

# Reporting, Monitoring, and Evaluation of the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda for SIDS (ABAS) Focusing on ABAS Progress & Integration

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# Importance of Monitoring & Evaluation

Tracking Progress: Monitoring and evaluating ABAS is crucial to ensure we measure progress effectively.

Data-Driven Decisions: It provides valuable data-driven insights to guide decision-making and targeted and timely interventions

Alignment with Global Standards: Ensures that ABAS remains aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other global commitments.

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# Importance of Monitoring & Evaluation..cont

Resource Efficiency: Avoids duplicative data collection by leveraging existing national and regional data, reducing the burden on SIDS.

Accountability and Transparency: Enhances accountability among stakeholders by providing clear, measurable benchmarks for success.

Strengthening Local Capacity: Helps build local M&E capacity, ensuring sustainable tracking mechanisms are in place beyond the ABAS timeline.

Inclusion of Marginalized Groups: Ensures that local realities and the needs of vulnerable groups are considered through localized indicators.

# Ensuring IATF Effectiveness

Clear Roles: Develop a comprehensive framework with clear communication of roles, responsibilities, and resource allocation..

Technology Integration: Use technology to manage data efficiently and to streamline data collection and reporting.

Broad stakeholder engagement: Ensure active involvement of the private sector, academia, and civil

# Ensuring IATF Effectiveness . cont

Integrate into local and existing plans: Align ABAS with existing/ planned local and national frameworks for long-term success.

Future Development Goals: Align future development goals beyond SDGs with ABAS to ensure continued relevance.

SIDS centric focus: Consider challenges unique to SIDS, such as climate resilience, external shocks, and limited market access.

Use Existing Data: Avoid overburdening countries by leveraging available data.

Engagement Strategies: Regular consultations with national governments, statistical agencies, and local stakeholders at key milestones to gather feedback and ensure relevance.

# Partnerships and Collaborations for

## ABAS M&E

The governments need to understand that this cant be done alone

UN agencies can offer technical support and capacity building for ABAS M&E.

Regional bodies like ESCAP, CARICOM facilitate peer-to-peer learning and regional alignment.

Development partners can provide financial support for data collection and capacity building.

Private sector and civil society contribute innovation and grassroots perspectives.

Should be open for innovation and technology : big data, drone technology, crowdsourcing etc

# Mainstreaming ABAS with Reporting

Align ABAS with national reporting and existing frameworks (e.g., SDGs, local plans)

Coordinate with development partners to integrate it into the country programs

Avoid reporting and data duplication

Strengthen national capacity for data management

# Call to Action & Way Forward

## Strengthen National Capacities :

Strengthen Local Expertise: Invest in national M&E capacities and digital tools.

Engage SIDS (Small Island Developing States) and LDCs (Least Developed Countries) governments, CSOs (Civil Society Organizations), academia in M&E.

## Align ABAS with National Development Goals

Integrate ABAS into National Plans: Ensure ABAS aligns with local development goals and policies.

Tailor Indicators: Focus on SIDS-specific issues like climate resilience and limited market access.

## Foster Regional Collaboration

Share Best Practices: Promote regional knowledge exchange on M&E strategies.

Data Sharing: Develop regional systems to avoid duplication and enhance capacity.

## Ensure Future Relevance

Post-SDG Adaptability: Make the M&E framework flexible for future global goals and emerging challenges.

Sustainable Practices: Focus on long-term sustainability en-USini



# Immediate Next Steps

Develop a Clear Roadmap: Outline short- and long-term goals for M&E implementation.

# Thank You

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