



PROJECT BRIEF

MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT OF MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS IMPLEMENTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL TRENDS IN ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Cross-Cutting Capacity Development Project



Challenge

Local environmental management and decision-making is suffering from poor data collection, management, and analysis. Over the last decade, government ministries and agencies in Antigua and Barbuda, along with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations have invested significant resources in data collection and management. The work done, and the information generated by these groups have played an increasingly important role over the last 15-20 years in drawing public attention to a number of important environmental issues. Despite these efforts, environmental data collection remains decentralized, making data: **(a)** difficult to access, **(b)** subject to being lost, **(c)** subject to duplication of efforts, and **(d)** incomparable due to inconsistent standards.



Activity

The Department of Environment (DoE) is striving to improve data collection for environmental management in Antigua and Barbuda. With funding from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), the DoE has embarked on a Cross-Cutting Capacity Development (CCCD) Project titled "Monitoring and Assessment of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA) Implementation and Environmental Trends in Antigua and Barbuda." It will be implemented over a 4-year period with total donor funding from GEF valued at US\$880,000. This CCCD Project will develop the capacity to collect environmental data in an effort to better inform decision-making processes and improve the way the country reports to MEAs.

The CCCD Project has two technical components:

Component 1 – Establishes environmental indicators and a National Environmental Information System (NEIS) for Antigua and Barbuda.

Component 2 – Focuses on generating, accessing, and using information and knowledge.

The CCCD Project's main deliverables are:

- Strengthened institutional mechanism to more effectively access data and information
- Improved commitments to the Rio Conventions by better information management
- Installation of a NEIS and training on the new system
- Capacity building to improve national reporting to the three Rio Conventions

Project Beneficiaries

The main beneficiaries of this project are government ministries that are responsible for key sectoral policies and legislation, NGOs, the private sector, civil society organizations, academic and research institutions. It is anticipated that this initiative will improve the sharing of knowledge amongst institutions with the support of a NEIS as an integral part of an Environmental Information Management and Advisory System.



Participants at the CCCD Project's National Inception Workshop held in July 2018

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