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of the Caribbean Community
Environmental and Natural Resources
Policy Framework**

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Use and Management of its Natural Assets and Capital While
Building International Competitiveness**

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MESSAGE

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FOREWORD

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INTRODUCTION

The following vision, as defined in the Community Environmental and Natural Resources Policy Framework, is intended to help guide the actions up to and beyond 2020:

To effectively and sustainably manage the Community's environmental, natural and cultural resources, including creating and improving conditions necessary for the conservation of nature, and maintaining the ecological balance to capitalize on the benefits that will accrue from their optimal utilization, thereby contributing to the balanced economic, environmental and social development of the Community as a whole and its Member States.

This, the First Action Plan of the Caribbean Community Environmental and Natural Resources Policy Framework (hereafter referred to as the Policy Framework) is the first step in making the Policy Framework actionable. As its title suggests, it provides a basis for a collective response by the Caribbean Community and its Member States to the environmental and sustainable development revolution, which is underscored by the adopting by the international community of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. It also provides a context for the Community and its Member States to take action, which contributes to the attainment of, sustained, inclusive and sustainable growth and development.

The integrated and coherent development and implementation of the Community Environmental and Natural Resources Policy Framework will enable the economy and society of the Community and its Member States to be better prepared to face the myriad of environmental and natural resources issues facing them. It shall, therefore, lead to a more systematic and complementary approach to the management of the Community and its Member States environmental and natural resources. It should, however, be noted that not all the issues specified in the Policy Framework will be implemented under one Action Plan and time frame. Instead implementation of the issues highlighted in the Policy Framework will be implemented on a phased basis, over time.

The First Action Plan Period (July 2017 to June 2022) will have as its focus a number of strategic thematic objectives, which places emphasis on the building, and strengthening of the policy, technical and institutional and the education and awareness infrastructure, necessary for the effective implementation of the Policy Framework. Action will, therefore, be centered on ten thematic objectives namely:

1. To protect, conserve and enhance the Community's [terrestrial] natural resources;
2. To promote and support management strategies for the conservation and sustainable use of the Community's ocean, marine and coastal resources;
3. To establish mechanisms to facilitate the implementation of the Policy Framework by a wide cross-section of the Community's stakeholders, at all levels;
4. To strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity of the Community to climate-related hazards, natural and man-induced disasters;
5. To strengthen the interface between trade and environment, including strengthening the Community's capacity to comply with international environmental, health and safety standards, thereby, contributing to international competitiveness;
6. To promote sustainable consumption and production patterns [including increasing the use of clean energy as a basis for transitioning the economies of the Member States to embrace low carbon, green and/or organic principles];
7. Development of Special Programmes;
8. Support for the implementation of multilateral environmental agreement to which the Member States are Parties;
9. To increase the Community's effectiveness in addressing and negotiating international environmental and sustainable development issues;
10. To mobilise adequate levels of financing and investment from multiple sources to facilitate the implementation of the Policy Framework and its Action Plans.

Focus Area 1: To Protect, Conserve and Enhance the Community's [Terrestrial] Natural Resources

ACTION	TARGET	INDICATIVE TIME FRAME	LEAD ACTOR(S) [Member State(s) or Institution(s)]	NATURAL RESOURCE/ CROSS CUTTING AREAS	INDICATIVE RESOURCES REQUIRED	RELEVANT POLICIES
<p>1A. Build capacity in areas such as natural resource valuation, the system of environmental economic accounting, and damage assessment and evaluation, in order to facilitate cost benefit analysis and inform the allocation of funds for environmental protection</p>	<p>1A1. A systematic programme for the strengthening of the capacity of the Member States in natural resource valuation, environmental economic accounting, damage assessment and evaluation has been designed and ready for implementation</p>	<p>By 2018.</p>		<p>Land and Soils Forest Water Biodiversity</p>		
<p>1B. Conduct resource valuations in the Member States of the Caribbean Community;</p>	<p>1B1. A systematic programme for the strengthening of the capacity of the Member States in natural resource valuation, environmental economic accounting, damage assessment and evaluation has been designed and ready for implementation</p>	<p>By 2018.</p>		<p>Land and Soils Forest Water Biodiversity</p>		

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<p>1C. Design and mobilize resources for the establishment of a Climate Smart Agriculture Initiative for Small Farmers in the Rural Economy of the Member States to sustainably increase agricultural productivity and incomes in the rural areas; adapting and building resilience to climate change; and reducing and/or removing greenhouse gas emissions, where possible.</p>	<p>1C.1. A Climate Smart Agriculture Initiative for Small Farmers in the Rural Economy of the Member States is prepared and funding sought.</p>	<p>By 2019</p>		<p>Land and Soils Forest Water Biodiversity</p>		
<p>1D. Support small farmers to adopt more environmentally sound land management practices and technologically advanced solutions, thereby, contributing to the transformation of the production processes in the rural economy of the Member States.</p>	<p>1D.1. A programme to support small farmers to adopt more environmentally sound land management practices and technologically advanced solutions is developed and ready for implementation</p>	<p>By 2018</p>		<p>Land and Soils Forest Water Biodiversity</p>		
<p>1E. Strengthen data collection and forecasting and validation capabilities at the national level to facilitate the continuation of systematic drought monitoring and forecasting.</p>	<p>1E1. Resources are mobilized to upscale the Caribbean Drought and Precipitation Monitoring Network.</p>	<p>By 2019</p>		<p>Land and Soils Forest Water Biodiversity</p>		

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<p>1F. Support the implementation of strategies for water management, such as rainwater harvesting, wastewater re-use, water conservation, etc. to relieve pressure on available water sources.</p>	<p>1F1. Water management guidelines and a common water framework for the Community are formulated for use by the Member States in their respective countries.</p>	<p>By 2018</p>		<p>Land and Soils Forest Water Biodiversity</p>		
<p>1G. Support the Member States to strengthen regimes for their access to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilisation, including the legal protection of the related intellectual property rights.</p>	<p>1G1. Ecosystem and biodiversity values are integrated into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts.</p>	<p>By 2020</p>		<p>Land and Soils Forest Water Biodiversity</p>		
	<p>1G2. Regimes in Member States for access to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from their utilization are strengthened, including the legal protection of the related intellectual property rights.</p>	<p>By 2020</p>		<p>Land and Soils Forest Water Biodiversity</p>		

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	1G3. At least 17 per cent of terrestrial areas and inland waters are conserved, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information.	By 2020		Land and Soils Forest Water Biodiversity		

Focus Area 2: To Promote and Support Management Strategies for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of the Community's Ocean, Marine and Coastal Resources

ACTION	TARGET	INDICATIVE TIME FRAME	LEAD ACTOR(S) [Member State(s) or Institution(s)]	NATURAL RESOURCE/ CROSS CUTTING AREAS	INDICATIVE RESOURCES REQUIRED	RELEVANT POLICIES
<p>2A. Assist Member States, upon request, and to the extent practicable, in developing Blue Growth Strategies for the sustainable use and management of their ocean, marine and coastal resources;]</p>	<p>2A1. The Member States have appropriate Blue Growth Strategies for the sustainable use of their ocean, marine and coastal resources [as may be necessary].</p> <p>2A2. Economic benefits to the Member States from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism, are increased.</p>	<p>By 2018</p> <p>By 2030</p>		<p>Ocean and Marine Resources</p> <p>Ocean and Marine Resources</p>		
<p>2B. Strengthen the capacity of the Community and its Member States to improve management of the marine areas, both within their national jurisdiction and in areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ);</p>	<p>2B1. The necessary resources are mobilized to support the building of capacity of the Member States to improve management of the marine areas, both within their national jurisdiction and in areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ).</p>	<p>By 2017</p>		<p>Ocean and Marine Resources</p>		

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<p>2C. Assist Member States to continue action towards the delimitation of their Economic Exclusive Zones (EEZ), as a matter of priority;</p>				<p>Ocean and Marine Resources</p>		
<p>2D. Implement specific action and initiatives to reduce the pressures faced by coastal and marine ecosystems and take measures aimed at their protection and rehabilitation as well as strengthening the resilience;</p>	<p>2D1. Marine and coastal ecosystems are sustainable managed and protected to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and action taken for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans.</p>	<p>By 2020</p>		<p>Ocean and Marine Resources</p>		
	<p>2D2. At least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas conserved, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information.</p>	<p>By 2020</p>		<p>Ocean and Marine Resources</p>		

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<p>2E. Enhance the capacity of the Member States to sustainably use their fisheries resources and develop fisheries-related industries, enabling them to maximize benefits from their fisheries resources and ensure that the burden of conservation and management of ocean resources is not disproportionately transferred to the Member States.</p>	<p>2E1. Economic benefits to the Member States from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism, are increased.</p> <p>2E2. Member States have enhanced capacity to sustainably use their fisheries resources and develop fisheries-related industries, enabling them to maximize benefits from their fisheries resources and ensure that the burden of conservation and management of ocean resources is not disproportionately transferred to Small Island developing states.</p>	<p>By 2030</p> <p>By 2022</p>		<p>Ocean and Marine Resources</p> <p>Ocean and Marine Resources</p>		

Focus Area 3: Establish Mechanisms to Facilitate the Implementation of the Policy Framework.

ACTION	TARGET	INDICATIVE TIME FRAME	LEAD ACTOR(S) [Member State(s) or Institution(s)]	NATURAL RESOURCE/ CROSS CUTTING AREAS	INDICATIVE RESOURCES REQUIRED	RELEVANT POLICIES
<p>3A. Development of a Community Education and Public Awareness programme on the Policy Framework and its First Action Plan</p>	<p>3A1. A set of Educational and Public Awareness Products on the Policy Framework and its First Action Plan are prepared and disseminated.</p>	<p>By 2017</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
<p>3B. Institutional Strengthening of the CARICOM Secretariat's Sustainable Development Directorate which is responsible for oversight of the Policy Framework and its Action Plan</p>	<p>3B1. The Sustainable Development Directorate is strengthened to carry out its functions, including the oversight of the Policy Framework and its first Action Plan in an effective and efficient manner.</p>	<p>By 2017</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
<p>3C. Strengthening the Member States' capacity to improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of environmental data in a systematic manner and facilitates its integration into the national and regional statistical infrastructure;</p>	<p>3C1. A specific initiative is being implemented to strengthen Member States capacity to improve the collection, analysis and dissemination of environmental data and its integration into the national and regional statistical infrastructure.</p>	<p>By 2018</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		

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<p>3D. Identification of specific areas which could be subject to harmonization at an early stage of the Policy Framework Implementation and commence the necessary consultations with the Member States and relevant stakeholders;</p>	<p>3D1. The areas, which are to be subjected to harmonization for the effective application of environmental management tools, are identified, and agreement is reached by Member States on the standardization of procedures for the application of environmental management tools.</p>	<p>By 2018</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
<p>3E. [Standardization] of the criteria requiring the application [requirements for the application at the national level] of environmental management tools including: <i>inter alia</i>, Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Social Impact Assessment (SIA), to inform decision making processes for sustainable development.</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		

Focus Area 4: Strengthen Resilience and Adaptive Capacity of the Community to Climate-Related Hazards, Natural and Man-induced Disasters

ACTION	TARGET	INDICATIVE TIME FRAME	LEAD ACTOR(S) [Member State(s) or Institution(s)]	NATURAL RESOURCE/ CROSS CUTTING AREAS	INDICATIVE RESOURCES REQUIRED	RELEVANT POLICIES
<p>4A. Strengthen the data and information infrastructure within the Member States and the Caribbean Community through building the capacity of national and regional climate centres and hydro-meteorological organisations to enhance the production, availability, delivery and application of science-based Services.</p>	<p>4A1. The capacity of national and regional climate centres and hydro-meteorological organisations are considerably enhanced to carry out the functions related to the production, availability, delivery and application of science-based services</p>	<p>By 2019</p>		<p>Climate change Disaster Risk Reduction</p>		
<p>4B. Strengthen Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and foster a more coherent disaster prevention and response Network for the region, including through the preparation of joint action plans for DRR and climate change and the strengthening of disaster risk governance and coordination across relevant institutions, both within the Caribbean Community System and externally.</p>	<p>4B1. A regional programme for strengthening resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all Member States is developed and ready for implementation.</p>	<p>By 2018</p>		<p>Climate change Disaster Risk Reduction</p>		

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<p>4C. Assist Member States in achieving Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) targets and other related commitments.</p>	<p>4C1. Progressive reduction of the Member States' greenhouse gas emissions in accordance with commitments under international law.</p>			<p>Climate change Disaster Risk Reduction</p>		
	<p>4C2. A comprehensive regional programme is designed and ready for implementation to increase education, awareness, and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.</p>	<p>By 2017</p>		<p>Climate change Disaster Risk Reduction</p>		
	<p>4C3. Climate change measures are integrated into national policies, strategies and plans in all Member States.</p>	<p>By 2018</p>		<p>Climate change Disaster Risk Reduction</p>		
<p>4D. Build resilience through the development and implementation of Regional Coastal Ecosystem-Based Adaptation Initiative with a specific focus on the rehabilitation of degraded coral reefs and coastal and marine ecosystems, including fisheries resources.</p>	<p>4D1. A regional Coastal Ecosystem-Based Adaptation (EBA) Initiative is developed to assist the Member States to implement EBA options.</p>	<p>By 2017</p>		<p>Climate change Disaster Risk Reduction</p>		

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4E: [Review and explore the expansion of insurance schemes for [natural resources] coping with the aftermath of disasters, in particular for vulnerable populations and sectors]				Climate change Disaster Risk Reduction		

Focus Area No 5: To strengthen the interface between Trade and Environment Including Strengthening the Community's Capacity to Comply with International Environmental, Health and Safety Standards, thereby, contributing to International Competitiveness.

ACTION	TARGET	INDICATIVE TIME FRAME	LEAD ACTOR(S) [Member State(s) or Institution(s)]	NATURAL RESOURCE/ CROSS CUTTING AREAS	INDICATIVE RESOURCES REQUIRED	RELEVANT POLICIES
<p>5A. Assess international environmental, health and safety standard regimes with the view of identifying those which are relevant to the Caribbean Community and its Member States in terms of gaining market access to external markets;</p>	<p>5A1. An assessment is completed of the international environmental, health and safety standard regimes, which are relevant to the Caribbean Community and its Member States in terms of gaining market access.</p>	<p>By 2018</p>		<p>Trade and Competitiveness</p>		
<p>5B. [Strengthen relationships with CROSOQ and relevant international certification bodies to ensure compliance with international environmental standards for improved international competitiveness][Design, mobilize and launch an International Standards Compliance and Strengthening Programmes for a number of sectors including, <i>Inter alia</i>, Fisheries; Agricultural Products; Tourism; and The Private sector in general]</p>	<p>5B1. An International Standards Compliance and Strengthening Programme is being implemented to build the capacity of the Member States to adhere to international environmental, health and safety standards.</p>	<p>By 2018</p>		<p>Trade and Competitiveness</p>		

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5C. Promote and support a programme on Trade in Environmental Goods and Services in order to facilitate the trade in environmental goods and services which are of Community origin.	5C1. A regime for trade in environmental goods and services of Community origin is established and promoted.	By 2018		Trade and Competitiveness		
5D. Support Member States' implementation of MEAs that include trade-related provisions (e.g. CITES, the Rotterdam Convention, the Montreal Protocol.)	5D1. Support is provided to the Member States to strengthen the implementation of MEAs with trade-related provisions.			Trade and Competitiveness		

Focus Area 6: To Promote Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns [Including Increasing the use of Clean Energy as a Basis for Transitioning the Economies of the Member States to Embrace Low Carbon, Green and/or Organic principles]

ACTION	TARGET	INDICATIVE TIME FRAME	LEAD ACTOR(S) [Member State(s) or Institution(s)]	NATURAL RESOURCE/ CROSS CUTTING AREAS	INDICATIVE RESOURCES REQUIRED	RELEVANT POLICIES
<p>6A. Promote the diversification of the energy sources within the Community through increased use of renewable energy in a manner that assures the optimization with other sectors, as well as to improve energy efficiency across all sectors in keeping with the CARICOM Energy Policy.</p>	<p>6A1. Steps are taken by each Member State to increase the share of renewable energy in their national energy mix as well as increase significantly the rate of improvement in energy efficiency across all sectors.</p> <p>6A2. Partnerships are built with regional and international partners to facilitate access to clean energy research and technology, including renewable energy, energy efficiency and advanced and cleaner fossil-fuel technology, and promote investment in energy infrastructure and clean energy technology.</p>	<p>By 2020</p>		<p>Sustainable Consumption and Production</p> <p>Sustainable Energy</p>		

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<p>6B. Formulate a regional strategy for the promotion of Sustainable Consumption and Community in the Community including Low Carbon, Green Economy and Environmentally Sound Organic Development.</p>	<p>6B1. A regional strategy for the promotion of Sustainable Consumption and Production is completed outlining a regional approach on a range of issues including, inter alia, progressively reduction of waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse; green public procurement practices that are sustainable and consistent with the Framework Regional Integration Policy on Public Procurement</p>	<p>By 2017</p>		<p>Sustainable Consumption and Production Sustainable Energy</p>		
<p>6C. Develop a Sustainable Tourism Initiative, focusing on the conservation and appropriate management of the natural and cultural resources of the Region to enhance the region's tourism product.</p>	<p>6C1. A Sustainable Tourism Initiative is developed that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products and the sustainable management and efficient use of natural heritage.</p>	<p>By 2018</p>		<p>Sustainable Consumption and Production Sustainable Energy</p>		

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<p>6D. Develop a Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative, with a focus on vulnerable populations and communities at risk, as a means of creating an enabling environment for reducing poverty within the Community and its Member States.</p>	<p>6D1. Sustainable Livelihoods Initiative is developed as a means of creating an enabling environment for addressing poverty reduction within the Community and its Member States with a focus on vulnerable populations and communities at risks.</p>	<p>By 2018</p>		<p>Sustainable Consumption and Production Sustainable Energy</p>		

Focus Area 7: Development of Special Programmes

ACTION	TARGET	INDICATIVE TIME FRAME	LEAD ACTOR(S) [Member State(s) or Institution(s)]	NATURAL RESOURCE/ CROSS CUTTING AREAS	INDICATIVE RESOURCES REQUIRED	RELEVANT POLICIES
<p>7A. Special Programmes of action will be formulated, in close collaboration with the relevant stakeholders, for (i) Haiti, (ii) Montserrat, and (iii) Indigenous and Tribal Peoples and Local Communities of the Caribbean Community</p>	<p>7A1. Special Programmes for Haiti, Montserrat and Indigenous and Tribal Peoples and Local Communities of the Caribbean Community are formulated, in close collaboration with the relevant stakeholders, and resources for their implementation mobilized</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		

Focus Area No 8: Support for the Implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreement to which the Member States are Party

ACTION	TARGET	INDICATIVE TIME FRAME	LEAD ACTOR(S) [Member State(s) or Institution(s)]	NATURAL RESOURCE/ CROSS CUTTING AREAS	INDICATIVE RESOURCES REQUIRED	RELEVANT POLICIES
8A. Support regional consultation and coordination, to the extent practicable, prior to the meetings of the IPCC, Conferences of the Parties and Subsidiary Bodies of MEAs to which the Member States are Parties.	8A1. Resources are mobilized to facilitate the convening of regional consultations before meetings of the Conference of the Parties to which the Member States are Parties.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
8B. Enhance the participation, to the extent practicable, of the Caribbean Community Secretariat in the deliberations of the Conference of the Parties of MEAs to which the Member States are Parties.	8B1. Resources mobilized to facilitate the participation of the Caribbean Community Secretariat in COP Meetings and subsidiary bodies and sessions of UNEA.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
8C. Support Member States, to the extent practicable, in incorporating obligations contained in MEAs into national legislation.	8C1. Resources are mobilized to facilitate the incorporation by the Member States of the international obligations contained in MEAs into national legislation, as necessary.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		

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<p>8D. Meet and consult as a region on new and emerging MEAs and existing MEAs to which Member States are not yet Parties.</p>	<p>8D1. Resources are mobilized to facilitate the convening of regional consultations before meetings of the Conference of the Parties to which the Member States are Parties.</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		

Focus Area No 9: To Increase the Community’s Effectiveness in Addressing and Negotiating, International Environmental and Sustainable Development Issues:

ACTION	TARGET	INDICATIVE TIME FRAME	LEAD ACTOR(S) [Member State(s) or Institution(s)]	NATURAL RESOURCE/ CROSS CUTTING AREAS	INDICATIVE RESOURCES REQUIRED	RELEVANT POLICIES
9A. Ensure that the treatment provided by the Member States of the Caribbean Community are not less favourable than that accorded to third States within the groupings of which they are part than those accorded to the Member States of the Community						
9B. Ensure adequate arrangements are made to guard against the deflection of benefits to the rest of CARICOM from the countries of such groupings through these respective Member States				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
9C. [Formulate a Caribbean Community Neighbourhood Policy on Environment and Sustainability for use as the principle vehicle for cooperation with neighbouring countries.]				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
9D. Co-operate in achieving international recognition for the Caribbean Sea as a Special Area.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		

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<p>9E. Strengthen relations with the Association of the Caribbean States, and in particular the Caribbean Sea Commission, to promote and oversee the sustainable use of the Caribbean Sea.</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
<p>9F. Strengthen the Member States participation in regional and hemispheric environment and sustainable development decision-making processes including the Forum of Ministers of the Environment for Latin America and the Caribbean.</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
<p>9G. Establish mechanisms to facilitate the development of relevant projects and initiatives to effectively use the resources allocated under the 11th European Development Fund to support environmental and sustainable development initiatives in the Community</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		
<p>9H. Promote SDS as the context for the Community's international relations thrust on the environment and sustainable development.</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		

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91. Strengthen support for the implementation of the three international sustainable development SIDS policy instruments				•		

Focus Area No 10: To Mobilise Adequate Levels of Financing and Investment from Multiple Sources to Facilitate the Implementation of the Policy Framework and its Action Plans

ACTION	TARGET	INDICATIVE TIME FRAME	LEAD ACTOR(S) [Member State(s) or Institution(s)]	NATURAL RESOURCE/ CROSS CUTTING AREAS	INDICATIVE RESOURCES REQUIRED	RELEVANT POLICIES
10A. During the period of the First Action Plan, emphasis will be placed on working the mobilization of resources from multiple sources including through domestic resource mobilization for the implementation of the Policy Framework				•		