ABAS with national policies?

Conclusion



Thank you

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