



# **CARICOM IMPLEMENTATION AGENCY FOR CRIME AND SECURITY (IMPACS)**

## **MARITIME DOMAIN AWARENESS**

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# COMMON THREAT AREAS - 2013



# COMMON THREAT AREAS - 2019



<b>TIER 1: Immediate Significant Threats.</b> (High-probability, high-impact events. They are the current and present dangers.)	<b>TIER 2: Substantial Threats</b> (Both and high-impact, but are not as severe as Tier 1 Threats)
Illicit Firearms Gangs and Organised Crime Drug Trafficking Cyber Crimes Transnational Organised Crimes Financial Crimes <b>Natural Disasters +</b>	<b>Violent Extremism and Terrorism +</b> Human trafficking Human Smuggling <b>Migratory Pressures +</b> <b>Corruption –</b> <b>Climate Change +</b>
<b>TIER 3: Significant Potential Risks</b> (High-impact, but low-probability)	<b>TIER 4: Future Risks</b> (Unknown probabilities and consequences)
Attacks on Critical Infrastructure <b>Border Conflict *</b> <b>Pandemics +</b>	<b>Mass Rioting –</b> <b>Deportation *</b>

**+ (Threat increase)**

**- (Threat decrease)**

**\* (New risk/threat)**

# CARICOM CRIME AND SECURITY STRATEGY (CCSS)



**Implementation resulted in the strengthening of regional security systems & improved services/support to Member States.**



**Lack of financial resources exacerbated by the long and arduous process to source donor funds.**



**The Region is overly reliant on external donors to financially support security initiative.**



**Significant time between the drafting of legislation, consideration, endorsement and enactment at national level.**

# IMPLEMENTATION OF CCSS



Provide

**policy and programme guidance.**



Guide

**the development of other regional and national crime and security plans.**



Inform

**stakeholders about CARICOM's security agenda and intent.**



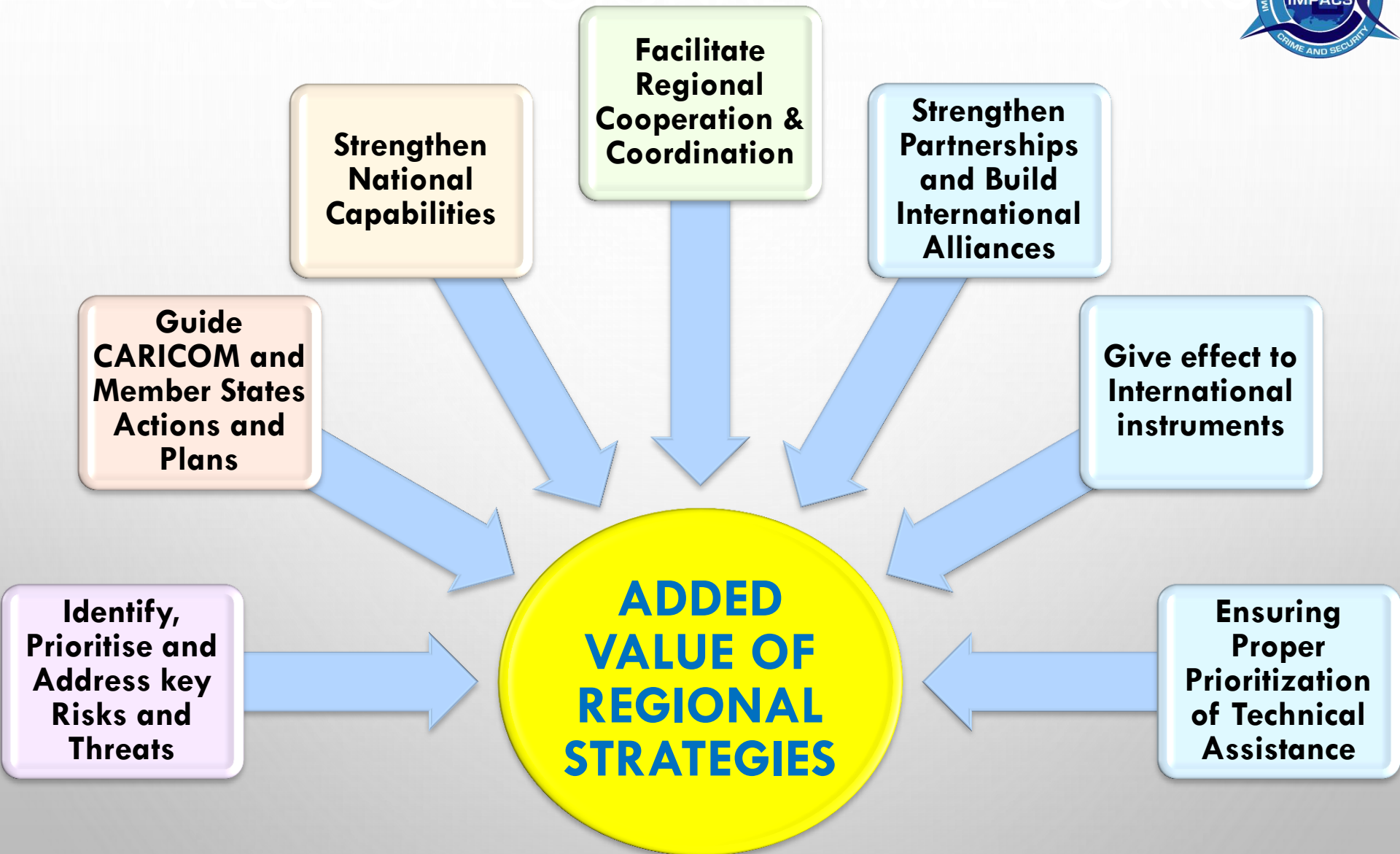
Provide

**a framework for collaboration.**

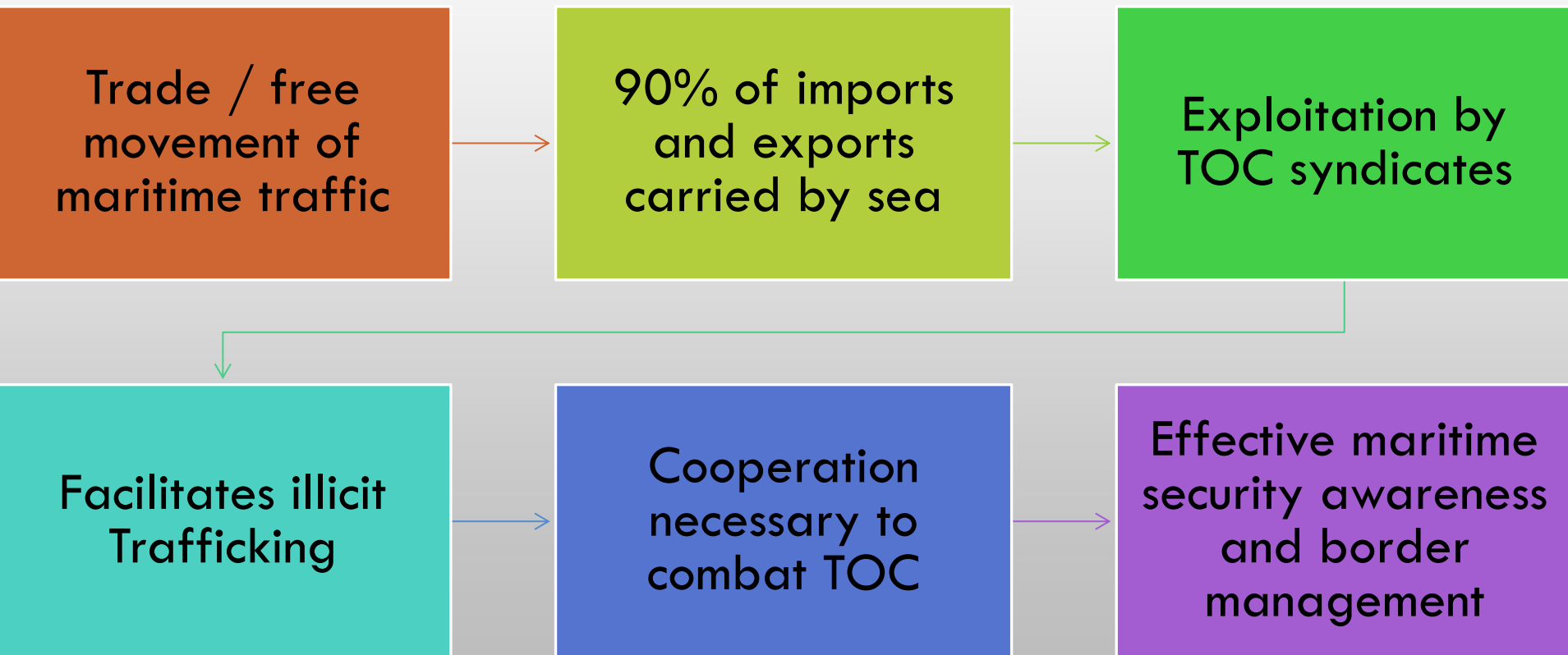


Identify

**financial needs and mobilize resources from international partners.**



# CARICOM'S MARITIME DOMAIN





# MARITIME STRATEGY



**IMPACS and partners realizes need and engaged Member States.**



**TWG outcomes/RSS considers vast maritime area, limited resources/training.**



**Assessment required to determine what exists/required within Region.**



**Plan for Coordination/Procurement of Assets.**



**Follow up meeting(s) to advance the Maritime Strategy TBD.**



# CARICOM NARCO TRAFFICKING TRENDS



CARIBBEAN REMAINS A MAJOR TRANSSHIPMENT POINT FOR SOUTH AMERICAN COCAINE DESTINED TO NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL MARKETS.



MOVEMENT OF NARCOTICS VIA FERRIES AND RIVERBOATS WITHIN CARICOM MEMBER STATES.



COLLABORATION BETWEEN TRAFFICKERS IN JAMAICA, CENTRAL AMERICA & NORTHERN CARIBBEAN.



HUMAN SMUGGLING/IRREGULAR MIGRATION ROUTES FROM THE BAHAMAS TO THE USA USED FOR NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.



FREQUENT INTERDICTIONS OF NON-TRADITIONAL DRUGS SUCH AS ECSTASY AND HEROIN INLAND.



FOREIGN NATIONALS ARRESTED WITH NARCOTICS IN CARICOM MARITIME DOMAIN.

**CCSS STRATEGIC  
GOAL 6: ENHANCE  
MARITIME (AND  
AIRSPACE)  
AWARENESS,  
STRENGTHEN  
CARICOM  
BORDERS**



Improved maritime (and airspace) awareness and strong borders essential in protecting against TOC crime, terrorism and illegal migration.



Address gaps in security/illegal activity in non controlled/non-patrolled maritime domain.



Require risk management tools and advance passenger/cargo information for prescreening.



Clearly articulated strategy for maritime awareness to complement the CCSS.



Complementarity between national, regional and international programmes to support awareness.



Member States benefitted from border security training (IMPACS, RSS, REDTRAC, CBSI, OAS, etc.)

IMPACS developed a curriculum for border security training (Customs and Immigration), trained 500+ in 2 years.

Increase the capacities of border security officers' in the interception of illicit cross-border activities.

Train the trainer courses – 28 regional trainers utilized to train counterparts in 7 Member States.

## **BORDER SECURITY TRAINING**



# JOINT BORDER SECURITY TRAINING

Country	Total	454
Trinidad and Tobago	27	
St. Vincent and Grenadines	29	
Jamaica	32	
Barbados	28	
St. Kitts and Nevis	31	
Guyana	33	
Grenada	26	
Phase 1 Training Totals		206
The Bahamas	27	
St. Lucia	28	
Suriname	36	
Haiti	36	
Belize	31	
Montserrat	32	
Antigua and Barbuda	33	
Dominica	26	
Phase 2 Training Totals		249



**CARICOM  
Advanced Cargo  
Information System  
(ACIS)**

**Integrates customs  
control and  
procedures into  
regional security**

**Single Window  
Reporting**

**Coordinated Border  
Management**

**Operated by  
CARICOM IMPACS**

**Provides value  
added services to  
Customs  
Administrations**

## **ACIS OVERVIEW**



**Operation & management of the single window mechanism.**



**Provision of additional Risk Management support to Local Customs.**



**Facilitate linkages among local, regional and international law enforcement Agencies.**



**Provide legislative support to CARICOM Member States for the implementation of harmonized ACIS legislation.**



**Conduct sensitization and user training.**

**ROLE OF CARICOM IMPACS**



ACIS harmonized legislation enacted or pending enactment by CARICOM Member States.



Legislation authorizes CARICOM IMPACS to establish and operate the ACIS Single Window on behalf of CARICOM Member States.



List of data elements are listed in ACIS legislation.



Two (2) key Pillars – Regional Single Window Environment and Coordinated Border Management.

## ACIS LEGISLATION

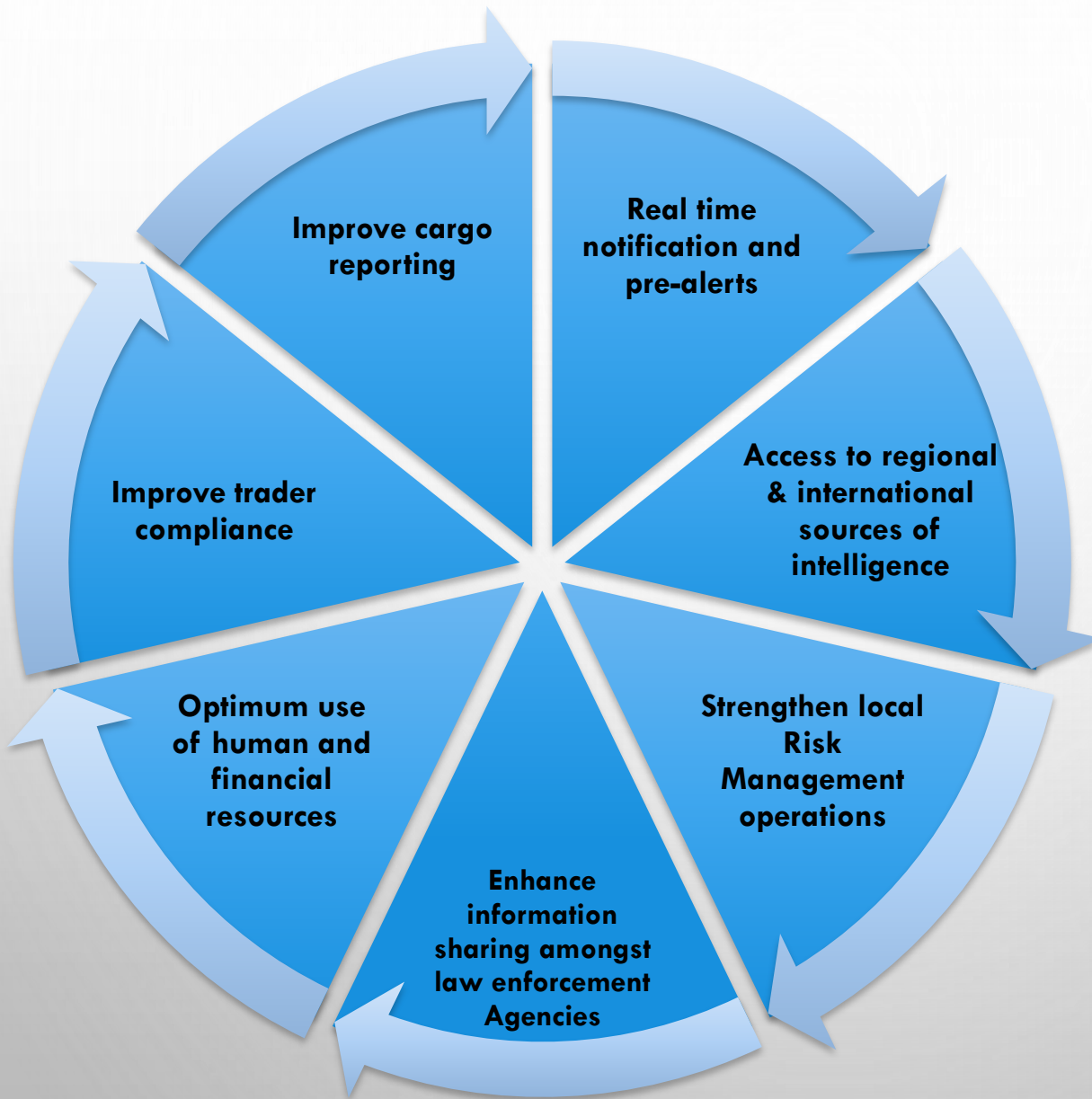




# ACIS – PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

<b>Antigua &amp; Barbuda</b>	<b>Grenada</b>	<b>St. Kitts &amp; Nevis</b>
<b>The Bahamas</b>	<b>Guyana</b>	<b>Saint Lucia</b>
<b>Barbados</b>	<b>Haiti</b>	<b>St. Vincent &amp; The Grenadines</b>
<b>Belize</b>	<b>Jamaica</b>	<b>Suriname</b>
<b>Dominica</b>	<b>Montserrat</b>	<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>





# ACIS BENEFITS

- **Bi-lateral Arrangements between Member States**
- **Regional Treaties/Agreements**
  - Treaty on Security Assistance
  - RSS Treaty
  - CARICOM Maritime Airspace and Security Cooperation Agreement
  - San Jose Treaty
- **Ship Rider Agreements**
  - US and Jamaica
  - US and Barbados
- **Counter Illicit Trafficking Strategy**

## LEGAL AND PROCEDURAL INSTRUMENTS



**THANK YOU**