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The Caribbean Development Bank underscores the need to build inclusive and resilient economies, to improve employment opportunities and quality of life for Caribbean citizens.
Support to Borrowing Member Countries

Policy-based loans

USD 50 million

- recovery
- maintain fiscal discipline
- build resilience

USD 75 million

- improve public finances
- business environment
- social protection
Knowledge Products

Multidimensional Vulnerability Index

- BMCs dependency on:
  - Strategic imports
  - Export concentration
  - Natural hazards and climate change

- Assistance to BMCs: development priorities

- Access to concessional finance
Knowledge Products

Blue Economy

• Measuring impact: e.g. 6.9% of Jamaica’s GDP
• More investment needed
Service delivery and implementation

Saint Lucia
Performance Management Delivery Unit

• Implementation support to ministries and agencies

• Priority areas
  - agriculture
  - health
  - crime
  - infrastructure
  - education
  - tourism
Moving forward in 2020
Research for inclusive and resilient economies

- Benefits of equal opportunity combined with economic competitiveness
- Blue Economy: focus on measurement and potential of marine renewable energy
- Enhanced regional integration through factor mobility
- Inclusivity and resilience undermined by crime
CDB will carry out research and offer policy advice that is relevant and of a high quality, providing pathways to solutions for BMCs and their citizens.