

Inputs for the Secretary-General's Report on "Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations"

UNIDO's work in the Caribbean focuses on capacity building and policy advice efforts to promote sustainable development and economic growth in the region. In terms of capacity building, UNIDO has implemented several initiatives to strengthen local industries and enhance technical skills. For instance, the establishment of the Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE) in Barbados serves as a hub for knowledge transfer and technical expertise in sustainable energy. The centre focuses on up-scaling and replicating national efforts in policy implementation, capacity development, and investment promotion, with a strong emphasis on private sector involvement. Additionally, UNIDO's project on fostering regional coordination in aquaculture value chains aims to enhance productive employment and cooperation among Latin American and Caribbean countries, emphasizing capacity-building in fresh water aquaculture.

On the policy advice front, UNIDO has been instrumental in developing and implementing strategic frameworks to promote sustainable practices. In Barbados, the Strategic Platform project aims to accelerate sustainable energy technology innovation and industrial development, contributing to the creation of new jobs and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Similarly, the project on sustainable management of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) in the Caribbean focuses on updating national implementation plans and establishing regulatory frameworks to mitigate environmental threats.