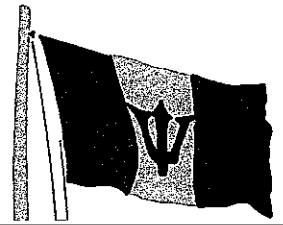




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**Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment  
Senator The Hon. Chad J. Blackman**

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Efforts of all countries have been undermined by the detrimental and lingering social and economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Additionally, the economic and geopolitical uncertainty at a global level; the increasing high human and developmental costs due to the event of climate change; as well as the targeted efforts to erode gains for sexual and reproductive rights and gender equality, threaten to frustrate the successes made in the Programme of Action to date, and if left

unaddressed will hamper our ability to achieve the objectives outlined under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. "Leaving no one behind" must be a maxim with bite. Notwithstanding our differing

developing states to invest in human and social capital on the premises

statistical systems to monitor and evaluate effectiveness of initiatives

people. These programs will require a review of existing education and

family planning policies; transformation of the education system to ensure the labour force is equipped with the skills necessary to compete in the global arena; creation of programmes that encourage youth