

ACS LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

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LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS

This document illustrates the projects prioritized by the Association of Caribbean States, its Membership and its Secretariat in order to mobilize international South-South and triangular cooperation for their effective financing. The prioritization of projects responds to the Action Plan approved in the first semester of 2022, and to the evaluation and appropriation process of the Member States and Associate Members through the mechanisms established in the Internal Agreements of the Association; Special Committee of 2021 and Special Committee of 2022.

The document is divided as follows: first, a simplified table of the projects is presented, including their title and thematic area. Second, each project is described, as well as its status and the estimated cost for its implementation.

Simplified Table of 2021-2022 priority projects *	
Thematic Area	Name of the project
Transport	Maritime Transport and Logistics Strategy and Action Plan for the Greater Caribbean region (consultancy)
Transport	Development of a ferry network in the Greater Caribbean
Trade	Creation of a Regional ACS Observatory
Tourism	Revitalization of the Sustainable Tourism Zone of the Greater Caribbean (STZC)
Tourism	Sustainable Tourism Strategy for the Greater Caribbean (Consultancy)
Transport, Trade, Tourism	Digitalization of the Greater Caribbean
Disaster Risk Reduction	Geospatial Information System of the Greater Caribbean for disaster prevention (GIS-GC)
Disaster Risk Reduction	Strengthening capacities for Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems in the Greater Caribbean region (MH-EWS)
Disaster Risk Reduction	The Greater Caribbean Bridges to Inclusion (GC BTI)
Caribbean Sea Commission	Update of Report to Declare the Caribbean Sea a "Special Zone" in the Context of Sustainable Development (Consultancy)
Caribbean Sea Commission	Impact of climate change on the sandy shorelines of the Caribbean: alternatives for its control and resilience II
Caribbean Sea Commission	Resilient and low carbon tourism in the Greater Caribbean
Caribbean Sea Commission	Mitigating the effects of climate change on Caribbean coral reefs: cultivation and propagation of stony corals and black hedgehogs for coral reef restoration

* List of projects with corresponding Project Concept Document (PCD)

LIST OF PRIORITY PROJECTS WITH A CORRESPONDING PROJECT CONCEPTUAL DOCUMENT (PCD) FOR 2021 AND 2022

The projects, their status and projected cost are described by each Directorate of the Association of Caribbean States, and segmented by thematic area.

DIRECTORATE FOR TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Thematic area: Transport

PCD 1

Name	Maritime Transport and Logistics Strategy and Action Plan for the Greater Caribbean region
Description	Develop a maritime transport and logistics strategy that improves the region's competitiveness by making the transport of foreign trade more efficient and economical, lowers logistics costs and enhances the tourism potential of the countries.
Status	Approved in 2021 during the 30th Meeting of the Special Committee on Transport
Budget (US dollars)	\$1.500.000

PCD 2

Name	<i>Development of a ferry network in the Greater Caribbean</i>
Description	Development of solutions for an efficient transport mechanism that facilitates connectivity in the Greater Caribbean
Status	Approved in 2021 during the 30th Meeting of the Special Committee on Transport
Budget (US dollars)	\$10.000.000

DIRECTORATE FOR TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPEMENT

Thematic area: Trade

PCD 1

Name	<i>Creation of a Regional ACS Observatory</i>
Description	This project seeks to design and implement an ACS Observatory to ensure a systematic and sustainable repository of data on the main focal areas of the ACS including Disaster Risk Reduction, Environment and Climate Change, Sustainable Tourism, Trade and Transport
Status	Approved in 2021 during the 36 th Meeting of the Special Committee on Trade and External Economic Relations (2021)
Budget (US dollars)	\$125,840

DIRECTORATE FOR TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPEMENT

Thematic area: Tourism

PCD 1

Name	Revitalization of the Sustainable Tourism Zone of the Greater Caribbean (STZC)
Description	To boost the competitiveness of tourism destinations in ACS Member States and Associate Members. The programme will incorporate an audit and validation system based on the Indicators and Criteria of the Sustainable Tourism Zone of the Greater Caribbean (STZC). In addition, the project aims to provide support to countries in the region to increase the adoption and use of STZC indicators and tools. The project will also strengthen national tourism product development efforts and stimulate the flow of responsible visitors to destinations in the Greater Caribbean. The STZC aims to standardise a regional Sustainable Tourism Audit (STA) process and help mainstream the concept of destination sustainability as a practical, relevant and cost-effective reality for countries in the region.
Status	Approved in 2021 during the 32 nd Meeting of the Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism
Budget (US dollars)	\$1,372,124

PCD 2

Name	<i>Sustainable Tourism Strategy for the Greater Caribbean (Consultancy)</i>
Description	Design a comprehensive and integrated system for the understanding, planning and expansion of sustainable tourism as the main driver of economic development in the Wider Caribbean.
Status	Approved in 2021 during the 32 nd Meeting of the Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism
Budget (US dollars)	\$504,105

DIRECTORATE FOR TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPEMT Thematic area: Transport, Trade, Sustainable Tourism

PCD 1

Name	<i>Digitalization of the Greater Caribbean</i>
Description	To modernize and increase opportunities with great growth potential in the transportation, trade and sustainable tourism sectors in the Greater Caribbean in order to improve economic competitiveness, development and inclusive growth.
Status	<p>The PCD "Digitization of the Greater Caribbean" is the unification of three Project Concept Document approved by the Special Committees on Transportation, Sustainable Tourism, Trade Development and External Economic Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved by the XXX1st Meeting of the Special Committee on Transportation (year 2022). - Approved by the XXXVIIInd Meeting of the Special Committee on Trade Development and External Economic Relations (year 2022). - Approved by the XXXIII Meeting of the Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism (year 2022).
Budget (US dollars)	\$25.000.000

DIRECTORATE FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE CARIBBEAN SEA

Thematic area: Disaster Risk Reduction

PCD 1

Name	<i>Geospatial Information System of the Greater Caribbean for disaster prevention (GIS-GC).</i>
Description	To provide the countries of the Greater Caribbean with a geospatial information platform that integrates and upgrades existing data and layers, in order to increase the capacity for prevention and response to disasters caused by natural phenomena to improve public policy planning and decision-making through comprehensive risk management.
Status	Approved in 2022 by the 30 th Meeting of the Special Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction
Budget (US dollars)	\$7,000,000

PCD 2

Name	<i>Strengthening capacities for Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems in the Greater Caribbean region (MH-EWS).</i>
Description	Increase access to multi-hazard early warning systems across the Greater Caribbean through the installation of 150 Multi-Alert Diffusion Towers and the strengthening of community capacities to use these systems, in order to increase local disaster preparedness and response.
Status	Approved in 2022 by the 30 th Meeting of the Special Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction
Budget (US dollars)	\$10,000,000

PCD 3

Name	<i>The Greater Caribbean Bridges to Inclusion (GC BTI).</i>
Description	GC BTI will establish training centres in all 25 Member States and 10 Associate Members that will provide free training to underserved populations on the areas of skilled trades to gain necessary skills to support infrastructure build, disaster recovery, and tourism growth.
Status	Approved in 2022 by the 30 th Meeting of the Special Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction
Budget (US dollars)	\$16,635,000

DIRECTORATE FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE CARIBBEAN SEA

Thematic area: Caribbean Sea Commission

PCD 1

Name	<i>Update of Report to Declare the Caribbean Sea a "Special Zone" in the Context of Sustainable Development (Consultancy)</i>
Description	Update the 2014 Consultancy Report, incorporating the implications (legal, financial, economic, environmental - with emphasis on climate change-, social and cultural, etc.) of designating the Caribbean Sea as a Special Zone in the -context of sustainable development, as well as identifying parameters that exist in international conventions related to the procedure for the conceptual definition and drafting a proposal for the definition of the Caribbean Sea as a Special Zone in the context of sustainable development, establishing measurable measures for its implementation. This analysis will be in line with Resolution (A/RES/75/214) <i>"Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations"</i>
Status	Approved in 2022 by the 22 nd Meeting of the Special Committee of the Caribbean Sea Commission
Budget (US dollars)	\$2.000.000

PCD 2

Name	<i>Impact of climate change on the sandy shorelines of the Caribbean. Alternatives for its control and resilience II.</i>
Description	To contribute to the definition and application of best practices for the preservation and rehabilitation of beaches in the face of the effects of climate change. Based on the results achieved in the current sandy Shorelines project, it is anticipated that all the ACS member countries will be incorporated, expanding the erosion monitoring network in the region.
Status	Approved in 2022 by the 22 nd Meeting of the Special Committee of the Caribbean Sea Commission
Budget (US dollars)	\$4,000,000

PCD 3

Name	<i>Resilient and low carbon tourism in the Greater Caribbean</i>
Description	Increase the climate resilience of attractions and tourism activities in the Greater Caribbean through integrating nature-based solutions and climate innovation using a risk-based approach to development, knowledge transfer, policy development and climate financing.
Status	Approved in 2022 by the 22 nd Meeting of the Special Committee of the Caribbean Sea Commission
Budget (US dollars)	\$15.000.000

PCD 4

Name	<i>Mitigating the effects of climate change on Caribbean coral reefs: cultivation and propagation of stony corals and black hedgehogs for coral reef restoration</i>
Description	To create the basis in Caribbean countries for intensive cultivation of stony corals and black hedgehogs to restore reef sites as an alternative to mitigate the effects of climate change.
Status	Approved in 2022 by the 22 nd Meeting of the Special Committee of the Caribbean Sea Commission
Budget (US dollars)	\$6,100,000