

# Progress under the 5 Ps – Antigua and Barbuda’s Progress in Achieving the SDGs

This year, 2021, Antigua and Barbuda celebrates 40 years of independence. It has been forty years of nation building premised on the principles of putting people at the centre of development focused on upholding human rights, recognizing the importance of protecting the natural environment, the importance of good governance and rule of law. This first VNR of Antigua and Barbuda will allow the nation to present Its journey travelled thus far, take stock, present the current developmental pathway and propose solutions and proposals for mapping its future. Antigua and Barbuda recognizes that the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs are key to helping shape its future developmental prospects and accelerating its national development goals.

The implementation of the SDGs is key to the country’s future development. The VNR Report has some good stories to tell but also speaks of challenges that we are experiencing now and can potentially arise in the near future. The VNR for Antigua and Barbuda will be presented around the 5Ps.



The assessment of the 17 SDGs for Antigua and Barbuda contained in the VNR is based on country’s development results covering the period 2015–2019 on a range of social, economic, and environmental indicators. Progress on the goals and targets will be presented according to the 5Ps – People, Prosperity, Peace, Partnership and Planet and will be structured to share Antigua

and Barbuda’s progress to advance the Agenda, showcase best practices, challenges, gaps and trade-offs.

The assessment of the country’s performance using the 5Ps also led to the preparation of a dashboard of SDG targets and a self-assessment of progress realized under each of these targets. The matrix presented at the end of each of the 5Ps presents a rough measurement or mapping of the country’s progress across all goals based on the SDG targets based on current data, interventions being implemented and the pace of implementation. This SDG self-assessment provides a snapshot of progress under each of the 5Ps and is based on the following core criteria:

	The SDG target has been met or likely to be met by 2030/substantial progress
	Fair progress but acceleration is needed (the enabling policy and legal framework in place, resources are allocated, implementation of initiatives.
	Limited or no progress
	Moving away from the target/target at risk of not being met by 2030/strategic intervention needed urgently
	No trend data available/insufficient data/not applicable

The 2030 Agenda and the experiences and lessons learned from other countries in the localization and implementation of the Agenda present an exciting opportunity for the country to further advance its commitment to a sustainable future.

Antigua and Barbuda views the VNR as an important tool that will allow its development partners to quickly identify areas that as a country, we need support in as well as align these areas with their own development priorities and country work programmes.