



Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Dominica

Management

- **The Ministry of Planning and Economic Development has overall responsibility for national planning, coordination, and monitoring of policies and plans in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**
- **The Central Statistical Office, the country's national statistical office, will be responsible for the compilation and production of data to inform national SDG reports.**
- **An interim SDG Technical Committee has been established and a national structure as the formalized oversight mechanism is currently being discussed.**

Development Planning Completed Initiatives

In 2018, the Government of Dominica approved the National Resilience Development Strategy (NRDS): Dominica 2030. This long-term national plan considers the unique challenges that small island developing states face, and is grounded in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the national vision of becoming the First Climate Resilient Country in the World.

Development Planning Completed Initiatives

To date, all sector plans have since been developed that are well-aligned to the SDGs and the resilience vision. The sector plans are medium (four year) strategic plans that are further broken down into yearly implementation plans. Guidelines for the monitoring and reporting of projects that capture information that enhance the sustainability and resilience pursuits, have been developed.

Development Planning Completed Initiatives

In May 2019, a Strategic Planning Week, organized by the Ministry of Planning and Economic Development and ECLAC's sub-regional Headquarters for the Caribbean held a learning forum and several consultations with multiple stakeholders in the public and private sectors, including NGOs and civil society organisations.

Development Planning Completed Initiatives

The objectives were to:

- Provide a space for practical learning on the sustainable development goals at the global and regional levels in order to further facilitate the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals in national development plans and budgets;
- Offer a platform to dialogue with non-governmental actors to advance the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national level;
- Promote common positions and strategies for economic, social and environmental development through a “whole of government” and “whole of society” approach towards the planning and budgeting of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at national levels;

Development Planning Completed Initiatives

The intention is to ensure the effective localization of the SDGs and inclusive and participatory implementation of national development plans.

Development Planning Completed Initiatives

Dominica has also leveraged participation in several regional and international summits and peer learning events with a focus on the SDGs to build knowledge and skills.

Development Planning

Completed Initiatives

- Follow-up Consultation to the Regional Meeting on Population and Sustainable Development held in Jamaica in March 2017;
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Social Indicators workshop in Barbados in May, 2018;
- Holistic Approaches for Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Caribbean Region – Learning Conference held in Trinidad in May 2019;
- Commonwealth Awards for Excellence in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Implementation in Small States held in Malta in June, 2019;

Development Planning Completed Initiatives

- In the area of education and awareness raising, a draft framework was crafted for Primary and Secondary Level Education for integration of the Sustainable Development Goals into the school curriculum
- A teachers training workshop was held with roughly 150 Primary and Secondary teachers on the implementation of the SDGs, and what projects that could be developed around the SDGs to contribute to the achievement of Goal 4.

Indicators

- The Central Statistics Office has adopted the Caribbean specific SDG with the selection of specific indicators that are relevant to our region to be monitored.
- A database is in the process of development to register the indicators, their definition and rationales; responsible stakeholders; level of completion and method of reporting, etc.

Indicators

- Some data collection has begun from various selected institutions as a pilot activity. The comprehensiveness of the data is affected by unregular survey schedules and other disruptive circumstances.
- A large percentage of the indicators are expected to be extracted from the 2021 Population and Housing Census, and Dominica is in the preparatory phase to successfully execute this major national project.

Ongoing/Planned Activities

1. **Conduct a national assessment of Dominica, to determine the capacity of the national statistical system to produce the necessary data for measuring progress in the implementation of the SDGs and the SIDS agenda.**
2. **Development of a protocol for producing official statistics that informs evidence-based policy planning and facilitate monitoring and reporting.**

Ongoing/Planned Activities

3. Design the template for a monitoring framework to be used across the system, drawing from existing tools and best practice and lessons at national and regional levels.

4. Participate in the Certificate in Transformational Leadership to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Developing States, designed and delivered by the University of the West Indies Open Campus. (to increase academic and technical knowledge in the SDGs among a cohort of technicians).

Ongoing/Planned Initiatives

5. Launch of a Sustainable Development Goals Awareness Campaign through social and print media, and educational sessions targeting children and youth.