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LESSONS LEARNED BY THE SDG COMMISSION OF ARUBA:
INITIAL PHASE OF INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCALIZING THE SDGs

CONTRIBUTING TO THE

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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SYNOPSIS

This case study describes how Aruba's SDG Commission has set up the institutional arrangements for the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda and its corresponding Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as an early implementer. The paper describes the reasons why Aruba volunteered to commit to implementing the Agenda, as well as the steps the SDG Commission has taken in the journey towards implementing SDGs as a small island developing state (SIDS). The challenges Aruba's SDG Commission has overcome include navigating the early stages of SDG implementation considering the poor data-literacy and weak national statistical systems on the island. This case study further identifies the progress the local community has made in the process, as well as the initial results, impact and main stakeholders and their contributions. The Court of Audit Report has indicated that the Ministry of Education, Science and Sustainable Development has a strong commitment towards the realization of the SDGs. The Ministry's plans are directly related to SDG 4 (quality of education) where they are currently developing the National Education Plan (NOP) 2018-2030, aligning it with the corresponding SDG 4 targets. Furthermore, the Ministry plans to organize seminars and conferences to stimulate and foster knowledge on this subject. The Ministry of Regional Planning, Infrastructure and Environment in its "Nature Policy Plan 2018-2021" makes a link of its action points to the SDGs.

The case study is based on official documents and interviews with selected national government representatives involved in these processes. Finally, the case study touches upon financing of the SDGs, how to scale up the process, the most important lessons learned by Aruba as an early implementer and their advice for other SIDS looking to commit to the 2030 Agenda and SDG implementation.



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RESOURCES

UNDP Rapid Integrated Assessment Aruba 2017:

<http://www.sustainablesids.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Rapid-Integrated-Assessment-Aruba.pdf>

The Kingdom of the Netherlands Report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2017:

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/16109Netherlands.pdf>

The Aruba SDG Roadmap 2017:

<http://www.sustainablesids.org/knowledgebase/the-aruba-sdg-roadmap>

The Aruba Baseline Measurement Report 2018:

<http://www.sustainablesids.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/The-Aruba-Baseline-Measurement-Report-2018.pdf>

Court of Audit – Review on the preparedness for implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in Aruba 2018:

<https://rekenkamer.aw/pages/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/11122018-Rapport-SDGs-Final-website-versie-met-cover.pdf>

MAPS Framework:

<http://www.2030agenda.undp.org/content/2030agenda/en/home/more/MAPS.html>

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