

CIRCULAR ECONOMY AS A MEANS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

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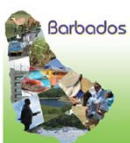


- ▶ Premise: *The Blue and Circular Economy can offer the guiding principles to develop climate resilient sector policies and investment plans that will result in sustainable climate change mitigation and adaptation measures.*
- ▶ Do we know what **Blue and Circular Economy** mean?



- ▶ What about the **Green Economy**, which sits in the middle (of **Blue** and **Circular**)?

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Definitions:

- ▶ *The **Circular Economy** - A system or a strategy that aims to reduce the consumption of materials and energy, reduce waste production and emission of pollutants and restore, regenerate and reuse materials.*
- ▶ *The **Green Economy** - the economy which aims at reducing environmental risk and ecological scarcities and aims for sustainable development without degrading the environment.*



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Definitions:


- ▶ *The Blue Economy is defined as the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic growth*
- ▶ *Refers to any economic activity in the maritime sector, whether sustainable or not*
- ▶ *“Green Economy” is a “Blue Economy” that prominently features oceans*
- ▶ *Blue & Green are interdependent*



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The Blue Economy principles:

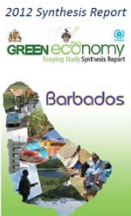
- ▶ *Use of clean technology and renewable energy*
- ▶ *Substitute something with nothing*
- ▶ *Waste does not exist. Any by-product is the source for a new product*




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Water management - a key challenge for Barbados to consider in its transition (to a Green Economy).

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- ▶ A national consultation in May 2013
- ▶ The Green Economy Steering Committee established. Most recent meetings in May 2014 and August 2014.
- ▶ The GESS addressed the following sectors which were identified for the analysis by the National Consultation and the GESC: Tourism, agriculture, energy, water and construction.
- ▶ The study provides linkages with the Jamaica Vision 2030, elaborated by the Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ).
- ▶ Green economy training and capacity building workshops have taken place.





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Opportunities:

- ▶ *Sustainable public procurement*
- ▶ *Eco-innovation*
- ▶ *Cleaner production*





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Partnership for Action on Green Economy

Greener economies, better lives for all

<http://www.unep.org/greeneconomy/page>



PAGE aims and objectives



To support countries in creating enabling conditions for national inclusive green economies, by:

- **Enabling countries** to formulate and adopt inclusive green economy policies
- **Strengthening capacity** of national partners to finance and implement inclusive green economy policies.
- Developing and making accessible globally **relevant tools and training** programmes.
- **Creating and sharing knowledge** on green economy for country level applications.



Green Economy tool kit for policy makers



- Available on the website, the trilogy provides guidance on indicators, policy assessment and modelling.

