

# GERMANY. A STRONG PARTNER FOR THE CARRIBEAN.



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## PEACE

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Germany is a reliable, credible and experienced partner for building peace, security and stability worldwide. Conflict prevention, stabilisation and post-conflict peacebuilding are core pillars of our foreign policy. As one of the largest European troop contributors, we support United Nations peacekeeping operations all over the world by providing highly trained civilian, military and police personnel as well as substantial financial and technical resources. Germany also contributes more than six percent of overall funding for UN peacekeeping operations.

Our efforts extend far beyond the military dimension, though. We support multidimensional peacekeeping operations which combine both military and civilian measures. German police and civilian experts are deployed on missions around the globe to establish rule-of-law institutions and to train local staff on-site. We see ourselves as bridge-builders, not as sheriffs. Our guiding principles are partnership and prevention.

An ever growing number of small arms are undermining security and the prospects for sustainable development in many countries of the world. As a leading proponent of the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms, Germany actively supports efforts to reverse this trend. We have been in a strategic partnership with the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNLIREC) since 2012. Together we address pressing regional challenges in

the areas of public security, disarmament advocacy and confidence- and security-building in the Caribbean. Together, we assist Member States in their efforts to implement international disarmament instruments to achieve peace and security. Germany has provided close to 2 million USD in assistance to the region in this field alone and is exploring new areas of collaboration.

Germany also recognises the important role of MINUSTAH in ensuring stability and security in Haiti. As a partner of MINUSTAH, Germany supports the peacekeeping mission by providing individual police personnel and financial support and will continue to do so with its follow-up mission MINUJUSTH.





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## JUSTICE

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Germany is firmly committed to a rules-based international order with the United Nations as its chief guarantor. Human rights are the foundation of our global coexistence. They are universal and indivisible.

Germany is strongly convinced that all States should have the opportunity to make their voice heard at the international level. We are honoured to support the LDCs/SIDS Trust Fund that enables the Least Developed Countries and the Small Island Developing States to participate in the Human Rights Council.

Climate change endangers some of these basic rights, in particular for the inhabitants of small island states with fragile ecosystems. People who are least responsible for climate change are among those suffering its gravest consequences. It is a responsibility of the global community, and particularly of the leading industrialized nations, to mitigate these consequences. At the same time, we need to take into account the connection between climate change and security. Germany has been a global leader in this respect: During our last tenure on the United Nations Security Council in 2011/12, it was due to our initiative that the Security Council adopted a declaration on climate change, for the first time in its history, and requested the Secretary-General to mainstream the effects of climate change on security throughout the work of the whole UN system. Today, climate change and its impacts have become

an integral part of the UN agenda. Adaptation to climate change and mitigation of its effects continue to be important issues for Germany, as are renewable technologies and innovation. We will continue to be a strong advocate for those most threatened by and least responsible for climate change.

We believe that we can protect the livelihoods of vulnerable groups in the Caribbean by improving their ability to cope with hurricanes and other weather-related threats. Stronger resilience to such phenomena will foster socio-economic development in the Caribbean as a whole. Germany supports projects that increase awareness of the links between living conditions, climate change and the need for insurance by supporting the “Climate Risk Insurance and Adaption in the Caribbean”.

In addition, Germany supports numerous small-scale projects in the Caribbean with the objective to improve the social and economic situation of vulnerable groups on a practical day-to-day basis. For example, we provide help to renovate school buildings and work with NGOs that defend the rights of children to physical integrity, support the construction of a women’s shelter and improve sanitary conditions.





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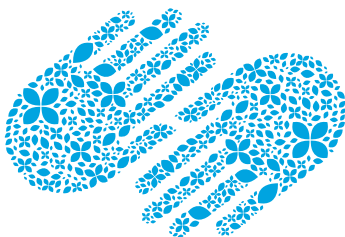
## INNOVATION

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The United Nations needs to keep pace with an ever-changing world, as does each and every one of us. The advances in digital technology and eco-friendly production are creating opportunities to boost growth in every country. This is why we are promoting new technologies in the Caribbean such as concentrated solar power, why we are helping to establish self-sustaining renewable energy supplies and why we support new ways of financing climate projects. The 2030 Agenda as well as the Paris Climate Agreement lay out the way forward. Words must be followed by action. As a founding member of the United Nations Environment Programme, we share our experience with renewable energies. Innovation, development and peace are also fostered by inclusive and equitable high-quality education, in line with the the Sustainable Development Goals. They are a top German priority.

The Caribbean is a core partner for Germany in the field of renewable energy and energy efficiency. Germany supports the efforts of many Caribbean states to end their dependency on fossil fuels by using green energy. Furthermore, Germany is helping affected coastal areas prepare for the consequences of climate change such as rising sea levels and extreme weather conditions. A wide range of joint projects and programmes underlines this. Germany is currently cooperating with all countries of the Caribbean in more than 30 projects, for example the Caribbean Challenge Initiative and the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund. With these projects, we enable sustainable supplies of resources and contribute substantially to the conservation and protection of the environment. We are working hand in hand with international organisations and NGOs alike to help build sustainable and robust infrastructure in the Caribbean.





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## PARTNERSHIP

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In a shrinking world, concerted action by the international community is needed more than ever to address global challenges such as climate change and the protection of the environment. Germany has pledged to double its climate-related funding by 2020 to at least 7.9 billion USD per year and thus is the largest bilateral donor of climate funding. We are convinced that climate change is more than an environmental phenomenon: rising sea levels threaten the physical existence of many regions, and extreme weather events endanger human lives as well as agriculture, forests and access to drinking water. Germany believes that the protection of natural resources is indispensable to ensure sustainable economic development.

Germany recognises that development policy is an investment in our world's future. Germany is the second-largest donor of official development assistance and met the ODA target of 0.7% of GNI for the first time in 2016. Development policy is above all about helping people to help themselves.

Due to its geographic location, the Caribbean is severely affected by natural disasters which demand prompt action. Besides humanitarian aid and rehabilitation operations, Germany contributes to the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility that allows the at-risk states to take out insurance against climate risks.



We are aware that many Caribbean states have very limited budgetary leeway for investment in climate protection or adaptation measures. Therefore, the German Government, in close cooperation with CARICOM and the NGO "The Nature Conservancy" (TNC), are developing a regional debt conversion programme. This programme will provide Caribbean states with a possibility to transform part of their debt into capital for climate protection and adaptation measures.

Germany has been a member of the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) since 1989 and currently holds a 5.64 percent stake in the capital of CDB. This makes Germany the third-largest non-regional, non-borrowing member. Furthermore, Germany is the third largest contributor to CDB's Unified Special Development Fund (SDF). Germany's contribution of 15.96 million USD will make it possible to finance low-interest loans and help the Caribbean states to help themselves.

Germany is also a reliable partner in the area of culture and sports. To name some examples, we are delighted to include Caribbean trainers in German Football Association training programmes, to support the National Archives in St. Kitts and Nevis and to support Cuban musicians in the Cuban European Youth Academy.





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