FINANCING the RESILIENCE of SIDS

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Mission: To strengthen innovation and resilience in SIDS by sharing SDG-related best practices and lessons learned, and to support SIDS in their journey of Sustainable Development.
How do you tap into the entrepreneurial spirit of a nation to recover from a hurricane? How do you connect talented professionals with ideas to build back better? And how do you use the collective expertise to come up with solutions for a more resilient future?

Those were the key questions we - the UNDP Centre of Excellence for SIDS based on Aruba - asked ourselves after visiting St. Maarten after the hurricanes. We soon joined forces with like-minded organizations, EY Caribbean, the Dutch Caribbean Chambers of Commerce, 360° Innovation, and Present Your Startup, to organize a unique event: the Build Back Better Summit, an interactive, inclusive event on the ground in the Caribbean. We combined the formal plenary sessions, interactive missions from other countries, and deep-dive expert sessions. One highlight of the Prime Minister was the build back better challenge that was launched during the summit.

The resulting ideas, connections, and support form a great basis for supporting recovery efforts as we look back and forward to build back better for a more resilient future.
DO-TANK
Local and international entrepreneurs alike, contributed to an inspiring and fun weekend in which new ideas and concepts were created and presented to build back better for a resilient island future.

DO-TRADE
To foster connections between local and international entrepreneurs, Present Your Startup together with the Dutch Caribbean Chambers of Commerce organized a day of business networking and matchmaking. The conversations were hard to stop as businesses in renewable energy, sustainable tourism, construction and much more exchanged ideas and opportunities. Surely, this will have sparked initiatives we will hear about in the near future.
3 DAYS
166 PARTICIPANTS
21 DO-TANK TEAMS
45 INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES
8 EXPERT SESSIONS
1 NEXTGEN MOBILE SOCOCO WALL
100 KG. TRASH COLLECTED
1 MOU
## 21 IDEAS!

### Sustainable Tourism
- Bini Travel all-inclusive app (1)
- Flamboyant beach resort (7)
- Ecotech for Ecotourism (13)
- ShowMe Caribbean on-location videos (18)

### Renewable Energy
- Slow mill wave energy (8)
- Collective Impact Initiative (21)

### Environment
- Algae – salt pond green again (6)

### Construction
- Hive five sustainable housing (3)
- Super House emergency shelters (5)
- E-hub self-sustaining housing box (11)
- C-D’Home resilient homes (14)
- DAM better window frames (20)

### Social
- PCCC Cultural Center (2)
- The Force social innovation network (4)
- CITS community innovative technological solutions (9)
- Maatin - Siri-like info platform (19)

### Entrepreneurship
- Discovery platform for sustainable solutions (10)

### Waste management
- Green Box recycling rewards program (12)
- Solar Flamboyant park (16)

### Disaster management
- SXM AX disaster response app (17)
- Better bunker box for critical communication (15)

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All 3-minute pitches of the ideas available on Facebook (Build Back Better Week SXM)
ST. MAARTEN PROJECT ‘GREEN BOX’ WINS THE TOP PRIZE AT DO-TANK HACKATHON

March 19, 2018

PELCAN—A St. Maarten team whose project “Green Box” tracks and rewards people for getting rid of their waste through an app won the first prize last night at the awards ceremony in Simpson Bay Resort for the Do-Tank Hackathon, a creative international contest to build back a better St. Maarten.
“It’s a great initiative, because you have a proper balance between millennials, X and Y generations, baby boomers, all coming together and coming up with creative and sustainable ideas that will help develop St. Maarten...now we must take this energy and put it into actual projects. A list of projects can be presented to Government responsible for the projects we are doing with the World Bank to see how they can fit in to our early recovery projects.” - Prime Minister Leona Romeo-Marlin
FOLLOW UP?

**ONLINE**

A facebook page for the latest updates and a LinkedIn group for continued collaboration, as an entry-point for new ideas and to follow progress.

- [buildbackbetterSXM.com](http://buildbackbetterSXM.com)
- [@BuildBackBetterSXM](https://twitter.com/BuildBackBetterSXM)
- [Group Build Back Better](https://www.linkedin.com/company/group-build-back-better/)

**OFFLINE**

A task force consisting of 5 local Build Back Better champions, and lead by a UNDP-funded (TBD) BBB-liaison coordinator (to connect the initiative with Government, World Bank, UN agencies and other local stakeholders), supported by an advisory group from the organizers UNDP, COE, EY, 360° Innovation

Follow up event planned in eight weeks in St. Maarten.