ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

BRIEF

Official Name: **Antigua and Barbuda**
Area: *Antigua* - 281 sq. km. (108 sq. mi.). *Barbuda* - 161 sq. km. (62 sq. mi.)
Capital: St. John's (pop. 30, 000)
Population (2006 UN estimate) 82, 800
Currency: Eastern Caribbean Dollar (EC$)
Terrain: generally, low-lying, with highest elevation 405 m. (1, 330 ft.)
Climate: Tropical maritime
Airport: V. C. Bird International Airport (Antigua)
Codrington Airport (Barbuda)

Source: *CRNM Information Unit 2008*

MAP

Source: Yahoo Maps (2008)

HEAD OF STATE:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
H. E. Dame Louise A. Lake-Tack, GCMG, DSt.J
(Governor-General)

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT:

The Hon. Baldwin Spencer, MP
(Prime Minister and Minister of Labour, Foreign Affairs and International Trade)

Government

Type: Constitutional parliamentary democracy

Independence: **1st November 1981**

Branches: ***Executive***--Governor General (chief of state, representing British monarch), prime minister (head of government), cabinet.
Legislative--bicameral Parliament (17 appointed senators, 17 elected representatives).
Judicial—Privy Council in London, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (High Court and Court of Appeals), and magistrate's courts

Administrative Subdivisions: 6 parishes and 2 dependences (Barbuda and Redonda)

Political Parties: Antigua Labour Party (ALP), United Progressive Party (UPP, majority), Barbuda People's Movement (BPM)

International Treaties and Trade Agreements

TRADE AGREEMENTS IN FORCE

MULTILATERAL

World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreements

CUSTOMS UNIONS

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Dominican Republic

PARTIAL PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Colombia
CARICOM – Venezuela

TRADE AGREEMENTS SIGNED, BUT NOT IN FORCE

PARTIAL PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Costa Rica

BILATERAL INVESTMENT AGREEMENTS

CARICOM – Costa Rica

Source: http://www.sice.oas.org/agreements_e.asp

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Important Links

GOVERNMENT PORTAL:

http://www.ab.gov.ag

LINKS TO GOVERNMENT:

Antigua and Barbuda Department of Tourism – http://www.antigua-barbuda.org
Antigua and Barbuda Environment Division – http://www.environmentdivision.info
Directorate of Offshore Gaming – http://www.antiguagaming.gov.ag

LINKS TO PRIVATE SECTOR:

Antigua and Barbuda Chamber of Commerce and Industry

WTOTRADE POLICY REVIEW:

OECS-WTO Members:

- Secretariat report
- Government report

Antigua and Barbuda:

- Secretariat report
- Government report

Media Institutions

Antigua Sun – http://www.antiguasun.com
Daily Observer – http://www.antiguaobserver.com
ABS Television – http://www.cmatt.com/abstv.htm
Crusader Radio – http://www.crusaderradio.com
Sun FM – http://www.radiozdk.com