

**Title:** Implementing the Antigua and Barbuda Agenda through  
South–South Cooperation: A Suriname Perspective

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# SIDS Reality: Why Cooperation Is Not Optional

- **Shared Vulnerability Requires Shared Solutions**
- **Increasing climate resilience across Caribbean SIDS**
- **Limited national capacity to respond alone**
- **ABAS provides a framework for collective resilience**
- **No country builds resilience alone.**

# Strengthening Data Systems for Disaster Risk Management

- **Centralized Disaster Data Systems**
- **National disaster data coordinated through NCCR**
- **Flood and climate risk information shared across agencies**
- **Support emergency response and long-term planning**
- **Enables regional reporting and coordination**

# South–South Cooperation in Practice

- **India–UNDP Early Warning Technology Initiative**
- **Brazil cooperation on environmental monitoring**
- **French Guyana cross-border information exchange**
- **Regional flood early warning systems**

# Suriname's contribution

- **~90% forest cover**
- **Major carbon sink**
- **Strengthening forest monitoring systems**
- **Expanding climate data capacity**
- **Forests are regional resilience infrastructure.**

# Concrete Results

- **Measurable Impact**
- **50,000 residents supported**
- **35 communities strengthened**
- **Improved flood preparedness**
- **Regional early warning capacity expanded**

# Institutional Strengthening through Partnership

- **Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean through the DA 16 Project Implementation**
- **Focus Areas:**
  - **National Planning**
  - **Statistical Systems**
  - **Cost–Benefit Analysis**

# Key Messages

- **South–South cooperation is foundational to ABAS implementation**
- **Regional platforms transform vulnerability into resilience**
- **Data, planning, and financing must be integrated**
- **Measurable results build trust**
- **Resilience must be built before disaster occurs**

**Thank you**