



**Statement on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
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I have the honour to speak on behalf of the fourteen Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). CARICOM associates itself with the statements made by Bolivia on behalf of the G77 and China and Nauru on behalf of AOSIS.

Sustainable Consumption and Production

CARICOM supports a standalone goal on sustainable consumption and production within the goal framework.

The group believes that target area c should be rephrased. It could be replaced with present target area [e] in focus area 9.

Target area [h] should be rephrased as follows: create incentives for the development of sustainable tourism which take into account community participation, local culture and local products.

We fully support the points made by Bolivia on behalf of the G77 and China on the need for inclusion of targets to address the issue of over consumption.

Means of implementation in this area should include a target to provide by 2030 capacity building support and financial tools to assist developing countries, in particular SIDS to develop and implement policies to support the growth of sustainable tourism.

Climate Change

The treatment of climate change in the context of the sustainable development goal framework should address the urgency required for dealing with the problem of climate change, particularly as it relates to the survival of the most vulnerable states. The overall goal framework must address this issue in a manner which is consistent with the fact that for many countries, in particular SIDS, efforts at poverty eradication and achievement of sustainable development are dependent on how we are able to address the challenges posed by climate change and the imperative that we urgently deviate from business as usual approaches.

We are required to act now and we are required to be ambitious in our efforts. If this goal framework is to be relevant to the development challenges we will face over the next 15 years and beyond; if it is to be truly transformational, then the treatment of the issue of climate change is one which will require our focused attention.

CARICOM has proposed and supported targets across all goal areas that address the causes and effects of climate change consistent with the need to hold the average increase in global temperatures to well below 1.5 degrees Celsius.

A few comments on the targets set out in the document:

Target area [b] should be combined with target area [e] in sustainable cities and human settlements.

Target area [c] correlates strongly with focus area 1 on poverty eradication and could be re worded so that the timeframe of 2030 is set. We would also note that implementation of this target is supported by pre existing obligations within the UNFCCC including the need for the provision of adequate means of implementation for developing countries.

Target area [e] should be addressed in the focus area on Education and integrated into 4(F).

Target area [d] should be re-worded as follows: "Double by 2030 appropriate policy instruments, financing and incentives for investments in affordable low-carbon solutions in infrastructure, industry and energy and other sectors"

Means of implementation in this area should be in line with existing obligations under the UNFCCC for the provision of finance, technology transfer and capacity building to developing countries for the development and implementation of. mitigation and adaptation strategies and should include:

- Provision of support to developing countries for implementation of nationally appropriate mitigation action plans developed under the UNFCCC
- Enhancing capacity for comprehensive vulnerability assessments across all sectors including capacity for downscaling climate models for SIDS in the light of the newest available science
- Assistance to developing countries, in particular SIDS, in the development and implementation of low carbon development strategies which prioritise resilience and disaster risk reduction

I thank you.