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Operationalising the OECS Single Domestic Space

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Strengthening Aviation Security through Improved Traveller Identification



Member State	Population	Tourism Contribution (%)		
		GDP	Emp.	Export
Anguilla	13,037	61.2	63.4	86.5
Antigua & Barbuda	84,816	58.3	53.0	71.6
British Virgin Islands	28,280	85.9	94.5	62.0
Dominica	71,293	26.4	24.0	48.0
Grenada	106,667	24.2	22.1	47.8
Montserrat	4,922
St. Kitts & Nevis	46,204	25.5	24.2	34.7
Saint Lucia	166,526	39.5	44.1	59.2
Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	109,991	19.9	18.7	30.5



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Creation of a Single, Financial and Economic Space



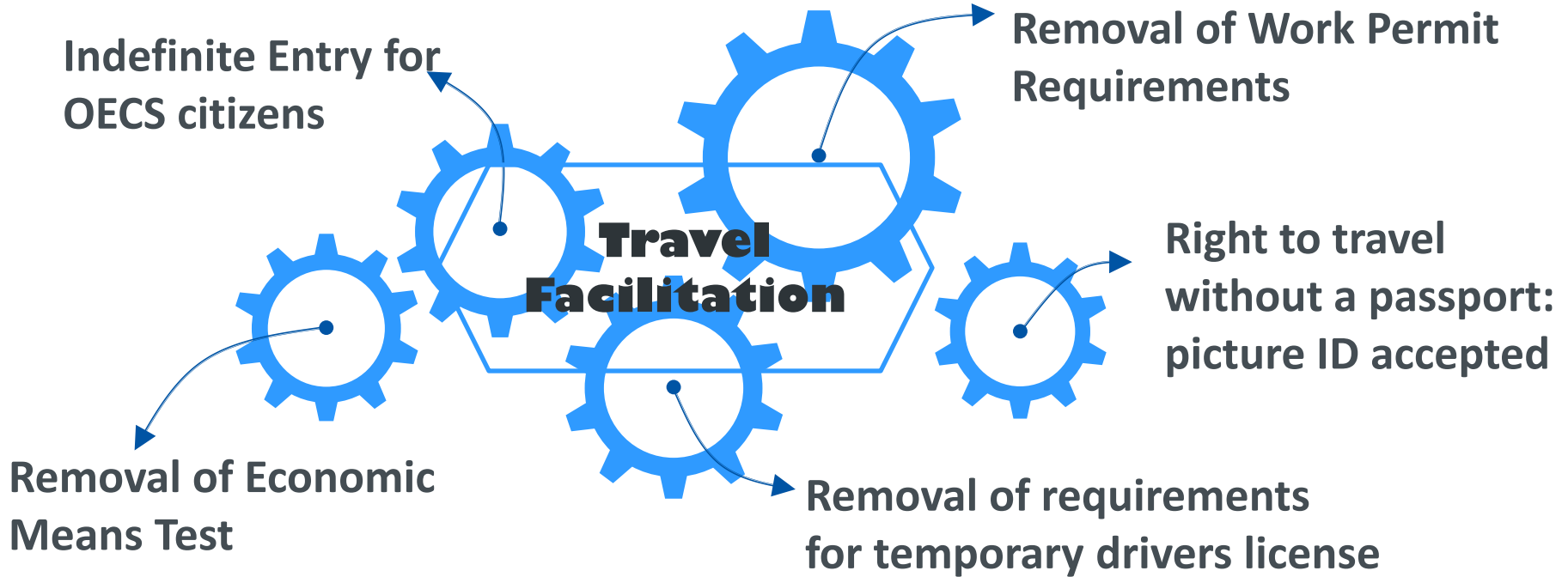
Facilitation of Cross-Border Economic and Financial Activities



Abolition of Obstacles to Free Movement of Persons, Goods, Services and Capital



Free Movement of Citizens: Key Components





OECS FREE MOVEMENT
INDEFINITE STAY

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Antigua & Barbuda

August 01, 2011

**Free Movement
of People
(OECS Citizens)**

August 13, 2011
 Towards ONE CARIBBEAN
 Under God! \$2.00

ONE CARIBBEAN

Let Us Praise And Thank God:

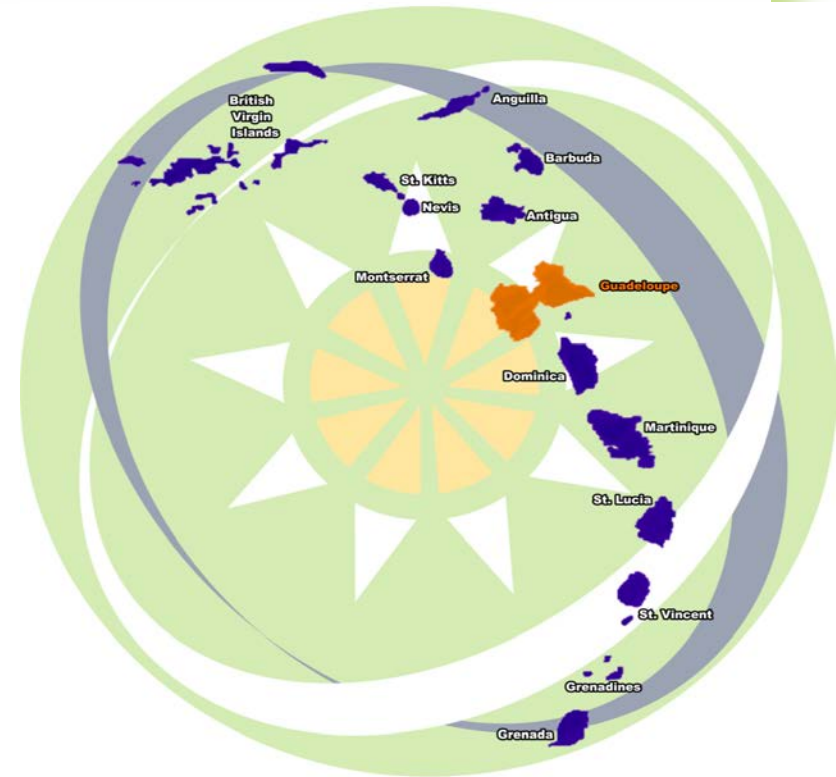


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**FREE MOVEMENT FOR
PEOPLES OF THE OECS!**



A Single Domestic Space for the Free and Seamless Movement of People and Goods in The OECS Economic Union Area





WHY OECS SDS ?

Economic Growth & Development

- ✓ Expand Access to Services and Labor Moving Across The Space
- ✓ Enhance Tourism Product
 - Multi-destination tourism





OECS Common Tourism Policy

Improved competitiveness via
progressive harmonisation of tourism policies



Impact

Achieve more than
individual states could
achieve on their own

Independence

Sustainable and self-
sufficient tourism economy

Insight

Broader awareness of the
role of tourism



Common Tourism Policy Priorities

1. Investment and Product Development
2. Community Participation & Sectoral Linkages
3. Human Resource Development
4. Tourism Awareness
5. Research and Statistics
6. Access and Transportation
- 7. Regional Facilitation – Border control**
8. Environmental and Cultural Sustainability
9. Marketing & Communications





Regional Facilitation

When a visitor is faced with different regulations and procedures for travel in a region, this can be confusing and act as a disincentive to travel within the region

The market for multiple island packages is unlikely to grow in these circumstances

Enabling free movement of people within the region is perhaps the single greatest change required to improve the region's economic competitiveness



Harmonized Customs and Immigration Procedures

OECS Common Tourism Policy

- Harmonizing systems and reducing cumbersome procedures associated with customs and immigration formalities, while retaining measures required for security and data collection, is the **biggest step that could be taken to facilitate free movement**
- The aim is to **apply consistent procedures for visitors**





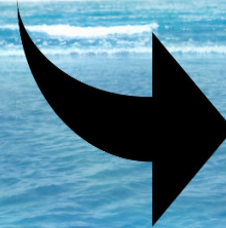
OECS Ease of Travel Action Plan approved by Ministers of Tourism in 2013





Full clearance procedures should be undertaken just once at the initial port of arrival in the region

Single shared space



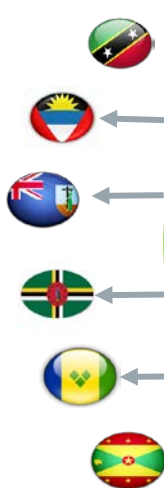


Passengers arrive from outside the OECS Economic Union



Passengers are subject to immigration and customs checks

FREE MOVEMENT IN OECS ECONOMIC UNION



Passengers are cleared at the first port of entry and can then move freely in the OECS Economic Union



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Harmonized Border Management Procedures

- **Uniform maximum length of stay for each visitor category:**
 1. OECS Nationals: **indefinite stay**
 2. Other CARICOM nationals: **6 months**
 3. Other visitors: **90 days**
- **Collection of departure tax harmonized throughout OECS**
- **Establish a protocol for the efficient handling of transit passengers to eliminate multiple screening**



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IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS

Other Actions

- Standardization/inter-operability of software
- Update and modify relevant legislation
- Improvement/ modification of infrastructure (technology, layout, equipment)
- Standardization of service quality at borders



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Goods

- The regulations should be unified to address the variations that exist across the region
- The OECS should develop unified passenger allowances for all OECS states

**NOTICE TO PASSENGER
CUSTOMS DECLARATION (C)**

Every passenger, or head of the family traveling together with a spouse and children under the age of 18, is required to complete Section C

1. Spouse, and children under age 18 accompanying you:

Name	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)	Relation
JANE DOE	01/01/01	Spouse

2. Number of pieces of luggage
Accompanied (Checked luggage and Hand luggage) 2 Unaccompanied (Luggage sent by Air or Sea freight) N/A

3. I am (We are) bringing:

(a) fruits, plants, cut flowers, vegetables, soil, meat, live animals and organisms, honey, wildlife products, plant material, food, animal products or live birds Yes No

(b) pharmaceuticals, narcotics and other illicit drugs, and biological substances Yes No

(c) arms, ammunitions, explosives, fireworks, toy guns or other weapons Yes No

4. I have (We have) commercial merchandise: (articles for sale, samples used for soliciting orders or goods that are not considered personal effects) Yes No

5. I am (We are) carrying currency or monetary instruments over (US\$10,000) or equivalent: Yes No

Passenger Allowances:
1.5 litres of spirits or wine or proportionate mixes and 250 grams of manufactured tobacco or 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars.

Residents of Antigua and Barbuda are entitled to an EC\$700.00 allowance on items, excluding firearm(s) and/or ammunitions acquired or purchased overseas. Please list items below:

(If you are in doubt, declare all items to the Customs Officer)

Description of Articles	\$ Value in Currency	For Customs Use Only

I certify that all statements I have made in this declaration are true, correct and complete. I understand that failure to make a full declaration is an offence and can result in seizure of the goods, fines and/or imprisonment.

Signature X Date 01/01/01

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Signature of Examining Officer _____ ID # _____

Attach Continuation Sheet if Necessary



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Member State	Currency Allowance	Duty Free Allowance	Tobacco OR Cigarettes	Wines/ Spirits	Perfume
Antigua & Barbuda	≥ US \$ 10,000	EC \$ 700	250 grams Tobacco OR 200 Cigarettes	1.5 litre	N/A
Dominica	≥ EC \$ 10,000	EC \$ 400	227 grams Tobacco OR ≤200 Cigarettes	1 litre	N/A
Grenada	N/A	EC \$ 300	250 grams Tobacco OR 200 Cigarettes	1 litre	10 Ounces
St. Kitts & Nevis	≥ US \$ 10,000	EC \$ 400	250 grams Tobacco OR 200 Cigarette	1.5 litre	N/A
Saint Lucia	≥ US \$ 10,000	US \$ 250	250 grams Tobacco OR ≤200 Cigarettes	1.14 litre	250 ml
St. Vincent & Grenadines	≥ EC \$ 10,000	US \$ 100	≤ 1/2 pound Tobacco OR ≤200 Cigarettes	1 quart	N/A



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Information Sharing

**is Key in the
Operationalisation
of a Single
Domestic Space**



CARICOM Interactive Border Security System (*CARIBSECS*)

Country	Last Activity	No. of Records	Days Since Last Activity
Antigua & Barbuda	Monday, August 08, 2011	264	785
Dominica	Monday, April 20, 2009 -	44	1625
St Kitts and Nevis	Friday, July 20, 2012	182	438
St Lucia	Thursday, May 20, 2010	3	1230
St Vincent & the Grenadines	Thursday, September 10, 2009	16	1482



WATCHLISTING TRAINING





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Travel Facilitation

Maritime Sector





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SailClear

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**Web-Based
Pre-Arrival
System for
Yachtspersons**



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EAST CARIBBEAN VILLAGE

Sail Clear - Many Islands, One Caribbean





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**Thank You
For Your Attention**



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