

THE BAHAMAS SDG PARTNERSHIP FORUM – OVERVIEW AND AGENDA

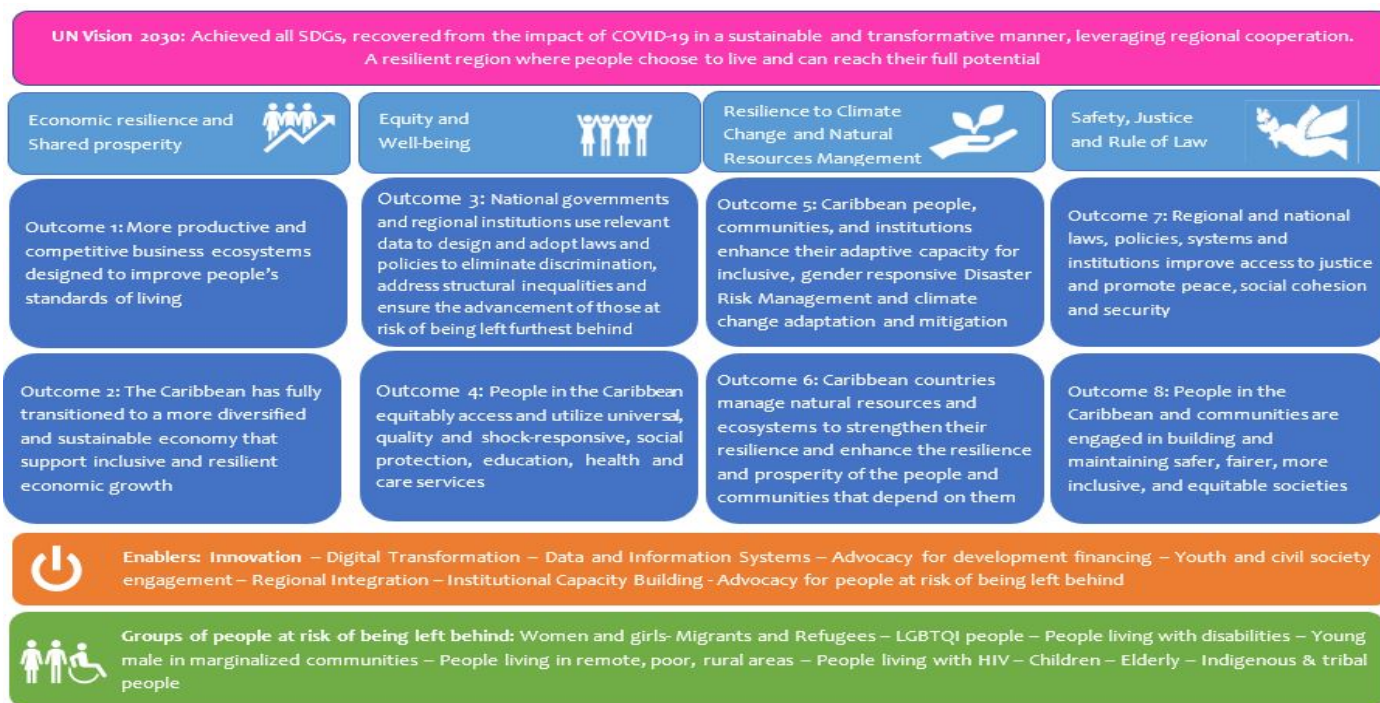
The Bahamas Partnership Forum, organized by the United Nations and its partners will serve as a platform to strengthen engagement and relationships across all relevant stakeholders and sectors, while building back better from COVID-19, leading to a more transformational whole-of-society approach to partnerships for advancing SDGs in the Bahamas.

Objectives for 2022 Partnership Forum

To encourage and support the development of structured partnerships to contribute to the national achievement of the SDGs. The Forum will undertake to facilitate thematic dialogues under the overall theme of “Transformational Partnerships for a Sustainable Future” with the following objectives:

1. To discuss the synergistic roles of various stakeholders in closing remaining gaps to achieve the SDGs in The Bahamas.
2. To identify areas of common interest among stakeholders and propose ways for meaningful and sustainable collaborations.
3. To establish an effective partnership mechanism for the duration of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

The Forum will be guided by the thematic areas and cross-sectional priorities outlined in the UN Multi-Country Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNMSDCF) for the Caribbean, covering the period 2022-2026. The Framework, which is currently being finalized, is the result of an extensive consultative process with the government, IDPs, NGOs, the private sector, and academia, and is the key instrument for planning and implementing the UN’s development activities in The Bahamas.



UNMSDCF thematic areas and cross-sectional priorities

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Time	Session	
9:00 am – 9:05 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Dave Munroe , Deputy Managing Director (Bahamas Development Bank)
9:05 am – 9:10 am	Opening Remarks	Garry Conille , UN Resident Coordinator (The Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, and Turks and Caicos)
9:10 am – 9:15 am	Greetings	Nicholas Higgs , Managing Director (Bahamas Development Bank)
9:15 am – 9:20 am	Greetings	Nicola Virgil-Rolle , Executive Director (Lyford Cay Foundation)
9:20 am – 9:25 am	Greetings	Rhoda Jackson , Director-General (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
9:25 am – 9:30 am	UN/BDB Video Presentation	
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Effective Partnerships for Agenda 2030	Sai Navoti , Chief of SIDS Unit (Sustainable Development Goals Division, UN DESA)
9:45 am – 10:35 am	Shared Prosperity and Economic Resilience Panelists:	Facilitator: Garry Conille Samantha Rolle , Executive Director (Access Accelerator) Dave Prescott , Creative Director (The Partnering Initiative) Sumayyah Cargill , Manager (Strategic Development and Initiatives, Bahamas Development Bank) Marvin Coleby , CEO and Co-founder of Raise (getraise.io)
	Interactive Q & A	
10:35 -10:50 15-Minute COFFEE BREAK		
10:50 – 11:40 am	Equality, Well-Being, Leaving No One Behind Panelists	Facilitator: Dr. Gabriel Vivas , Advisor Health Systems and Services (PAHO/WHO Office for The Bahamas and Turks and Caicos Islands) The Hon. Obediah Wilchcombe , Minister of Social Services and Urban Development Natalie Bethel , Operations Associate (Inter-American Development Bank) Alicia Wallace , Director (Equality Bahamas) Alicia Rolle , Chairperson, Social Inclusion Committee (SDG Unit)
	Interactive Q & A	
11:40 am – 12:30 pm LUNCH BREAK (Buffet Style)		
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Prime Ministers Keynote “Call to Action”	The Prime Minister of The Bahamas, The Honorable Philip Edward Davis
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Climate Change and Natural Resource Management Panelists	Facilitator: Deon Stewart , National Coordinator of the GEF Small Grants Programme (UNDP) Rhianna Neely , Director (DEPP) Carlton Watson , Associate Professor, Dean of Pure and Applied Sciences Lindy Knowles , Senior Science Officer, Bahamas National Trust (TBC)

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	Interactive Q & A	Casuarina McKinney , Executive Director (BREEF) British High Commission Representative
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2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Peace, Safety, Justice, and Rule of Law Panelists Interactive Q & A	Facilitator: Gayle Gallop , Private Sector Specialist (UN Women) The Hon. Wayne Munroe , Minister of National Security Khandi Gibson , Executive Director (FOAM Bahamas) Keno Wong , Chairperson (National Neighborhood Watch Council) Bridget Premont , Director, INL (US Embassy)
3:30 pm – 3:40 pm	Wrap-Up	Sen. The Hon. Quentin Lightbourne , Chairman (Bahamas Development Bank)
3:40 pm – 3:45 pm	Thank You	RC Garry Conille
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Power Hour [Cocktail Reception]	DMD