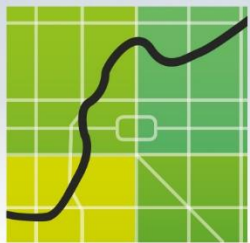


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## Global SIDS Land Characteristics

- Size
- Population density
- Dependent economies – restricted markets, limited resources
- Vulnerability to Natural Hazards/Climate Change
- Land and Resource management – conflict of tenure and use
- Institutional capacity - limited resources, lack of capacity





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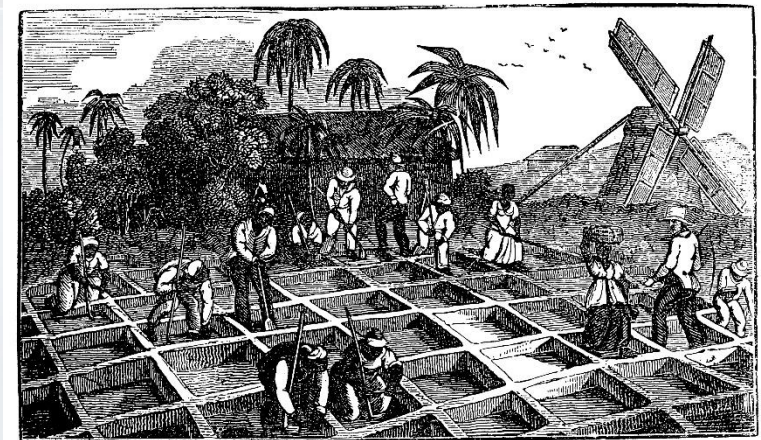
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## Caribbean SIDS Additional Land Characteristics

- Geomorphology
- History
- Family land
- Spontaneous occupation Informality





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## Size

Country	Total Area (km <sup>2</sup> )
Anguilla	90
Antigua/Barbuda	455
British Virgin Islands	153
Dominica	751
Grenada	344
Montserrat	102.75
Saint Lucia	616
St. Kitts/Nevis	269.4
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	389



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## Population Density

World Ranking	Country	Persons /km <sup>2</sup> (2011-2015)
11	Bermuda	1304
16	Barbados	659
19	Aruba	575
31	India*	436
49	Puerto Rico	400
33	Haiti	384
41	Grenada	313
47	St. Lucia	301
48	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	280
50	UK*	267
52	Trinidad and Tobago	264
46	Jamaica	251
178	US*	35



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## Economy

World Ranking	Country	GDP per capita (\$US) (various years)
4	Bermuda	69,900
14	Cayman Islands	43,800
24	British Virgin Islands	38,500
46	The Bahamas	29,800
55	Trinidad and Tobago	23,100
64	Barbados	18,500
65	Antigua and Barbuda	18,100
66	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	18,100
70	Puerto Rico	17,200
71	Netherlands Antilles	16,000
74	St. Kitts and Nevis	15,200
80	Virgin Islands	14,500
97	Turks and Caicos Islands	11,500
100	St. Lucia	10,900
106	Dominica	10,200
113	Suriname	9,000
116	Dominican Republic	8,300
117	Jamaica	8,200
118	Belize	8,100
157	Guyana	3,800
161	Montserrat	3,400
203	Haiti	1,300





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## Economy

Country	GDP (2010) US millions	GDP Growth Rate %	Economy type
Antigua and Barbuda	1430	-4.1	Services (mainly tourism); Agriculture
Dominica	765.4	1.4	Agriculture (banana production); manufacturing
Grenada	626	-6.8	Tourism
Montserrat	29	-1	Agriculture; clothing
St. Kitts and Nevis	738	-2.7	Agriculture (sugarcane); tourism
St. Lucia	2168	3.4	Agriculture (Banana production); tourism
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	1550	-6.5	Agriculture (Banana production)
Anguilla	175	-8.5	Tourism
British Virgin Islands	1350 (2009)	-0.6	Financial Services and tourism





## Vulnerability of Urbanisation

- Population concentrated on coast
- Population concentrated in agglomerations,
- Population concentrated in capital city,
- high cost of public service provision due to diseconomies of scale, and
- limited capacity in public and private sectors



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## Constraints to Improved Governance

- Cost of change to principled approaches.
- Cost of enabling institutions.
- Cost of capacity building and public awareness.
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## Corruption Perception Index

Ranking of country	Country
17	Barbados
29	St Vincent and the Grenadines
31	Puerto Rico
39	Dominica
63	Cuba
85	Jamaica
85	Trinidad and Tobago
124	Guyana
161	Haiti



## Lessons From the Pacific and Caribbean Urban Forums

Required:

- effective enabling policy frameworks,
- sustainable urban planning and design,
- ecosystem-based adaptation approaches,
- data collection and analysis supporting policy and programme formulation, and
- capacity building supporting institutional change





## Professional and Organisational Collaboration

Professionals should:

- Move from technical precision prescriptions to flexible approaches
- More principled goals
- Dissemination roles to publics
- Discussions within professional groups
- Research innovations
- Guidance and recommendations to political authorities



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