

#### First Regional Meeting of The Heads of Government of the Caribbean in Preparation of COP27

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- Objective/Why a Carbon Credit Trading Act
- SCB's Approach
- Carbon Credit Trading Act, 2022
  - Regulatory Framework overview
  - Who can Participate
  - What will the Bill Accomplish



#### SCB is responsible for the administration of:

- Securities Industry Act, 2011
- Investment Funds Act, 2019
- Financial and Corporate Service Providers Act, 2020
- Digital Assets and Registered Exchanges Act, 2020



173
Registered firms,
Marketplaces,
Clearing facilities



**44** Investment Fund Administrators



**695** Investment Funds



**260** Financial & Corporate Service Providers



1 Registered
Exchange, 2
FCSPs approved
to carry on digital
assets business

Statistics as at 30 June 2022



#### **Environmental Benefits**

- Key Benefits of Carbon Credit Trading
  - Enhances Financial Viability of Low
     Carbon Projects
  - Assists in Financing Green Projects
  - Creates Measurable Emission
     Reductions

### **Honor Paris Agreement**

Obligations under section 6.2 of the Paris Agreement
 are fulfilled

Introduction of finance/climate change disclosures

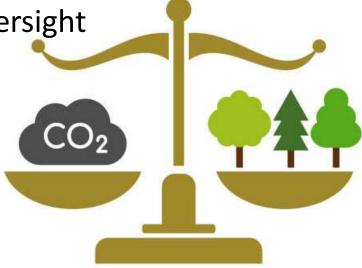
Ensuring that financial goals and carbon reduction

are connected

#### **Leverage Market Growth**

- Carbon trading has grown exponentially
  - Market integrity is foundational for market development
  - Related products and derivatives will require regulation

Market integrity requires robust regulation and effective oversight



#### **Overview**

- Regulatory Framework for Trading of Carbon Credits
- Best practices of international standards setting bodies are incorporated
- Defines Carbon Trading Product and provides for the Registration of Carbon Credit Trading Businesses
- Defines the Commission's Functions and Powers in the Carbon Credit
   Trading Market

## Registration

- Registration triggers for persons carrying on or involved in carbon trading business, operating in or from within The Bahamas defined
  - carbon trading exchanges
  - carbon trading registries
  - carbon verification bodies
- No initial public offerings or initial coin offerings made via this Act anticipated.

# **AML/CFT Requirements**

Registrants required to maintain professional conduct,
 meet financial requirements and be in compliance with
 the Act

- Reporting of suspicious transactions to the financial intelligence unit required
- Provisions and penalties for noncompliance





# Thank you!

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