



# National Sustainable Development Plan Citizen's Guide

The Virgin Islands embracing beauty and serenity, balanced development, and abundance with us and for us all

The main purpose of the project is the creation of an overarching National Sustainable Development Plan [NSDP] for the Virgin Islands that spans a period of fifteen (15) years. Numerous public consultations were undertaken during the process to firstly engage in comprehensive education on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and secondly to ensure citizen participation in setting the priorities and articulating an aspirational vision for the country in its sustainability and resilience endeavours. The result has been a people centered achieved integrated roadmap based on a unique vision for the country. Some of the important issues discussed include providing opportunity for the youth; preserving the environment while developing the green and blue economies; managing diversity while maintaining customs and traditions; sustainable infrastructure given the ravages of recent hurricanes; restarting the economy given the climate risks and COVID 19; and the preparation and movement towards more autonomy and the implications of such governance advancements.

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### Overall Vision

A well balanced, people-centered Virgin Islands built on spirituality, social justice and equality; nurtured by trust, cultural knowledge and participation governance; strengthened by economic, environmental and social sustainability.

*Our Islanders Recalling* that a distinct cultural identity has evolved over centuries of struggle and asserting a right to freedom and self-determination, see preservation of our uniqueness at the heart of our sustainable development. Our oral and written history must be uttered by all so that our character, the **who we are** can be ingrained in our **Islanders**, present and future.

*Our Constitution expresses* our moral, spiritual and democratic values, as well as, our belief in God, the dignity of the human person, the freedom of the individual and respect for fundamental rights and freedoms and the rule of law.

*Our Citizens believe in* the principles of equality, democracy and diversity and have confidence in our public services, leaders and institutions.

*We Endeavour and Aspire* to ensure that our pristine marine environment, inextricably at the heart of our identity as **Islanders**, must be preserved, regenerated and restored for generations of **Islanders**.

*We Place our People at the centre of our Sustainable Development* by ensuring enabling date that places emphasis on the building of resilience of vulnerable groups like youth, women, the poor and on sectors disadvantaged by climate related disasters and by COVID 19.

*Our Development is Inclusive* as each of our settled islands offer opportunities for diversity, diversification and widespread progress while ensuring the consolidation and completeness of our distinctiveness.

*Our Development is Inclusive* to ensure that we provide a welcoming atmosphere to all who visit, work and contribute to all of our sustainable development.

*Our Development is Inclusive and bipartisan* so that the implementation and monitoring and evaluation of our National Sustainable Development Plan will be supported by all for all.



**The Vision of Our Youth**

**Empowered Youth encouraged by the opportunity to fully participate in all aspects of a balanced life.**

**Our Youth** will live this plan and will be given the chance to participate in its evolution and successful implementation

Our Youth's creativity will be supported by an understanding of their history, culture and identity.

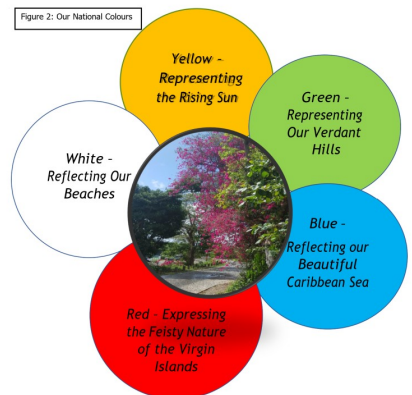
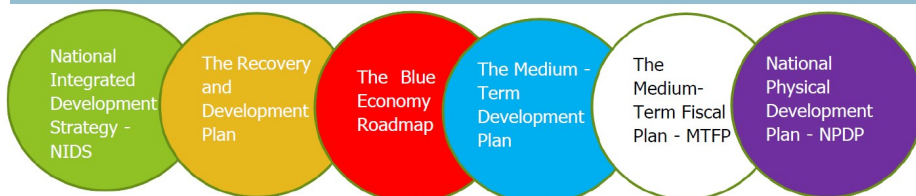
Our Youth are actively engaged in the economic, social, environmental and political growth of their country.

Our Youth are protectors of their environment.

Our Youth will mature positively, support each other, raise families and grow communities that strengthen the fabric of our Islandness.

Our Youth will be free to leave our shore, ready to face the world, become global citizens and live with the optimism that no matter where they roam in the world, their country will always be home.

## FOUNDATIONS AND INPUTS INTO THE PLAN



# BACKGROUND

## Our Physical Uniqueness

- We have more ocean water than land.
- We have a wide range of unique species of flora and fauna, especially reptiles that live in our ghuts, salt ponds, seagrass beds, mangroves and sandy beaches.
- We have more than 10,000 acres of seagrass and is compared to a rain forest under the sea.
- Our healthy coral reef and seagrass beds, a living breathing ecosystem, host more than 340 marine species providing sustenance and security.
- Our marine conservation is one of the best places for spotting colourful fish and sunken ships. Our reef assets cover 300,000 acres. We ensure that we monitor and safeguard this fragile ecosystem for the future enjoyment of our generations.

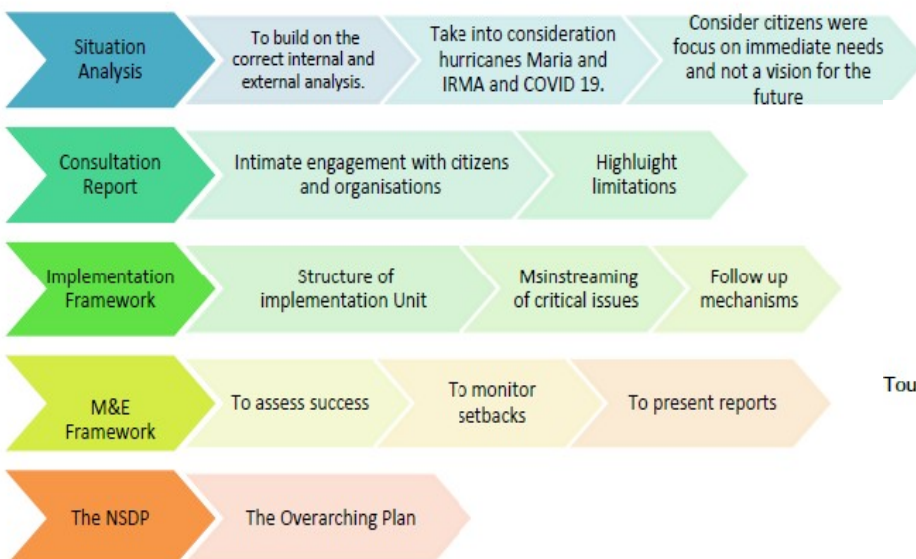
## Our Cultural Uniqueness: Flora, Fauna, Festival and Foods

- Our festival represent our identity, our heritage, our autonomy and our history.
- We commenced our emancipation celebrations in 1835 and they have taken on the flavor of our districts. Ours is three days of holidays and more than two weeks of festivities.
- We celebrate our food and music— scratch bands, fungi competitions and folk dance troupes—can be found in our Festival Village, where our families, friends and visitors revel in community and unity.
- Our idioms are unique and reflective of our experiences.

## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place more emphasis on giving access to good health, better drinking water, disposal of waste.</li> <li>• Strengthen Government intuitions to develop better services and emphasize customer service and good statistics.</li> <li>• Invest in more renewable energy.</li> <li>• The quality and availability of employment is key to opportunities.</li> <li>• Provide training and capacity building in schools and outside of schools.</li> <li>• Build partnerships with the private sector.</li> <li>• Teach our children our values and culture.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining a pristine environment.</li> <li>• Protecting, regenerating and sustaining the marine ecosystem.</li> <li>• More opportunities for the youth.</li> <li>• Development of the infrastructure that will assist development.</li> <li>• Put more resources into the development of sports.</li> <li>• Give us the opportunities so that we can return when we leave.</li> <li>• Legislation must be enacted to prevent plastics and waste from being dumped into the ocean.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More emphasis on diversification in order to create more opportunity.</li> <li>• Decentralisation of services to ensure access to health services.</li> <li>• More infrastructure not related to tourism but for the benefit of all.</li> <li>• Maintain better social statistics in order to better direct benefits and support.</li> <li>• More emphasis should be placed on respect and equality for women.</li> <li>• Good health must be emphasized to diminish diabetes and hypertension.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain the uniqueness of the marine ecosystem.</li> <li>• Preserve and provide more opportunities for local ownership.</li> <li>• Put in legislation to prevent the removal of natural resources and receive compensation for removal and damage.</li> <li>• Place emphasis on transfer of learning and teach subjects of use to the community.</li> <li>• More investment in health including ensuring there is a resident doctor.</li> <li>• Expand education in the marine sector and invest in the youth who will take that path.</li> </ul>
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## EXPLAINING THE OUTPUTS



## QUICK FACTS: ECONOMIC SITUATION

Sources: Central Statistics Office, Macro Fiscal Unit

\*2019 estimates, ^2020 estimates



## OUR PRIORITIES

### The Priorities of the People

*National identity, cultural integration and heritage* – The entire country must focus on nation building that includes spirituality, the teaching of our history and the celebration of our culture and heritage.

*Preservation of the environment and move towards clean energy sources.*

*Protection from COVID 19* – There is a need for better health services in all islands.

*Economic participation* - All islands and all citizens must be given the opportunity to participate in the prosperity of the country. We do not just want to be workers; we want to be owners and investors.

*Private Sector engagement* - The Government and the Private Sector must dialogue on the prosperity of the country to ensure fair wages and working conditions.

*Public Sector inefficiencies.* Upgrade the customer service of the Public Servants and improve systems so that the same questions and forms are in an accessible form to all Government Ministries.

*Public infrastructure* - The roads should be better maintained and improve those in non-tourist areas. The other islands needs to have more access via airports.

*Youth engagement and empowerment* - Create more opportunities for young people especially young men who need skills training.

*Food security* - We need to feed ourselves. Give more access to land and facilitate farmers and fishermen in trying to feed the country.

*Human resources* – education and skills gaps – We are losing trained people so we must find ways to retain them or make contact after they leave. Also, we need to upgrade the technology and innovations skills.

*Data* – We need to make decisions based on sound data

## OUR GOALS, OUTCOMES AND ALIGNMENT WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

National Goals	National Outcomes	Alignment with the SDGs
<i>Goal 1: Health and Wellness: The Virgin Islands Emphasises Healthy Living for Fulfilling Lives</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Outcome #1 - A Healthy Population</li> <li>National Outcome #2 - Adaptive and Shock Responsive Social Protection Systems</li> </ul>	
<i>Goal 2: Education and Learning: The Virgin Islands Facilitates Empowerment through Innovation Creative and Vibrant Learning</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Outcome #3 - An Educated and Highly Skilled Population</li> </ul>	
<i>Goal 3: Economy: The Virgin Islands has a Prosperous, Vibrant, Thriving and Internationally - Competitive Economy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Outcome #4 – Fiscal Strength and Sustainability</li> <li>National Outcome #5 – An Enabling Business Environment</li> <li>National Outcome #6 – Diversified Economy and Globally Competitive Industries</li> <li>National Outcome #7 – Green and Blue Economy</li> <li>National Outcome #8 – Smart Nation/Digital Economy</li> </ul>	
<i>Goal 4: Infrastructure: The Virgin Islands Emphasises Resilience Building and Access to Sustainable Services</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Outcome #9 – Sustainable Energy and Water</li> <li>National Outcome #10 – Communication Technology</li> <li>National Outcome #11 – Transportation and Logistics</li> </ul>	
<i>Goal 5: Good Governance and Leadership: The Virgin Islands Embraces Good Governance, Accountable Government and Citizen Participation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Outcome #12 – Peace, Justice for All Safety and Security</li> <li>National Outcome #13 – Efficiency and Effectiveness of Government</li> <li>National Outcome #14 – Constitutional Advancement</li> <li>National Outcome #15 – Strengthened Foreign Relations</li> </ul>	
<i>Goal 6: The Virgin Islands Embraces Environmental Sustainability for Sustainable Islands' Development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Outcome #16 – Environmental Sustainability</li> <li>National Outcome #17 – Hazard Risk Reduction and Adaptation to Climate Change</li> </ul>	

## NATIONAL OUTCOME 1: A HEALTHY POPULATION

By 2036 VI will have a fully inclusive health system working for all Islanders and in which will all take collective responsibility for improving our health and happiness.

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
3.3	By 2030, end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and neglected tropical diseases and combat hepatitis, water-borne diseases and other communicable diseases	By 2036 statistics on non communicable and communicable disease will be well documented so that more effective treatments will be addressed
3.4	By 2030, reduce by one third premature mortality from non-communicable diseases through prevention and treatment and promote mental health and well-being	By 2036 structures will be strengthened to address mental health and emphasis on healthy lifestyles that address and prevent non-communicable diseases
3.5	Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol	Establishment of programmes and structures to address substance abuse
3.6	Halve the number of global deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents	Enforce laws and structures that reduce traffic accidents especially among the youth
3.7	By 2030, ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes	By 2030, ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, including for family planning, information and education, and the integration of reproductive health into national strategies and programmes
3.8	Achieve universal health coverage, including financial risk protection, access to quality essential health-care services and access to safe, effective, quality and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all	Review and upgrade universal health coverage to match the increasing cost of health care
3.c	Substantially increase health financing and the recruitment, development, training and retention of the health workforce in developing countries, especially in least developed countries and small island developing States	Increase the budgetary allocation for health in the training and development of health professionals
3.d	Strengthen the capacity of all countries, in particular developing countries, for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks	Strengthen the capacity of the country to management of national and global health risks like pandemics

- ✚ There are 247 Global Indicators.
- ✚ There are 117 Indicators in the CARICOM Set
- ✚ There are 130 National Indicators



## NATIONAL OUTCOME 1: A HEALTHY POPULATION

### National Strategies

1.1.1	Ensure adequate finance and investment in inclusive health
1.1.2	Upgrade health infrastructure on all four main islands
1.1.3	Make healthy lifestyles a priority
1.1.4	Reduce the disease burden especially for non-communicable, emerging communicable and mental health diseases
1.1.5	Ensure equal access to high-quality healthcare, and overall improvement in the quality of health care and services by all including persons with disabilities and the aged
1.1.6	Enhance the 2018 installed information systems to better monitor and evaluate the performance of the health sector to provide an integrated system of health and social services
1.1.7	Strengthen the linkages between human health and the environment through Legislation and education
1.1.8	Strengthen BVI's Health System to become Climate Resilient
1.1.9	Strengthen the available opportunities for the training and upgrading of the skills of nurses



## NATIONAL OUTCOME 2: ADAPTIVE AND SHOCK RESPONSIVE SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS

By 2036 VI will have a modern and dynamic social protection system - including legislation, policy and a digital social registry.

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
1.2	By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions	By 2036 policies that focus on social protection will be enhanced according to recommendations of the Country Poverty Assessment (CPA)
1.3	Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all, including floors, and by 2030 achieve substantial coverage of the poor and the vulnerable	Based on the results of the new CPA minimum wages and benefits will be legislated
1.4	By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance	By 2036 access to land ownership will be enhanced so that the more vulnerable, such as youth and women, are provided with a foundation for receiving financial services including micro finance
1.5	By 2030, build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters	By 2036 an assessment of the housing stock will be undertaken to ensure their resilience. In addition shelters used during disasters will be upgraded to meet the needs of safety and sanitation
1.b	Create sound policy frameworks at the national, regional and international levels, based on pro-poor and gender-sensitive development strategies, to support accelerated investment in poverty eradication actions	By 2036 shock responsive policies will be developed to deal with the fallout from climate related disasters and health challenges like epidemics and pandemics
<b>National Strategies</b>		
1.2.1	Eliminate poverty and vulnerability	
1.2.2	Design and develop the policy and legislative framework for social protection, including the development of a shock-responsive social protection policy	
1.2.3	The social protection policy	
1.2.4	Foster inclusive social development	
1.2.5	Create vibrant and economically viable rural communities across the Islands	
1.2.6	Advance Sustainable Livelihoods	
1.2.7	Ensure adequate shelter, housing and social infrastructure for all	



## NATIONAL OUTCOME 3: AN EDUCATED AND HIGHLY SKILLED POPULATION

By 2036 the VI will have an educate and highly skilled population, able to effectively participate in the dynamic 21st century labour market towards advancing the country's sustainable development prospects.

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
4.1	By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality primary and secondary education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes	By 2036 the curriculum will be upgraded to place more focus on effective learning outcomes
4.2	By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education	By 2036 early childhood education will be standardised across all 4 main islands and necessary remedial work will be undertaken on entry into primary schools
4.3	By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university	By 2036 upgrade the profile of technical vocational education and invest in ensuring that more females are involved in STEM
4.4	By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship	By 2036 an internship programme will be established to ensure the linkages between school and businesses. In addition an entrepreneurship programme will be introduced in all secondary schools
4.5	By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations	By 2036 obstacles to access for both females and males will be addressed through a study on vulnerability
4.7	By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development	By 2036 the curriculum will include the SDGs and teachers will be trained in imparting knowledge in this regard
4.a	Build and upgrade education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all	Invest in upgrading educational infrastructure to facilitate students with disabilities and re resilient to hazards such as mold
4.c	By 2030, substantially increase the supply of qualified teachers, including through international cooperation for teacher training in developing countries, especially least developed countries and small island developing states	By 2036 all teachers entering the profession will have the opportunity to become qualified and to renew their qualifications at 3 year intervals to upgrade their technology skills



## NATIONAL OUTCOME 3: AN EDUCATED AND HIGHLY SKILLED POPULATION

### National Strategies

2.1.1	Review curricular to advance a knowledge-based economy to drive competitiveness
2.1.2	Provide educational opportunities for all with a focus on lifelong learning and inclusiveness
2.1.3	Focus on early childhood education
2.1.4	Invest in education infrastructure and facilities to meet the needs of 21st century learners
2.1.5	Advance STEAM education from early childhood to secondary education
2.1.6	Increase investment in science, technology and innovation
2.1.7	Align the education and training with the needs of the labour market
2.1.8	Foster entrepreneurship
2.1.9	Strengthen the labour market integration pathway
2.1.10	Provide world-class training opportunities



Claudia Creque Educational Centre, Anegada



Robinson O'Neal Primary School,  
Virgin Gorda

## NATIONAL OUTCOME 4: FISCAL STRENGTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

By 2036 the VI achieves balanced economic growth and development while maintaining fiscal sustainability.

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
8.1	Sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances and, in particular, at least 7 per cent gross domestic product growth per annum in the least developed countries	Modernize tax collection and fees through the use of technology and enforce penalties for non-compliance
17.1	Strengthen domestic resource mobilization, including through international support to developing countries, to improve domestic capacity for tax and other revenue collection	Upgrade fiscal rules with regard to borrowing and undertake improvement of the Integrated Financial Information System
17.2	Developed countries to implement fully their official development assistance commitments, including the commitment by many developed countries to achieve the target of 0.7 per cent of ODA/GNI to developing countries and 0.15 to 0.20 per cent of ODA/GNI to least developed countries ODA providers are encouraged to consider setting a target to provide at least 0.20 per cent of ODA/GNI to least developed countries	Upgrading of the external relations function to empower overseas offices to undertake negotiations that will enhance official development assistance
17.3	Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources	By 2036 the VI will complete an assessment of all sources of available funding and will focus on developing skills in resource mobilisation
17.4	Assist developing countries in attaining long-term debt sustainability through coordinated policies aimed at fostering debt financing, debt relief and debt restructuring, as appropriate, and address the external debt of highly indebted poor countries to reduce debt distress	More focus will be placed on low cost concessional financing available to SIDS regionally and internationally

### National Strategies

- 3.1.1 Public Financial Management Transformation
- 3.1.2 Assessment of Fiscal Rules
- 3.1.3 Implement Sustainable Financing for Development
- 3.1.4 Strengthen Domestic Resource Allocation



## NATIONAL OUTCOME 5: AN ENABLING BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

By 2036 the VI will have a business environment that will support a thriving Large, Medium, Small and Micro business sector that is innovative and contributes significantly to job creation, economic growth and a better standard of living.

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
4.4	By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship	By 2036 align the technical vocational education with existing and future jobs
8.2	Achieve higher level of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added labour-intensive sectors	Put in place policies to support the MSME sector and provide incentives for the diversification within existing industries and for the creation of new businesses
8.3	Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services	Undertake an assessment of the gaps which exist between the education outcomes and employment imperatives
8.5	By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men including young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value	By 2036 review labour laws and work with the private sector on the provision of descent work for all women and men
8.6	By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training	By 2036 ensure that entrepreneurship is included in the curriculum and incentivise innovation through the introduction of an incubation system
10.1	By 2030, progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40 per cent of the population at a rate higher than the national average	By 2036 upgrade the financial literacy of MSMEs and new entrepreneurship
10.2	By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic other status	By 2036 opportunity through feedback mechanisms to encourage the participation of all in the social, economic political decision making

### National Strategies

3.2.1	Promote and enhance the use of information and communication technologies
3.2.2	Support national, regional and international initiatives that develop and increase the capacity and development impact of the financial services industry
3.2.3	Enhance international cooperation, exchanges and investments in formal and non-formal education and training
3.2.4	Promoting and enhancing gender equality and women's equal participation in policies and programmes in the public and private sectors
3.2.5	Enhance the enabling environment at the national and regional level to attract more public and private investment
3.2.6	Setting national regulatory and policy framework



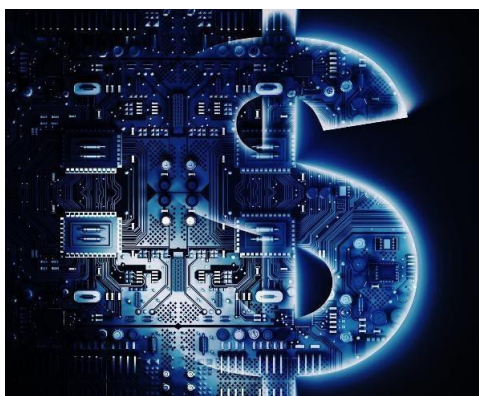
## NATIONAL OUTCOME 6: DIVERSIFIED ECONOMY AND GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE INDUSTRIES

By 2036 VI main industries will be competing successfully nationally, regionally and internationally and new industries will be established and thriving.

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
8.1	Sustain per capita economic growth in accordance with national circumstances and, in particular, at least 7 per cent gross domestic product growth per annum in the least developed countries	Upgrade the FINTECH Industry through further automation of processes and update regulation in line with new innovations
8.2	Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labour-intensive sectors	Put in place policies to support the MSME sector and provide incentives for the diversification within existing industries and for the creation of new businesses
8.3	Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services	Undertake an assessment of the gaps which exist between the education outcomes and employment imperatives
8.9	By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products	By 2036 implement policies that will promote local culture and the use of local products within the tourist industry
12.b	Develop and implement tools to monitor sustainable development impacts for sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products	By 2036 develop a monitoring tool to assess the impact of sustainable job creation in the tourist industry
14.7	By 2030, increase the economic benefits to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism	By 2036 reduce illegal fishing by large trawlers in the water of the VI by increasing patrols

### National Strategies

- 3.3.1 Create an enabling environment to support the fintech industry
- 3.3.2 Navigate the complexities of the Financial Services industry and capitalise on opportunities
- 3.3.3 Develop and resilient and sustainable tourism industry
- 3.3.5 Improve the efficiency and competitiveness of traditional industries
- 3.3.5 Diversifying the economy by creating new industries



## NATIONAL OUTCOME 7: GREEN AND BLUE ECONOMY

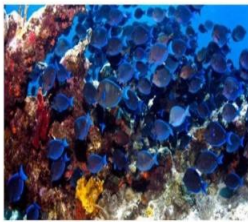
By 2036 the BVI has reaped benefits from the green and blue economy while simultaneously preserving ocean resources, reducing reliance on fossil fuels and ensure that industries use more sustainable sources of energy, while generating less waste.

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
8.9	By 2030, devise and implement policies to promote sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products	By 2036 implement policies that will promote local culture and the use of local products within the tourist industry
12.a	Support developing countries to strengthen their scientific and technological capacity to move towards more sustainable patterns of consumption and production	Develop a buy local eat healthy campaign to encourage the revitalisation of the agriculture sector and reduce the food import bill
12.b	Develop and implement tools to monitor sustainable development impacts for sustainable tourism that creates jobs and promotes local culture and products	By 2036 develop a monitoring tool to assess the impact of sustainable job creation in the tourist industry
12.5	By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse	By 2036 ensure that the dumpsite is better managed in line with the management of a landfill to reduce the risk of spontaneous combustion and release of toxic fumes, resulting in air pollution
14.1	By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution	Take actions related to separation of waste, collection of waste for export for the purposes of recycling as well as engaging in composting at larger scale and explore turning trash into cash and to create new industries based on waste. Also, develop the legislative framework needed to support the implementation of this waste management strategy
14.2	By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans	By 2036 establish partnerships to assist with coral bleaching while continuing to replant and preserve mangroves and salt ponds
14.4	By 2020, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics	By 2036 regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics
14.5	By 2020, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information	By 2036 set conservation targets that will in line with international best practice
14.7	By 2030, increase the economic benefits to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism	By 2036 reduce illegal fishing by large trawlers in the water of the VI by increasing patrols
14.b	Provide access for small-scale artisanal fishers to marine resources and markets	By 2036 ensure that infrastructure for landing, storing and marketing of fish is accessible

## NATIONAL OUTCOME 7: GREEN AND BLUE ECONOMY

### National Strategies

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| 3.4.1 | Strengthen the legislation and regulation in areas of environmental protection       |
| 3.4.2 | Increase the contribution of the fisheries sector to the economy                     |
| 3.4.3 | Increase local participation in the blue economy                                     |
| 3.4.4 | Develop new opportunities with the marine space                                      |
| 3.4.5 | Adapt a Circular Economy Model with more sustainable resource use and waste disposal |



## NATIONAL OUTCOME 8: SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

By 2036, our use of STI will help us to achieve the future we want and it would have enabled us to unleash our dynamism and enhance our international competitiveness within and across our social and economic structures generating higher level of employment and income.

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
9.1	Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and trans-border infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all	Deepen the integration of Science, Technology and Innovation into all aspects of national development to ensure affordable access for all
9.2	Promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and, by 2030, significantly raise industry's share of employment and gross domestic product, in line with national circumstances, and double its share in least developed countries	Enhance government policy to promote industrialisation and increase the participation of citizens in this area
9.3	Increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets	Make micro finance available to those who are involved in innovations and the development and expansion of knowledge in Science, Technology and Innovation
9.4	By 2030, upgrade infrastructure and retrofit industries to make them sustainable, with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies and industrial processes, with all countries taking action in accordance with their respective capabilities	By 2036 upgrade infrastructure and adopt environmentally friendly technologies within the industrial sector
9.5	Enhance scientific research, upgrade the technological capabilities of industrial sectors in all countries, in particular developing countries, including, by 2030, encouraging innovation and substantially increasing the number of research and development workers per 1 million people and public and private research and development spending	Enhance strategic public-private partnerships in STI and develop policy that is more responsive to climate change, green growth, blue growth and energy efficiency
9.b	Support domestic technology development, research and innovation in developing countries, including by ensuring a conducive policy environment for, inter alia, industrial diversification and value addition to commodities	Encourage public sector innovation through research and development of customised services delivered to third parties
9.c	Significantly increase access to information and communications technology and strive to provide universal and affordable access to the Internet in least developed countries by 2030	Engage with internet providers to negotiate affordable access to this service for all. Establish wireless zones throughout the country especially in public spaces

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3.5.1	Enhance strategic public private partnerships
3.5.2	Enhance public engagement in STI
3.5.3	Develop system innovation for competitiveness and inclusive development
3.5.4	Encourage public sector innovation

## NATIONAL OUTCOME 9: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND WATER

By 2036, the Virgin Islands will be less reliant on imported energy, will focus on renewable and energy efficiency and will have a reliable water distribution and treatment system

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
6.1	By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all	By 2036 upgrade the infrastructure to ensure that all areas are served with safe and affordable drinking water including exploring desalination technology
6.2	By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene for all and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations	By 2036 upgrade waste management infrastructure to ensure that garbage is not dumped near waterways and in the ghuts
6.3	By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and material, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally	By 2036 explore waste water treatment, recycling and reuse to reduce the release of hazardous chemicals and chemicals into the marine environment
6.4	By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people	By 2030 improve water efficiency and work towards over-extraction and mitigate the effects of salt water intrusion
6.6	By 2030, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes	By 2036 put in place mechanisms with the farmers and the private sector to restored traditional water sources
6.a	By 2030, expand international cooperation and capacity-building support to developing countries in water- and sanitation-related activities and programmes, including water harvesting, desalination, water efficiency, wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse technologies	By 2036 engage with the international community on technologies related to desalination and water treatment
7.1	By 2030, ensure universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services	By 2036 invest in the establishment and strengthening innovative energy roadmaps with detailed resource planning
7.2	By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix	Enhance targeted measures and finance related to renewable energy including sustainable biomass, biofuels solar and wind
7.3	By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency	By 2036 develop a strategy and measured targets to promote energy efficiency

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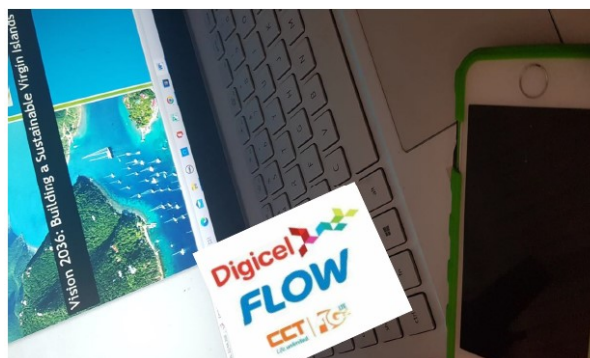
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## NATIONAL OUTCOME 10: COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

By 2036 data collection, creativity, productivity and community will be enhanced through access to a knowledge driven population supported by advanced communication technologies

Strategies Global Targets	Local Targets
Create possibilities for the improvement of productivity among millions of people so they have better means of income and livelihood	Enhance the use of communication technologies in conducting household surveys and censuses to understand poverty at shorter time intervals than five- and ten-year periods
The private sector has a clear and vested interest in working to develop and scale up sustainable business solutions	Review and upgrade the national CT plan with relevant stakeholders to make it more proactive, and responsive to business continuity
Promotes work and financial inclusion by enabling services such as mobile banking and micro-crediting and by giving access to markets for small producers and their products	Develop a partnership with the MSMEs and the banking sector to create opportunities for access to credit
Allow health workers to be connected to health information and diagnostic services	Create linkages amongst all health care facilities and providers to provide patients with data that will assist in the management of their health issues
Opens up access to education to underserved populations for whom improved educational opportunities lead to improved economic opportunities	Upgrade the technology used in all schools and increase teacher training in communication technologies
Much of this development and innovation will stem from the on-going creative processes and research and development conducted by companies	Develop a partnership between the private sector and the education sector to increase investment in research, development and innovations through the establishment of incubation centres



## NATIONAL OUTCOME 11: TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
2.a	Increase investment, including through enhanced international cooperation, in rural infrastructure, to enhance agricultural productive capacity in developing countries	Undertake a study to review the location of transport depots and stations to ensure that they are located in Primary Settlement Areas and Towns and Villages. In addition ensure that public transport stops are located in close proximity to population centres along main roads and in rural areas
3.6	By 2030 halve global deaths from road traffic accidents	Inclusion of cycling and walking- key parts of the sustainable transport mix
7.3	Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and trans-border infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all	Provide more incentives for the purchase of electric vehicles to reduce emissions. Increase investment in infrastructure for such vehicles
9.1	Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and trans-border infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all	Ensure that all transport infrastructure projects are approved after an environmental impact assessment. Further, assess and review legislation that hinders the processing and delay of goods to sister islands like Anegada
11.2	By 2030, provide access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all, improving road safety, notably by expanding public transport, with special attention to the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with disabilities and older persons	Increase road safety and reduce deaths due to accidents which in 2021 were 132 between July and August. Enforce the safety regulations including the wearing of helmets and swerving between vehicles for bikers; crossing at the zebra crossing for pedestrians; drinking and driving, vehicle maintenance, the wearing of seat belts and observing speed limits for motor vehicles and buses
11.2.1	The proportion of population that has convenient access to public transport, by sex, age and persons with disabilities	Place emphasis on transport statistics to assess the movement of persons and their access to transportation
13.2	Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies, and planning	Implement the regulations recommended in the National Physical Development Plan to protect the environment associated with transport infrastructure

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4.3.1	Invest in the upgrading of pedestrian walkways and facilities that is inclusive taking into consideration persons with mobility constraints and the aged
4.3.2	Update safety codes and regulation to meet international standards. This will include proper maintenance of roads and the proper planning and design of road networks
4.3.3	Enforce the safety regulations including the wearing of helmets and swerving between vehicles for bikers; crossing at the zebra crossing for pedestrians; drinking and driving, vehicle maintenance, the wearing of seat belts and observing speed limits for motor vehicles and buses
4.3.4	Update the location of Transport depots and stations and Public transport stops should be located in close proximity to population centres and along main roads
4.3.5	Increase the compliance of proposed ferry terminals and ports so that they do not have an adverse impact on the surrounding environment. Environmental Impact assessment should be undertaken before permission is granted for the development of such infrastructure
4.3.6	Increase the provision of safe, reliable, and affordable rural transport infrastructure and services is essential to facilitate rural access to markets and services such as education and health facilities, enterprise and employment opportunities, increase agricultural production
4.3.7	Establish partnerships to increase the airlift to the Virgin Islands and upgrade the runway at the Terrence B. Lettsome International Airport

## NATIONAL OUTCOME 12: PEACE, SAFETY, SECURITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

By 2036, out use of STI will help us to achieve the future we want and it would have enabled us to unleash our dynamism and enhance our international competitiveness within and across our social and economic structures generating higher level of employment and income.

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
16.1	Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere	Support community policing and police work with young men to curtail the violence amongst this demographic while putting in place safe haven for both men and women who are victims of domestic violence
16.2	End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children	Enact legislation to ensure that traffickers are brought to justice and ensure that the public is educated regarding the signs that indicate trafficking
16.3	Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all.	Put in place mechanisms that the vulnerable has access to a justice system that is not out of reach because of high costs
16.4	By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime	By 2036 ensure that the proceeds of crime legislation is updated to combat all forms of organised crime
16.5	Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms	Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms
16.6	Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels	Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels
16.7	Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels	Ensure that the feed -back and feed forward mechanisms within the Implementation Framework are establish and are functioning
16.10	Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements	Hold press conferences and other public information sessions to update the public on agreements and treaties that are adopted and their implications for the country
16.a	Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime	Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime

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- 5.1.1 Strengthen the capacities of public policy and rule-of-law institutions and civil society organizations
- 5.1.2 Reform and modernize the law enforcement infrastructure
- 5.1.3 Reinforce equitable access to justice protection, citizen security and safety
- 5.1.4 Improve national capacity for evidence based policymaking



## NATIONAL OUTCOME 13: EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF GOVERNMENT

By 2036 high levels of effectiveness and efficiency will be the hallmark of government, which will further increase support and partnership locally, regionally and internationally.

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
10.c	By 2030, reduce to less than 3 per cent the transaction costs of migrant remittances and eliminate remittance corridors with costs higher than 5 per cent	Examine ways of further reducing the cost of sending remittances from the country and negotiate with host countries to remove the VI from lists of countries whose nations pay over 5 per cent to send remittances home
13.c	Implement the commitment undertaken by developed-country parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to a goal of mobilizing jointly \$100 billion annually by 2020 from all sources to address the needs of developing countries in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation and fully operationalize the Green Climate Fund through its capitalization as soon as possible	By 2036 adopt the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction as a blueprint for the VI to address disaster risk reduction and the building of resilience to disasters, especially in the context of sustainable development
16.6	Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels	Put in place accountability and transparency reporting mechanisms through the use of technology
16.9	By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration	By 2036 ensure mandatory registration of all new-borns and issue identifications for all to serve as a deterrent to child trafficking
17.1	Strengthen domestic resource mobilization, including through international support to developing countries, to improve domestic capacity for tax and other revenue collection	Upgrade the skills of senior Government officials in the area of resource mobilisation and update tax collection more efficient through the use of technology while putting in place penalties for non-compliance
17.18	By 2020, enhance capacity-building support to developing countries including least developed countries and small island developing states, to increase significantly the availability of high-quality, timely and reliable data disaggregated by income, gender, age, race, ethnicity, migratory status, disability, geographic location and other characteristics relevant in national contexts	By 2036 invest in capacity building in the CPO and in the necessary technology to focus on disaggregated data. Also partner with international organisations that foster the development of such data

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5.2.1	Enhance global partnership for development, adequate provision and mobilization of all mean of implementation and continued international support to achieve internationally agreed goals
5.2.2	Strengthen the availability and accessibility of data and statistical systems, in accordance with national priorities circumstances, and enhance their management of complex data systems, including geospatial data platforms, by launching new partnership initiatives or scaling up existing initiatives
5.2.3	Reduce transfer cost related to remittances while pursuing the international targets and outcome of important international initiatives set by the United Nations system concerning remittance, given their importance for the economic growth of small island developing states
5.2.4	Implement, with the provision of appropriate financial resources, climate change adaptation and mitigation projects



## NATIONAL OUTCOME 14: CONSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

By 2036, the vision of a more equitable society must be matched by Constitutional Advancement that is reflective of the "free and independent spirit...based on qualities of honesty, integrity mutual respect, self-reliance and the ownership of the land engendering a strong sense of belonging to and kinship with those islands" of our People"

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
16.7	Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels	Increase consultation with the public and institute feedback and feed forward mechanisms to ensure information sharing
16.10	Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements	Hold press conferences and other public information sessions to update the public on agreements and treaties that are adopted and their implications for the country
16.10.2	Number of countries that adopt and implement constitutional, statutory and/or policy guarantees for public access to information	Invest in upgrading the public Library to give citizens access to online information and make the Archives more accessible to the public to undertake research
16.a	Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels	Invest in capacity building for officers involved in international relations. Expose such officers to international meetings on cooperation. In addition, upgrade the negotiation and resource mobilisation skills of all senior officers in all government departments

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5.3.1	Establish the Constitutional Review Commission to commence the engagement of Constitutional Review
5.3.2	Develop a Communication Strategy to ensure that the citizens are fully involved in the discussion of the Constitutional Review
5.3.3	Establish a feedback mechanism so that there can be constant and sustained engagement with the various publics
5.3.4	Deepen the relationship with the UN C24 process and educate the public on the decolonisation process



Affirming that the people of the Virgin Islands have generally expressed their desire to become a self-governing people and to exercise the highest degree of control over the affairs of their country at this stage of its development

The Virgin Islands Constitution 2007

## NATIONAL OUTCOME 15: STRENGTHEN EXTERNAL RELATIONS

By 2036, we will have a well-resourced External Relations Plan and Institutional Structure that promotes the National Sustainable Development Plan (NSDP) and continue to effectively safeguard the well-established reputation, while managing and coordinating the Country's representation in the international arena.

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
17.3	Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources	Reform the functions of International Relations to accommodate constitutional advancement of the country and develop the capacity to negotiate with Governments willing to assist with resources for capacity building
17.14	Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development	Ensure that sustainable development is mainstreamed into the strategic plans of all Government departments
17.16	Enhance the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in all countries, in particular developing countries	Solicit support from within the UN system to source the financial resources to enable the development of capacity to support the implementation of SDGs
17.17	Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships	Ensure the establishment of structures that support public-private partnerships and work with the CDB to ensure capacity building in this area
17.19	By 2030, build on existing initiatives to develop measurements of progress on sustainable development that complement gross domestic product, and support statistical capacity-building in developing countries	By 2036 better resource the CSO with both human capacity and technology to enable data that will support decision making

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5.4.1	Strengthen partnerships with relevant stakeholders to ensure effective Virgin Island representation in the international arena
5.4.2	Revisit agreements signed with the OECS, the ACS, CARICOM and ECLAC to ensure that the Country receives maximum benefits from engagement
5.4.3	Increase the number of presence of representatives living in countries considered important for the sustainable development of the Country
5.4.4	Develop a Diaspora Policy and engagement systems to deepen the involvement of islanders living in other countries in the development of their homeland
5.4.5	Focus on capacity building to ensure the development of negotiations, accessing development financing
5.4.6	Increase visibility in international forums on Small Island Development States' Development Financing, Climate Financing, and Building Resilience
5.4.7	Increase the capacity to ensure effective implementation and coordination of international agreements across departments and with overseas representatives
5.4.8	Reform the functions of International Relations to accommodate constitutional advancement of the country



## NATIONAL OUTCOME 16: ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

By 2036 every citizen and resident of the VI will have access to a clean and healthy environment.		
Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
6.3	By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally.	By 2036 achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks.
6.4	By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity	By 2036 promotion the more efficient use of water and enforce building standards with regard to cisterns. Increase access to water by the cleaning of wells and ghuts
6.6	By 2020, protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, forests, wetlands, rivers, aquifers and lakes	By 2036 upgrade the protection and restoration of water related ecosystems through the prohibition of waste in these areas
11.5	By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic losses relative to global gross domestic product caused by disasters, including water-related disasters, with a focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations	By 2036 have a comprehensive disaster management plan that includes the evacuation of people in vulnerable locations ahead of water related disasters and hurricanes.
11.7	By 2030, provide universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible, green and public spaces, in particular for women and children, older persons and persons with disabilities	By 2036 increase the safety of public spaces through the presence of security forces
11.a	Support positive economic, social and environmental links between urban, per-urban and rural areas by strengthening national and regional development planning	Strengthen the planning function within the Government
12.1	Implement the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns, all countries taking action, with developed countries taking the lead, taking into account the development and capabilities of developing countries	Strengthening the environmental management framework of legislation and policy and associated networks as well institutions to ensure transformational leadership of environmental institutions both in the public and civil society domains
12.2	By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources	By 2036 ensure the Physical Development Plan and the Blue Economy Plan are linked through coordination of the functions
12.5	By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse	By 2036 ensure that the dumpsite is better managed in line with the management of a landfill to reduce the risk of spontaneous combustion and release of toxic fumes, resulting in air pollution.
12.6	Encourage companies, especially large and transnational companies, to adopt sustainable practices and to integrate sustainability information into their reporting cycle	Work with the Private Sector to integrate sustainable development into their practices and encourage the reporting on outcomes to feed into the Voluntary National Reporting structure

## NATIONAL OUTCOME 16: ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
12.7	Promote public procurement practices that are sustainable, in accordance with national policies and priorities	By 2036 ensure that Government procurement practices are sustainable
12.8	By 2030, ensure that people everywhere have the relevant information and awareness for sustainable development and lifestyles in harmony with nature	Undertake public education programme through sustained advertisements on sustainable development and report on the progress of achieving the goals and targets
14.1	By 2025, prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution	Take actions related to separation of waste, collection of waste for export for the purposes of recycling as well as engaging in composting at larger scale and explore turning trash into cash and to create new industries based on waste. Also, develop the legislative framework needed to support the implementation of this waste management strategy
14.2	By 2020, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans	By 2036 establish partnerships to assist with coral bleaching while continuing to replant and preserve mangroves and salt ponds
15.4	By 2030, ensure the conservation of mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity, in order to enhance their capacity to provide benefits that are essential for sustainable development	By 2036 ensure that emphasis is placed on protection of all ecosystem with particular attention to the mountains which are the beginning of the water sources
15.5	Take urgent and significant action to reduce the degradation of natural habitats, halt the loss of biodiversity and, by 2020, protect and prevent the extinction of threatened species	Review the protocols on overfishing and over harvesting of conch and lobsters to ensure sustainable regeneration
15.9	By 2020, integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into national and local planning, development processes, poverty reduction strategies and accounts	By 2036 integrate climate change into all Government Ministries
15.a	Mobilize and significantly increase financial resources from all sources to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity and ecosystems	Review the budget allocations for conservation and protection of biodiversity and ecosystems while actively pursuing resource mobilization from regional and international partners
<b>National Strategies</b>		
6.1.1	Enhance the governance framework of institutions, laws and policy to support environmental sustainability	
6.1.2	Rehabilitate Degraded Ecosystems	
6.1.3	Support natural resource valuation and accounting	
6.1.4	Support greening the economy and the introduction of innovative financial instruments for environmental sustainability and ecosystem rehabilitation	
6.1.5	Create strategies to capitalize on the blue and green economies within the context of sustainable development	
6.1.6	Advance environmental education and awareness and reduce our individual and collective carbon footprints	
6.1.7	Foster sustainable consumption and production, including trash to cash	
6.1.8	Advance sustainable, green, accessible and liveable communities	

## NATIONAL OUTCOME 17: HAZARD RISK REDUCTION AND ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE

By 2036 the VI has ensured that resilience building is a key development priority thereby reducing current and future vulnerabilities of the population and infrastructure

Goals	Global Targets	Local Targets
11.3	By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries	By 2036 increase collaboration and coordination of resilience efforts across the VI based on local leadership, flexibility and adaptation, shared responsibility and collaboration, prioritization, so that resilience building becomes business as usual.
11.5	By 2030, significantly reduce the number of deaths and the number of people affected and substantially decrease the direct economic losses relative to global gross domestic product caused by disasters, including water-related disasters, with a focus on protecting the poor and people in vulnerable situations	By 2036 focus on accelerating implementation of the BVI National Climate Change Adaptation Policy and develop appropriate legislative and regulatory frameworks for proper environmental and ecosystems management, and institutional systems for responding to and mitigating the effects of climate change to reduce vulnerability
13.1	Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries	Focus on climate change adaptation, paying particular attention to climate proofing economic sectors such as tourism and social sectors such as health and education.
13.2	Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning	By 2036 mainstream climate change in all national policies. in order to effectively adapt, national policy responses and national social and economic policies
13.3	Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning	Improve knowledge on climate vulnerability of the major economic sectors – e.g., agriculture, fisheries, forestry, health, and disaster management and possible adaptation pathways; including consideration of climate change impacts within all sector policies
13.a	Implement the commitment undertaken by developed-country parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to a goal of mobilizing jointly \$100 billion annually by 2020 from all sources to address the needs of developing countries in the context of meaningful mitigation actions and transparency on implementation and fully operationalize the Green Climate Fund through its capitalization as soon as possible	By 2036 adopt the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction as a blueprint for the VI to address disaster risk reduction and the building of resilience to disasters, especially in the context of sustainable development
13.b	Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing States, including focusing on women, youth and local and marginalized communities * Acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change	By 2034 support the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change

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- 6.2.1 Adopt the Sendai Framework for disaster risk reduction
- 6.2.2 Mainstream climate change in all national policies
- 6.2.3 Approach adaptation finance with both short and long-term goals