



Building resilient prosperity and growth through partnerships

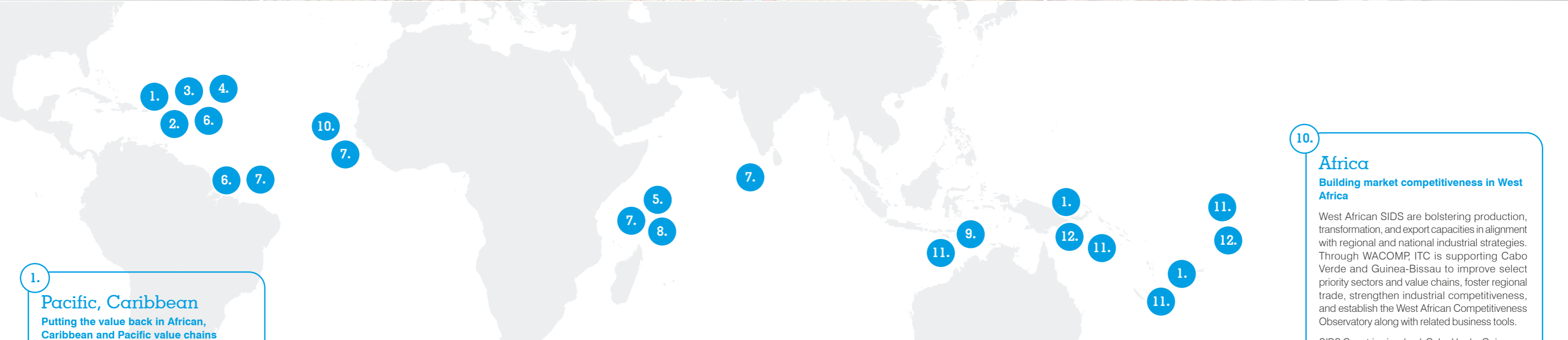
International Trade Centre projects in Small Island Developing States

The International Trade Centre (ITC) has been collaborating with Small Island Developing States (SIDS) for the past 60 years to enhance their export performance. These efforts include regional collaboration, support for trade data, policies and strategies, targeted sectoral programmes, institutional support, and strengthening the private sector. In 2023, almost 10% of ITC delivery was dedicated to projects in 35 SIDS countries.

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For more information on how ITC will continue to support SIDS, and to find related publications and projects, visit our website at <https://intracen.org/> or scan the QR code.





1. Pacific, Caribbean
Putting the value back in African, Caribbean and Pacific value chains

Smallholder farmers and small firms are the foundation of sustainable food systems in African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. Through enhanced market competitiveness, connections across global, regional, and national value chains, and expanded regional partnerships over 27,000 farmers, agri-entrepreneurs and MSMEs have acquired valuable skills, knowledge, and expertise in their businesses and communities. By facilitating the establishment of commercial alliances, engaging more than 120 buyers and investors, and generating over \$5 million through facilitated business transactions, the initiative ensured the viability of sustainable agribusiness efforts through the creation of concrete market opportunities.

SIDS Countries involved: Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Dominican Republic, Jamaica

Sectors: Cocoa, Kava, Coconuts, Coffee

3. Caribbean
Unlocking UK market opportunities for Caribbean specialty foods and creative industries

Caribbean culture and culinary heritage is rising in global popularity, and the region is banking on it. Through a strategic partnership between CARIFORUM Member States and the UK, ITC and partners are unlocking trade opportunities for Caribbean specialty food and cultural products in the UK market.

SIDS Countries involved: Jamaica, Dominican Republic

Sectors: Specialty foods, Creative industries

2. Caribbean
A five-year plan to boost Curaçao's economy

By expanding its sources of foreign exchange earnings and broadening employment opportunities in emerging sectors, the National Export Strategy is a bid to transform Curaçao's economy in the next five years – into one driven by entrepreneurship, cost-effectiveness, quality, and innovation. The project provides technical assistance to support the elaboration and implementation of Curaçao's National Export Strategy.

SIDS Countries involved: Curaçao

Sectors: All Products and Services

4. Caribbean
Strengthening sustainable value chains through productive and commercial alliances

Incomes, sustainability and resilience are key to improving food security, nutrition and healthier diets in the Caribbean region through trade. ITC and partners will support agri-MSMEs, cooperatives, smallholder farmers and fishers to become more competitive and resilient through value addition, diversification and new market development at the regional level.

SIDS Countries involved: TBD - in inception phase

Sectors: All agricultural, manufactured, and fishery products - TBD - in inception phase

5. Africa
Promoting the 'Made in Comoros' brand and enabling better trade opportunities

Comoros is proud of its products, and seeks to boost its 'Made in Comoros' brand on the global market. By strengthening public-private dialogue platforms and quality management systems, ITC is supporting these efforts to raise the visibility and reputation of Comorian products made at origin.

SIDS Countries involved: Comoros

Sectors: All Products and Services

6. Caribbean
Transforming the Caribbean's coconut sector from farm to fork

ITC's Alliances for Action connects Caribbean coconut stakeholders to support competitiveness and achieve measurable impact for smallholder farmers, MSMEs and support institutions. 5,000+ farmers & MSMEs have improved climate-smart agricultural practices and market linkages through productive and commercial alliances, with over \$30 million invested into the sector.

SIDS Countries involved: Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago

Sectors: Coconuts, Associated crops & products

7. Africa, Asia Pacific, Caribbean
Bolstering trade and market intelligence in SIDS

Knowledge is power and data is a precious asset for growth. ITC is supporting the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade in bolstering its trade intelligence services, with robust tools for informed decision-making. Through the implementation of Market Analysis Tools and specialized trade studies, the initiative seeks to catalyze increased trade, fostering economic growth and collaboration.

SIDS Countries involved: Comoros, Guinea-Bissau, Maldives, Guyana, Suriname

Sectors: All agricultural and manufactured products

8. Africa, Caribbean
Empowering women-led businesses to trade

SheTrades drives inclusive growth by enhancing policy, data, and support networks for women-led businesses across selected SIDS countries. It accelerates the SheTrades Initiative's global impact through expanded services like SheTrades Outlook and SheTrades Hubs, building on established networks and delivering immediate results.

SIDS Countries involved: Mauritius, Cabo Verde, St Lucia, Barbados, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago

Sectors: ST Hubs, ST Outlook - various products/services

9. Asia Pacific
Supporting Timor-Leste's regional integration and trade

This project provides support to Timor-Leste's economic modernization and trade relations by facilitating negotiations for ASEAN membership (AEC focus), WTO accession, and EU-Pacific EPA.

SIDS Countries involved: Timor-Leste

Sectors: All Products and Services

10. Africa
Building market competitiveness in West Africa

West African SIDS are bolstering production, transformation, and export capacities in alignment with regional and national industrial strategies. Through WACOMP, ITC is supporting Cabo Verde and Guinea-Bissau to improve select priority sectors and value chains, foster regional trade, strengthen industrial competitiveness, and establish the West African Competitiveness Observatory along with related business tools.

SIDS Countries involved: Cabo Verde, Guinea-Bissau

Sectors: Cassava, Mango, Textile and clothing, Computer and information services

11. Pacific
Empowering entrepreneurship ecosystem networks

Ecosystem mapping conducted in Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, Timor-Leste, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands to identify BSO services offerings to support entrepreneurs, gaps and overlaps and network connections.

SIDS Countries involved: Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, Timor-Leste, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands

Sectors: Digital entrepreneurship

12. Pacific
Leveraging partnerships between UK and the Pacific

Export readiness has been boosted for small businesses in beauty and specialty food value chains with unique natural products from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Solomon Islands launched in UK/EU markets while boosting domestic growth and job creation with increased trade flows.

SIDS Countries involved: Fiji, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands

Sectors: Coffee, All agricultural and manufactured products

LIST OF ACTIVE PROJECTS BY COUNTRY

AFRICA

Cabo Verde

WACOMP

Supportive business ecosystem: Institutions and Ecosystems for Business Support

Commonwealth: Increasing participation of women owned businesses in trade (SheTrades)

Comoros

Improving public-private dialogue and quality management systems

Conducive policy and regulatory environment: Trade negotiations and policy reform

OIC: Trade and market intelligence for ICDDT

Comoros: Improving the competitiveness of vanilla, ylang-ylang and clove exports

Comoros: UK Trade Partnerships Programme

Guinea-Bissau

WACOMP

Supportive business ecosystem: Institutions and Ecosystems for Business Support

OIC: Trade and market intelligence for ICDDT

Maldives

OIC: Trade and market intelligence for ICDDT

Mauritius

Partnership for enhancing export capacity of Africa to China (PEECAC)

Commonwealth: Increasing participation of women owned businesses in trade (SheTrades)

Global: Climate competitiveness: Building opportunities in the green economy for emerging and developing countries

Seychelles

Non-ODA: UK Trade Partnerships Programme

Regional

Trade Intelligence: UK Trade Partnerships Programme (B906)

CARIBBEAN

Antigua & Barbuda

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

Bahamas

Non-ODA: UK Trade Partnerships Programme

Barbados

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

Commonwealth: Increasing participation of women owned businesses in trade (SheTrades)

GreenToCompete Hubs

Barbados: enhancing the food safety and quality infrastructure in the condiments sub-sector

Belize

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

Guinea-Bissau

Trade and market intelligence for ICDDT

West Africa Competitiveness Programme (WACOMP)

Curacao

National Export Strategy and Implementation

Dominica

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

Dominican Republic

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

ACP Business Friendly

UKTP CARIFORUM

Commonwealth: Increasing participation of women owned businesses in trade (SheTrades)

Global: Climate competitiveness: Building opportunities in the green economy for emerging and developing countries

Latin America: an online global public good to enable compliance with Regulations on Deforestation-free value chains

Grenada

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

Grenada: supporting the fresh fruit and vegetables food safety management systems

Guyana

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

OIC: Trade and market intelligence for ICDDT

GreenToCompete Hubs

Haiti

Haiti: Ethical Fashion Initiative

Jamaica

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

ACP Business Friendly

UKTP CARIFORUM

Commonwealth: Increasing participation of women owned businesses in trade (SheTrades)

Saint Lucia

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

Commonwealth: Increasing participation of women owned businesses in trade (SheTrades)

St. Lucia: Strengthening the institutional infrastructure for export promotion

GreenToCompete Hubs

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

Commonwealth: Increasing participation of women owned businesses in trade (SheTrades)

St. Vincent and the Grenadines: Market, technology and food safety compliance assessment for the arrowroot industry

Suriname

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

OIC: Trade and market intelligence for ICDDT

Trinidad and Tobago

Alliances for Coconut Industry Development for the Caribbean

Non-ODA: UK Trade Partnerships Programme

Commonwealth: Increasing participation of women-owned businesses in trade (SheTrades)

Trinidad and Tobago: National Trade Strategy

Caribbean Regional

Conducive policy and regulatory environment: Trade negotiations and policy reform

The Caribbean: Strengthening sustainable value chains through productive and commercial Alliances

Trade Intelligence: UK Trade Partnerships Programme

ASIA PACIFIC

Fiji

Pacific: UK Trade Partnerships Programme

Pacific: Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Network Analysis and Mapping to guide entrepreneurship support under UNCDF's Pacific Digital Economy Programme

Papua New Guinea

ACP Business Friendly

Pacific: UK Trade Partnerships Programme

Micronesia

Micronesia: Coconut Export Strategy

Samoa

Pacific: UK Trade Partnerships Programme

Solomon Islands

Pacific: UK Trade Partnerships Programme

Pacific: Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Network Analysis and Mapping to guide entrepreneurship support under UNCDF's Pacific Digital Economy Programme

Timor-Leste

Conducive policy and regulatory environment: Trade negotiations and policy reform

Timor-Leste: Support to Regional Integration and Trade

Pacific: Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Network Analysis and Mapping to guide entrepreneurship support under UNCDF's Pacific Digital Economy Programme

Tonga

Pacific: Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Network Analysis and Mapping to guide entrepreneurship support under UNCDF's Pacific Digital Economy Programme (C077)

Vanuatu

ACP Business Friendly

Pacific: Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Network Analysis and Mapping to guide entrepreneurship support under UNCDF's Pacific Digital Economy Programme

Regional

Trade Intelligence: UK Trade Partnerships Programme

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