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1. Country / Territory Brief

This two-island economy is mainly driven by tourism, agriculture and light manufacturing industries. Despite the historical dependence of sugar, the country managed to diversify its economy out of it, to the extreme of closing the sugar state-owned enterprise in 2005. Saint Kitts and Nevis has developed its tourism sector to the point that now is its biggest foreign exchange income. Services represent more than half of GDP. It has also been successful at growing the apparel assembly industry jointly with the electronics assembly industry.

Based on the ITC 2014-2018 Strategic Approach to the Caribbean Region, ITC will focus on implementing at regional level the recommendations of strategies recently developed by CARICOM for the cultural industries and professional services sectors.
2. People and Economy

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3. Trade Performance

3.1 General Trade Performance

3.1.1 Evolution of Trade Ratio to GDP - Goods

No Data Available for these criteria

3.1.2 Evolution of Trade Ratio to GDP - Services

No Data Available for these criteria
3.1.3 Evolution of Total Trade

No Data Available for these criteria

3.1.4 Trade Map
3.1.5 Export and Import by Leading Destination - Export

![Prospects for market diversification for a product exported by Saint Kitts and Nevis in 2013. Product: TOTAL - All products.]

3.1.6 Export and Import by Leading Destination - Import

![Prospects for market diversification for a product imported by Saint Kitts and Nevis in 2013. Product: TOTAL - All products.]

ITC by country - Saint Kitts and Nevis
3.1.9 Composition of Trade in Services - Export

List of services exported by Saint Kitts and Nevis

Source: ITC Trade Map.

3.1.10 Composition of Trade in Services - Import

List of services imported by Saint Kitts and Nevis

Source: ITC Trade Map.
3.1.11 Evolution of FDI

![Graph showing the evolution of FDI inflow in Saint Kitts and Nevis as a percentage of GDP from 2002 to 2013.](image)

Source: ITC based on World Bank HDI.
3.2 Sector Trade Performance

3.2.1 Sectoral Diversification in Products - Export

3.2.2 Sectoral Diversification in Products - Import

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3.2.5 Sectors by World Demand - Export

3.2.6 Sectors by World Demand - Import
3.2.7 Trade Performance Index

[Graph showing the Trade Performance Index of Saint Kitts and Nevis for different sectors.]

**Legend:**
- Change in world market share index (2009 - 2013)
- Current index (2013)

**Source:** ITC Trade Competitiveness Map

**Note:**
- The figures displayed on the bars correspond to the country’s global rankings among other countries that export the same category of products.
- The current index and change in world market share index are the world country ranking for the sector under review.
- Graphs and data analysis were obtained from ITC Trade Competitiveness Map.
- Export data are from 2010 and may not represent the exact data for the full period under review and figures are based on nominal statistics (trade data reported by partner countries).
## 4. Trade Strategy and Policy

### 4.1 Trade and Development Strategies

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<td>2001</td>
<td><strong>UNDAF Barbados and the OECS 2002-2004</strong>&lt;br&gt;The document outlines the rationale and the process for the elaboration of...</td>
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4.2 Domestic and Foreign Market Access
4.3 Trade Facilitation
4.4 Business and Regulatory Environment

Multilateral Trade Instruments

Abstract

The Trade Treaties Map tool is a web-based system on multilateral trade treaties and instruments designed to assist trade support institutions (TSIs) and policymakers in optimizing their country's legal framework on international trade.

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Graph

Presents a visual illustration breaking down a country’s ratification level according to various categories and compares it to the world average.

Instruments ratified

Click here for a full list and more details about these multi-lateral trade instruments.
4.5 Infrastructure
5. ITC and the Country/Territory

5.1 ITC Projects

5.1.1 Current projects
ITC Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean in Mexico

5.1.2 Recent projects
No Recent Projects Found!
5.2 Events

5.2.1 Upcoming events
No data

5.2.2 Recent events
No data
5.3 ITC Contacts

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6. Trade Information Sources and Contacts

6.1 Trade Information Sources

This section provides a list of country specific print and online publications on trade-related topics, including both ITC and external sources.

6.1.1 ITC publications

Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and other Trade Policy Related Business Advocacy: A Case Study, CARICOM, with Special Reference to Trinidad and Tobago

Paper exploring the CARICOM's (Caribbean Community and Common Market) current Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) negotiations with special reference to Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica, and the structure...

State of e-Business and Potential for Development in the Caribbean Region

Paper focusing on the status of e-Trade readiness of the 13 member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) - outlines basic e-Trade readiness factors for each country; assesses extent of...

6.1.2 Selected printed information sources

- 2011 Opportunities for Trade in Services of Canada
- 2006 - Nurse, Keith The Cultural Industries in CARICOM : Trade and Development Challenges
- 2010 The Economic Partnership Agreement : Towards a New Era for Caribbean Trade
- 2010 - Ramdoo I; Walker A Implementing the Economic Partnership Agreement in the East African Community and the CARIFORUM Regions : What is in it for the Private Sector?
- 2011 CARICOM's Papaya Trade
- 2011 CARICOM's Nutmeg Trade
6.1.3 Selected online information sources

- Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States
- Caribbean Community
- Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI)
- Caribbean Community Secretariat: Statistics
# 6.2 Trade Contacts

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