A Roadmap for SDG Implementation in Trinidad and Tobago

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I. RAPID INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT

Alignment of national policy to SDG targets

- Total+Partial

Percentage achievements for various SDG targets:
- No Poverty: 100%
- Zero Hunger: 80%
- Good Health and Well-being: 80%
- Quality Education: 60%
- Gender Equality: 60%
- Clean Water and Sanitation: 60%
- Affordable and Clean Energy: 60%
- Decent Work and Economic Growth: 60%
- Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure: 60%
- Sustainable Cities and Communities: 60%
- Responsible Consumption and Production: 60%
- Climate Action: 60%
- Life below Water: 60%
- Life on Land: 60%
- Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions: 60%
- Partnerships for the Goals: 100%

Reduced Inequalities

Total+Partial
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II. Good governance and service excellence

III. Quality infrastructure and transportation

IV. Building globally competitive businesses

V. Placing environment at the centre of development

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ACCELERATORS

- Integrated Land and Coastal Management
- Improved Performance of Social Protection System
- Increased Access to Justice
- Strengthen Competitiveness and Productivity for Inclusive Growth
- Greening infrastructure for sustainable development
I. Putting People First: Nurturing our Greatest Asset

Key challenges:

- Fragmentation of programmes
- Weak evidence base to inform policy
- Leakages
- No path towards productive employment
- Weak coordination between sectors
- Barriers to entry for specific groups

Sub-optimal Performance of Social Protection
OPTIMIZE PERFORMANCE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM

- **Strengthen evidence base to inform policy making**
  - Single registry of beneficiaries
  - Improved monitoring and evaluation of programmes
  - Grievance mechanisms

- **Minimize leakages**
  - Improve targeting mechanisms

- **Link to productive employment**
  - Consolidate training and skills development services, and offer as part of social protection system
OPTIMIZE PERFORMANCE OF SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM

- **Improve coordination with other sectors**
  - Strengthen Inter-Ministerial Social Policy Committee
  - Results based budgeting
  - Design incentives for healthier lifestyles and behaviours
  - Avoid ‘missed opportunities’ to affect behavior change towards healthier, more productive citizens

- **Remove barriers of entry for specific groups**
  - Strengthen and expand care services
  - Facilitate access for female/child victims of domestic violence

- **Programme consolidation**
  - Potential Social Worker Force/Active search
  - Single window services
COMBO of interventions

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- Improved monitoring and evaluation
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- Natural text
I. Putting People First: Nurturing our Greatest Asset

- Social justice
- Poverty eradicated
- Social service delivery
- Family protection services
- Housing
- Healthy lifestyles
- Productive capacity

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IV. BUILDING COMPETITIVE BUSINESS

Strengthen Competitiveness and Productivity for Inclusive Growth

- Disconnected business development and financing eco-systems for SMEs
- Low levels of economic diversification
- Limited risk taking
- Weak productive capacity
- Low quality investment in innovation, research and development

Key challenges
STRENGTHEN PRODUCTIVITY AND COMPETITIVENESS

- **Economic diversification**
  - Explore green economy opportunities
  - Improve public procurement

- **Macroeconomic enabling environment**
  - Develop overarching regulatory framework for SOEs
  - Increase proportion of capital expenditure in budget relative to recurrent expenditure
  - Review transfers and subsidies
  - Review corporate tax framework and undertake VAT simplification
  - Strengthen cross-sectoral coordination

- **Productive capacity**
  - Aligning skills with productive opportunities
STRENGTHEN PRODUCTIVITY AND COMPETITIVENESS

- **Ecosystems for MSMEs**
  - Consolidate MSME support services
  - Single access e-window for service and networking
  - Implementation of results based system of support services
  - Financial inclusion programme

- **Investment in research, innovation and development**
  - National business incubator
COMBO of interventions

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- Economic diversification
- Explore Green Economy opportunities
- Align skills with productive opportunities
- Review Corporate Tax and VAT simplification
- Review transfers and subsidies
- Improve Public Procurement
- Increase proportion of capital expenditure in budget
- Strengthen Cross-sectoral coordination
- Eco-system for SMEs
- Investment in research and innovation
- National Business Incubator
- Economic diversification

Strengthen Competitiveness and Productivity for Inclusive Growth
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COMBO – PRODUCTIVITY

Macroeconomic stability

Business environment for entrepreneurship

IV. Building Globally Competitive Businesses

Products and services for global market

Destination for investment and trade

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12. Responsible Consumption and Production
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
10. Reduced inequalities
9. Industry innovation and infrastructure
8. Decent work and economic growth
7. Affordable and clean energy
6. High quality education
5. Gender equality
4. Peace and justice
3. Climate action
2. Zero hunger
1. No poverty
ICT Infrastructure for Public Efficiency, and Private Sector Competitiveness

- E-payment for public services: taxes, customs, trade, permits
- E-platform for investments and innovation opportunities
- Administrative and legislative reforms for e-business
- SME – eco-system on virtual platform
- E-market place to facilitate development of value-chains and business clusters
- E-procurement and e-tendering

Immediate opportunity
Key challenges

V. Placing the Environment at the Centre of Social and Economic Development

- Environmentally unfriendly behavior
- Freeriding; Ecosystem services undervalued
- Weak enforcement of environmental legislation
- Fragmented land planning

Land and Coastal Ecosystem Degradation

COMBO – LAND AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT
INTEGRATED LAND AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT

- **Strengthen protected area system**
  - Consolidation and expansion of the Protected Area System
  - Development and delivery of administration services
  - Ensuring financial sustainability of the system (i.e. user fees)
  - Streamlining institutional mandates

- **Enhanced land planning system**
  - Economic valuation of ecosystem services
  - GIS support system for land allocation
  - Avoid – Reduce – Mitigate - offset risk management
  - Integrated climate risk
INTEGRATED LAND AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT

- **Ensure regulatory enforcement**
  - Improve interception and prosecution
  - Streamline environmental regulation

- **Promote sustainable and land use practices**
  - Foster nature-based livelihood alternatives (i.e. tourism)
  - Implement innovative schemes for environmental protection
    - Payment for Ecosystem Services (i.e. water provision)
    - Concessions
    - Offsetting
  - Community based action
Community based action

Streamline environmental regulations

Avoid - Reduce - Mitigate

Innovative private sector schemes

Environmentally friendly production

Economic valuation of ecosystem services

GIS based support system

Financing and administration

Streamlining institutional mandates

Expansion and consolidation

Strengthen protected area system

Facilitate sustainable land use

Integrated Land and Coastal Management

Strengthen regulatory enforcement

Reshape decision making for planning

Strengthen protected area system

Improve interception and prosecution

Avoid-Reduce-Mitigate

COMBO of interventions

Integrated Land and Coastal Management
Environmental Governance

V. Placing the Environment at the Centre of Social and Economic Development

Maintained ecosystems and biodiversity

Cleaner and healthier environment

Meet international obligations

Integrated Land and Coastal Management

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II. Good Governance and Service Excellence

Key challenges

- Delays in prosecution
- Inadequate legal aid services
- Weak coordination among institutions of justice
- Lack of legal awareness
INCREASED ACCESS TO JUSTICE

- Strengthen judiciary to deliver increased access to justice
  - National access to justice assessment

- Enhanced capacity for prosecution and legal defense
  - Streamline case management procedures and monitoring
  - Support legal aide entities
  - Capacity development for attorneys, paralegals, prosecutors
  - Legal awareness: rights and access to justice

- Criminal justice reform and increased coordination
  - Legislative reform
  - Common case management
  - Cross-agency dialogues and common strategic planning
Increased Access to Justice

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- Capacity development

COMBO of interventions
Increased Access to Justice

Efficient and effective law enforcement

II. Good Governance and Service Excellence

Safe and secure place to live, visit and do business

Confidence in the judiciary system
Inadequate Infrastructure for Sustainable Development

Key challenges:
- Ageing infrastructure
- Suboptimal investment
- Inefficiency in service delivery
- Underpricing

III. Quality Infrastructure and Transportation
GREENING INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Enhance service delivery**
  - Streamline institutional mandates to reduce overlap or gaps
  - Update and strengthen regulatory frameworks and enforcement
  - Public-private partnerships for service delivery

- **Modernize infrastructure and promote investment**
  - Implement innovative financial instruments (i.e. green bonds)
  - Technological advancements (i.e. efficiency, safety)

- **Service pricing reform**
  - Subsidies (water, waste, transport)
  - Water and waste pricing systems
Public private partnerships

Strengthening/enforcement of regulations

Water and waste pricing systems

Innovative financial instruments

Reduce subsidies

Technological advancements

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Enhance service delivery

Greening Infrastructure for Sustainable Development (transport, waste, water)

Service pricing reforms

Streamlining institutional mandates

Strengthening/enforcement of regulations

Water and waste pricing systems
Greening Infrastructure for Sustainable Development

III. Quality Infrastructure and Transportation

- Business innovation & entrepreneurship
- Efficient Transport System
- Improved solid waste management
- Cleaner and healthier environment
- Modern technology
- Improved public utilities
- Energy efficiency
- Attractive destination for investment
- Business innovation & entrepreneurship

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III. FINANCING

- **Optimization of public spending**
  - Targeting funding towards cluster of issues or accelerators to achieve progress across goals and targets
  - Establish medium-term expenditure frameworks and results-based budgeting
  - Tax audits

- **Smart taxation and public subsidies’ reform**
  - Introduce/revise taxes on tobacco, environmental externalities, fuel, etc.

- **Innovative finance**
  - Green and blue bonds (e.g. transport, waste and water)
  - Promote diaspora investment and engagement
  - Impact investment to expand available financing options and spur innovation
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• Statistical capacity is below the average for Latin America and the Caribbean
  • Especially in the methodology and periodicity sub-categories
• Standardization of data production is a challenge as MDAs generally do not follow international classification codes
• Web technology is increasingly being used for data dissemination
• Timeliness of data production is a challenge
  • The CSO does not have a published data release calendar
• Gap analysis for SDG indicators needs to be undertaken
IV. DATA ECOSYSTEM

- Coordinate
- Prioritize
- Standardize
- Sensitize
- Innovate
- Partner

Recommendations
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# V. Vision 2030 Action Campaign

## Communications

- Explain WHY changes and reforms are needed and HOW will the public benefit
- Obtain key stakeholder ownership prior to public engagement

## Advocacy

- Take to scale Vision 2030 action campaign lead by public private partnership platform, with participation of CSO, private sector, churches, academia, sports
- Align Vision 2030 and SDG campaign so people see global and national linkages
- Champions from each stakeholders group - focus on youth and vulnerable
- Consider which medium (social media, TV, radio, caravans in communities, public art that inspires future for T and T)
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VI. GOVERNANCE AND CAPACITY

- Create a vision for excellence in public services
- Reduce fragmentation – align, transition, renew
- Create space for other actors to deliver services and programme (i.e. private sector and civil society)
- Improve incentives for performance, leadership
- Empower public service through devolution/decision making
- Strengthen quality assurance and audit
- Training and development