

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification  
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# Report from Antigua and Barbuda as affected country Party



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## Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

## CONS-O-1

Number and size of information events organized on the subject of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity, and audience reached by media addressing DLDD and DLDD synergies

## Global target

Percentage of population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30 %

2018

## National contribution to the global target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

56

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

## Voluntary national target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

%

75

Year

2018

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

## Information events

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	92	2590
2013	94	4600
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

## Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	53	20000
2013	60	20000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

## Sources of information

The Environment Division

The Observer Media Group

Caribbean Agricultural Research &amp; Development Institute (CARDI)

Environment Awareness Group (EAG)

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

## Qualitative assessment

Does your country have a national communication strategy addressing DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity in place?

Yes No

### Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Strategy, activities relating to the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, etc.):

There is a National Communication Strategy, which was developed by the Environment Division and is being implemented. Currently, this communication strategy is being updated and will improve the scope of DLDD related issues.

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-3

Number of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) participating in the Convention processes

Global target

A steady growth in the participation of CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy.

National contribution to global target: number of CSOs and STIs involved in DLDD-related programmes/projects

Year	Number of civil society organizations	Number of science and technology institutions
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	5	5
2013	6	5
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

GEF Small Grants Programme, Coordinator
Environment Division
Antigua Barbuda The Humane Society
The Precision Center (PC)
Horticultural Society
Environment Awareness Group (EAG)
The GARD Center
Caribbean Agricultural Research & Development Institute (CARDI)
The Antigua State College
The John Hughes Community Group
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of CSOs and STIs participating in the Convention process at national level, per biennium %

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Percent increase in the number of DLDD related programmes being implemented by the existing CSO and STIs

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in DLDD-related programmes and projects? Yes  No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes.

The GEF Small Grants Programme works with CSOs in developing projects to help their communities in DLDD related programmes. These projects include reforestation efforts and arresting land degradation caused by roaming animals. The GARD Center has provided training in DLDD related initiatives, specifically in sustainable agricultural practices. The Environment Awareness Group (EAG) also provides training to young people in environmental protection. This training focuses on good agricultural practices .

## Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

## CONS-O-4

Number and type of DLDD-related initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) in the field of education

## Global target

A steady growth in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy

National contribution to the global target: number of DLDD-related initiatives implemented by CSOs and STIs in the field of education

Year	Number of CSOs initiatives	Number of STIs initiatives
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	5	3
2013	5	7
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

The Environment Division
Environment Awareness Group (EAG)
GEF Small Grants Programme
The GARD Center
Caribbean Agricultural Research & Development Institute (CARDI)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium

%

20

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

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Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives in the education sector implemented by CSOs and STIs?

Yes No 

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education.

Nationally, the Environment Division will be using the Victoria Park Botanical Gardens as a demonstration site for some UNCCD initiatives such as reforestation and horticulture. To achieve this goal, the Environment Division will launch a massive public education campaign aimed at increasing the number of visitors to the Gardens. More specifically, in collaboration with the EAG, Antigua State College and the Victory Centre (school for children with special needs), the Environment Division will host an After School Programme which educate children about how to address issues of DLDD. While in the gardens, facilitators will provide educational programs that will seek to change behaviour. Additionally, there are other initiatives presently being developed.

**CONS-0-5** Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have finalized the formulation/revision of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs) aligned to The Strategy, taking into account biophysical and socio-economic information, national planning and policies, and integration into investment frameworks

**Global target** Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities that have formulated/ revised a NAP/SRAP/RAP aligned to The Strategy **≥ 80 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have a NAP aligned to the Strategy? Yes  No

Qualitative assessment

Is your NAP being implemented? Yes  No

Please answer the following two questions only if your country has not aligned the NAP to the Strategy

Voluntary national target

When do you plan to align your NAP to the Strategy? 2014-2015   
2016-2017   
2018-2019   
No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., national circumstances affecting the NAP alignment and implementation process)

The Environment Division has developed a project and applied for funding on this basis. The funding will also be instrumental in updating the draft NAP. Once the funds are received, consultations will be held to commence this process.

Sources of information

The Environment Division, Senior Environment Officer

UNCCD Focal Point

## CONS-O-7

Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels

## Global target

Each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions

2014

## National contribution to the global target

Was your country implementing joint planning/programming initiatives for the three Rio conventions in the current reporting period?

Yes Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions No 

Were there any operational mechanisms that facilitated joint implementation of the three Rio Conventions during the current reporting period?

Yes Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions No 

Please answer the following questions if your country has such initiatives or mechanisms in place

## Qualitative assessment

If your country has initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions, specify the type of joint initiative(s):

Evaluation of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies Identification of national sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and cooperation Review of national policies to enhance cooperation and synergies Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacities and awareness of relevant stakeholders Other (please describe below): 

## Qualitative assessment

If your country has mechanisms for joint implementation, specify the type of mechanism(s):

Regular meetings between focal points and focal point teams of the Rio conventions A national coordinating committee for the implementation of the Rio conventions National coordination on synergies in reporting under the Rio conventions Other (please describe below): 

Provide any complementary information as needed:

The coordination and management of projects in Antigua and Barbuda, particularly those funded through the Global Environment Fund (GEF) and related Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEA) is a two-tiered system. The PMC is a high level cross-sectorial committee comprising of lead policy makers and heads of departments. The function of the PMC is to focus mainly in procurement, Institutional arrangements and financial management of the project. The PMC is also responsible for approving and circulating financial reports to the Public Sector Investment Programme (PSIP) and other relevant agencies. The PMC is charged to monitor implementation of the project activities according to the approved Work Programs and approve any essential deviations from it if necessary. Meetings of the PMC are held monthly.

The TAC, which acts as a technical advisory body to the PMC providing technical guidance, policy recommendations and support, facilitating communication, cooperation and coordination among



Sources of information

relevant stakeholders and other project partners. Essentially the TAC coordinates and reports on the implementation of MEA related projects on the ground
Sustainable Island Resource Management Mechanism (SIRMM) Project Coordinator
National Portfolio Formulation Exercise (Antigua and Barbuda)
Senior Environment Officer, Environment Division
Focal Point for UNFCCC, UNCBD and UNCCD

**CONS-O-8** Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have established and supported a national/subregional/regional monitoring system for DLDD

**Global target** Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD **≥ 60 %** **2018**

**National contribution to the global target** Is a monitoring system specifically dedicated to DLDD established in your country? Yes  No

Please answer the following questions if your country has not established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD by the end of the current reporting period

**Voluntary national target** When does your country plan to establish and support a national monitoring system for DLDD? 2014-2015   
2016-2017   
2018-2019   
No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

**Sources of information**

**Qualitative assessment**

Does your country have a monitoring system partially covering DLDD? Yes  No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, how the system is being supported, etc.):

The Environmental Information Management and Advisory System (EIMAS) is a GIS mapping tool used to assist government agencies assess current data on specific environmental indicators. However, this system is not being networked throughout agencies as yet, which creates a lag in data updates.

**Knowledge-sharing systems**

List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system in your country, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system:

Internet link:

Estimated number of users per year:

Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge

**CONS-0-10**

Number of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs reflecting knowledge of DLDD drivers and their interactions, and of the interaction of DLDD with climate change and biodiversity

**Global target**

Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.

≥ 70 %

2018

**CONS-O-13**

Number of countries, subregional and regional reporting entities engaged in building capacity to combat DLDD on the basis of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) or other methodologies and instruments

**Global target**

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that implement DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

≥ 90 %

**National contribution to the global target**

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed

The focal point provides training on the Environmental Information Management and Advisory System (EIMAS) to relevant agencies and stakeholders.

**Sources of information**

Sustainable Island Resource Management Mechanism (SIRMM), Project Coordinator

National Focal Point UNCCD

**Qualitative assessment**

Has your country assessed DLDD-related capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Did your country receive technical and/or financial assistance to build capacities to combat DLDD?

Yes

No

From which institutions and which type of assistance was provided?

Financial

Technical

UNCCD Secretariat

Global Mechanism

Global Environment Facility

Bilateral agencies

Other multilateral organizations

**CONS-O-14**

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities whose investment frameworks, established within the integrated financing strategy (IFS) devised by the Global Mechanism (GM) or within other IFSs, reflect leveraging national, bilateral and multilateral resources to combat DLDD

**Global target**

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have developed integrated investment frameworks (IIFs)

≥ 50 %

2014

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have an integrated investment framework?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g. is the IIF based on the NAP; non-traditional and innovative financing targeted by the IIF; overview of the progress in implementing the IIF in your country; assistance received in the development or implementation of the IIF from the GM or other development partners, etc.)

The country is in the process of establishing a Sustainable Island Resource Framework Fund (SIRF Fund) which is a mechanism that will be used to address the areas of environmental management at the national level. Discussions are currently being held with the relevant ministries.

Sources of information

Chief Environment Officer

Please answer the following questions only if your country has not developed an IIF by the end of the reporting period

Voluntary national target

When does your country plan to establish an IIF?

2014-2015

2016-2017

2018-2019

No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

The Establishment of the SIRF fund

**CONS-O-16**

Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by developed country Parties to combat DLDD

Rating of the bilateral assistance received for the implementation of the Convention and its Strategy during the reporting period

Adequacy of bilateral assistance received	Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not timely	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<hr/>		
Predictability of bilateral assistance received	Predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not predictable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Provide any complementary information (e.g., additional information on other aspects beyond those mentioned above which impact proper planning and effective implementation of the Convention in your country, etc.)

Qualitative assessment

Did your country receive assistance in raising resources from bilateral donors?      Yes       No

CONS-0-18

Amount of financial resources and type of incentives which have enabled access to technology by affected country Parties

## Global target

A steady growth in the financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by affected country Parties is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

A steady growth in the number of economic and policy incentives reported upon is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

National contribution to the target: estimated amount of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	XCD - East Caribbean Dollar	78000
2013	XCD - East Caribbean Dollar	80000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Has your country established economic and policy incentives intended to facilitate access to technology?

Yes No 

Sources of information

Antigua Budget Estimates 2013

Senior Technician, Ministry of Agriculture

The Antigua Public Utilities Authority

Voluntary national target

Percentage increase of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by a given year

%

Year

0

2013

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., a short overview of specific aspects and the nature of technology transfer in your country, aspects in which there is a need to increase the level of technology transfer, etc.)

Financial constraints have lead to an actual decrease in government budget allocation for improved technology transfer.

Identification

Identification code

Enter the Identification Code (ID), number or acronym given to the activity funded (if known)

PIMS 1899

Name of the activity funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative

Sustainable Island Resource Management Mechanism (SIRMM)

Basic data

Recipient country, subregion and region

Enter the name of the country(ies), subregion(s) or region(s) in which the activity is taking place or is due to take place. Indicate "global" if the activity is of global scale or has no specific geographical focus

Category	Location
Country	Antigua and Barbuda

Status

Indicate the status of the activity at the time of completing this form

- Committed
- Proposal
- On-going
- Completed

Co-financing

Source	Currency	Amount
Government	USD - US Dollar	3214100
UNDP	USD - US Dollar	20000
Intl/Reg orgs.	USD - US Dollar	530300
Private	USD - US Dollar	601100
Bilateral	USD - US Dollar	250000
Local Communities	USD - US Dollar	87800



Type of funding

Indicate the instruments used to finance the activity

- Grant
- Loan (commercial)
- Loan (concessional)
- Budget authority
- Debt swap/relief
- Basket funding
- Sectoral support
- Sovereign wealth fund
- Payments for Environmental Services (PES)
- Results based financing
- Equity
- Venture capital
- Remittances
- Derivatives
- Blended value products
- Impact investments
- Microcredit
- Bonds
- Insurance
- Mortgages/guarantees
- Advance market commitments
- Other (please describe below):

Classification

Rio Markers

Assign the appropriate Rio Marker for desertification to the funded activity  
(tick only one of the boxes below)

- |        |                            |                                       |                                       |                            |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| UNCCD  |                            | 1 <input type="checkbox"/>            | 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| UNFCCC | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/>            |                            |
| CBD    | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/>            | 2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |                            |

## Relevant Activity Code (RAC)

Indicate all the RACs that may apply to the funded activity

Knowledge Management

Research Information campaigns Advocacy/Mainstreaming Natural capital accounting Land degradation monitoring Reporting 

Enabling Activities

Capacity building Governance and institutions Policies, strategies and regulations Economic valuation of land use/change options Incentives and market-based mechanisms Resource mobilization Development assistance 

Land Degradation Prevention

Adaptation to climate change Natural resource conservation Enhancing ecosystem resilience Sustainable land and natural resource management Sustainable production Sustainable consumption 

Restoration and recovery

Afforestation/reforestation for carbon sequestration Ecosystem rehabilitation Infrastructure reconstruction/rehabilitation Land restoration/reclamation Emergency response Relocation/rescue/relief operations 

## Strategic and operational objectives targeted

Indicate which strategic and/or operational objective of the Strategy is addressed by the funded activity

Strategic objective 1: living conditions of affected populations Strategic objective 2: condition of affected ecosystems Strategic objective 3: global benefits Strategic objective 4: resource mobilization and partnership building Operational objective 1: advocacy, awareness raising and education Operational objective 2: policy framework Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge Operational objective 4: capacity-building Operational objective 5: financing and technology transfer 

Add new 'Unified financial annex' full section

## Reporting process-related issues

## Financial resources

Could your country count on sufficient financial resources to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No 

Provide an estimate of the amount invested from your country's national budget into the current UNCCD reporting process

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	XCD - East Caribbean Dollar	21600
2013	XCD - East Caribbean Dollar	24000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

## Human resources

Provide an estimate of the people involved in your country in the UNCCD reporting process, and of the total number of months dedicated by these persons to the reporting process

Year	Number of people	Number of months
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	13	3
2013	12	6
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

## Knowledge

Could your country count on sufficient technical and scientific knowledge to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No 

## Coordination

Was coordination at the national level with the relevant line ministries satisfactory in order to report comprehensively and coherently?

Yes No 

## Participation and consultation

Was a participatory or consultative approach applied to involve all relevant stakeholders in the reporting process?

Yes No 

## Validation

Was a validation meeting held as a part of the reporting process?

Yes No 

## Subregional and regional processes

Did your country cooperate with the entities entrusted with preparing the subregional and regional action programme reports?

Yes No

Accommodation of specific requests within decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties

Reporting on specific COP requests: iterative process on indicators

Tick the boxes only if you have experienced difficulties in reporting on one or more performance indicator(s). When doing so, place the tick mark under the e-SMART criterion for which the difficulty occurred.

	Economic	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Relevant	Time-bound
CONS-0-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other country-specific issues

Does your country have any specific issue to bring to the attention of the Conference of the Parties? Yes  No

If yes, please specify under which of the following broad categories it can be classified

- Policy, legislative and/or institutional framework
- Capacity-building and awareness-raising
- Desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
- Funding/resource mobilization
- Knowledge management and decision-making support
- Participation, collaboration and networking
- Reporting and review process
- Other

Please describe below:

The Government is still awaiting the funds to commence the NAP Alignment project

## Submission form

Name of the reporting officer	Ediniz Norde
Date of completion	19/08/2014
Please enter your email address to authorize this submission	fostinas@gmail.com
Name of the authorizing officer	Diann Black Layne (Amb)
Date of authorization	21/08/2014
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