Barbados’ National Strategic Plan (2006-2025) provides a framework for becoming a fully developed society that is prosperous, socially just and globally competitive. The National Strategic Plan advances six strategic goals in pursuit of the national vision for 2025. Notably, goal four of the Plan speaks specifically of “Building a Green Economy: Strengthening the Physical Infrastructure and Preserving the Environment”, providing a clear entry point for engagement with PAGE.

A diversified, service-based economy make Barbados one the most prosperous Caribbean islands. At the same time, it remains particularly vulnerable to climate change and related natural disasters. To combat these risks, the government of Barbados is committed to the continuous development of a green and blue economy.

Based on a Green Economy Scoping Study conducted in 2012, Barbados continued on its path towards an inclusive green economy in partnership with PAGE and in collaboration with other small island states and regional efforts.

PAGE objectives in Barbados include:
- integrating inclusive green economy goals and targets into SDG-aligned national economic and development planning,
- implementing evidence-based sectoral and thematic reforms in line with inclusive green economy priorities,
- strengthening capacities at the national level and
- improving the inclusive green economy knowledge base.

In a recent mission, PAGE met with leading decision-makers and stakeholders of the green economy transition in Barbados to discuss further goals and priorities for PAGE work in the country.

**PATHWAYS TO IMPACT**

- Reviewing the existing national green economy policies, strategies and plans
- Surveying opportunities, identifying skills gaps and developing tools to build skills for green jobs in the green and blue economy
- Developing a pilot to encourage green transformation of the agricultural and fish sub-sector processing to support production and export development
- Conducting trainings for the public sector, developing green and blue economy-centred academic curricula and establishing a green economy knowledge hub