



**Government of Antigua and Barbuda**

**ADDENDUM 1 – 24 April, 2019  
Government of Antigua and Barbuda**

**Prospectus**

**2019 RGSM Issuance Programme  
for the Period January through December**

**180-day and 365-day EC\$ Treasury Bills  
2-year EC\$ Treasury Note**

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## **NOTICE TO INVESTORS**

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This Prospectus and its content are issued for the specific Securities issues described herein. Investors are strongly encouraged to seek consultation from a person qualified and licensed under the Securities Act or any other duly qualified person who specializes in advising on the acquisition of government securities.

## ABSTRACT

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda (hereafter referred to as GoAB) is offering to raise financing through a series of issues on the RGSM between January and December of 2019. The GoAB's 2019 RGSM Issuance Programme is detailed in this Prospectus for consideration of investors and market participants in general.

### **Purpose of Addendum**

***The purpose of this addendum is to add three additional auctions and to amend two auctions, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Government of Antigua and Barbuda maintains option to take up to an additional EC\$5 million on each issue, in the event of an over subscription.***

**1. Amendments:**

- a. The 365-day Treasury Bill now scheduled for May 2, 2019 will be changed to May 7, 2019 for the amount of EC\$20 million.***
- b. The ceiling rate on the 180-day Treasury Bill now scheduled for July 22, 2019 will be changed to 5.0%.***

**2. The issuance of:**

- a. A 2-year EC\$5 million T-Note to be auctioned on May 21, 2019.***
- b. A 365-day EC\$20 million Treasury Bill to be auctioned on June 4, 2019.***
- c. A 180-day EC\$10 million Treasury Bill to be auctioned on June 18, 2019.***

<b>ECSE Symbol</b>	<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Tenor</b>	<b>Auction Date</b>
<b>AGB110320</b>	T-Bill	EC\$10 million	365-day	11-Mar-19
<b>AGB070520</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	365-day	7-May-19
<b>AGN220521</b>	T-Note	EC\$5 million	2-year	21-May-19
<b>AGB040620</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	365-day	4-Jun-19
<b>AGB161219</b>	T-Bill	EC\$10 million	180-day	18-Jun-19
<b>AGB190120</b>	T-Bill	EC\$15 million	180-day	22-Jul-19
<b>AGB260820</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	365-day	26-Aug-19
<b>AGB281020</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	365-day	28-Oct-19
<b>AGB141120</b>	T-Bill	EC\$15 million	365-day	14-Nov-19
<b>AGB190520</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	180-day	20-Nov-19
<b>AGB310520</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	180-day	2-Dec-19

In the event there is an oversubscription, the GoAB is willing to accept up to an additional five million Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC\$5m) of the oversubscription amount issued in each of the issues.

The securities are being offered to refinance maturing RGSM securities, assist with the Government's short-term cash flow management requirements and facilitate ongoing liability management operations to lower the public sector's interest burden. The proceeds will also be used to finance government infrastructure programme.

The securities will be issued under the authority of the Treasury Bills Act (2005) and the Finance Administration Act (2006). The securities will be governed under the laws of Antigua and Barbuda.

Bidding for the securities will open at 9:00 a.m. and will close at 12:00 noon. Settlement for successful bids will take place on the following business day after each auction.

## ISSUER INFORMATION

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Date of Publication.....	January 2019
Purpose of the Issues.....	GoAB intends to use the net cash proceeds of the offerings to refinance maturing RGSM securities, assist in the management of the Government's short-term cash flow requirements and facilitate ongoing proactive liability management operations to lower the Government's interest burden. The proceeds will also be used to finance government's infrastructure programme.
Legislative Authority.....	Finance Administration Act (2006) and the Treasury Bills Act (2005), copies of which are available on the Government of Antigua and Barbuda's official website ( <a href="http://www.ab.gov.ag">www.ab.gov.ag</a> )

Intermediaries.....	A complete list of Licensed Intermediaries who are members of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE) is available in <a href="#">Appendix I</a>
Taxation.....	Yields will not be subject to any tax, duty or levy by the Participating Governments of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU). The countries are Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, St Kitts and Nevis and St Vincent and the Grenadines.
Reference Currency.....	Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC\$) for the T-bills and Treasury Note
Listing and Admission to Trading...	The securities will be listed on the ECSE and will be available for trading on the secondary market using the platform of the ECSE.
Fiscal Agent.....	Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB)
Paying Agent.....	Eastern Caribbean Central Securities Registry (ECCSR)
Governing Law.....	The Securities will be governed by the laws of Antigua and Barbuda



## INFORMATION ABOUT THE SECURITIES

1. GoAB proposes to auction the securities on the RGSM to be traded on the ECSE.
2. The auction dates are listed in the table below
3. The instruments will settle as listed in the table below
4. The instruments' maturity dates are listed in the table below
5. The securities will be identified by the trading symbols listed below

<b>ECSE Symbol</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ceiling Rate</b>	<b>Tenor</b>	<b>Auction Date</b>	<b>Settlement Date</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>
<b>AGB110320</b>	T-Bill	EC\$10 million	5.5%	365-day	11-Mar-19	12-Mar-19	11-Mar-20
<b>AGB070520</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	5.5%	365-day	7-May-19	8-May-19	7-May-20
<b>AGN220521</b>	T-Note	EC\$5 million	6.0%	2-year	21-May-19	22-May-19	22-May-21
<b>AGB040620</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	5.5%	365-day	4-Jun-19	5-Jun-19	4-Jun-20
<b>AGB161219</b>	T-Bill	EC\$10 million	5.0%	180-day	18-Jun-19	19-Jun-19	16-Dec-19
<b>AGB190120</b>	T-Bill	EC\$15 million	5.0%	180 day	22-Jul-19	23-Jul-19	19-Jan-20
<b>AGB260820</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	5.5%	365-day	26-Aug-19	27-Aug-19	26-Aug-20
<b>AGB281020</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	5.5%	365-day	28-Oct-19	29-Oct-19	28-Oct-20
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<b>AGB190520</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	5.0%	180-day	20-Nov-19	21-Nov-19	19-May-20
<b>AGB310520</b>	T-Bill	EC\$20 million	5.0%	180-day	2-Dec-19	3-Dec-19	31-May-20

6. The interest payment for:
  - a. T-bills will be made at maturity.
  - b. Semi-annual payments for the EC\$ T-note; May 22 and November 22.
7. Principal repayments for:
  - a. T-bill will be made at maturity.
  - b. Bullet payment at maturity for EC\$ T-note.
8. Each investor is allowed one (1) bid in each respective series with the option of increasing the amount being tendered until the close of the bidding period.
9. The minimum bid amount is EC\$5,000 for EC\$ T-bills and T-note.
10. The Bid Multiplier will be set at EC\$1,000 for EC\$T-bills and T-note.
11. The bidding period will be opened from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for EC\$ instruments on auction dates.
12. The price of the issue will be determined by Competitive Uniform Price Auction.
13. The Investors may participate in the auction through the services of a licensed intermediary. The current list of licensed intermediaries that are members of the ECSE, is as follows:

St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank Limited

The Bank of Nevis Limited

Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Limited

First Citizens Investment Services Limited – St. Lucia

Bank of St Lucia Limited

Grenada Co-operative Bank Limited

**FISCAL PERFORMANCE - QUARTER 1, 2019**

*All figures in millions of Eastern Caribbean Dollars as at 31 March 2019*

	<b>2019 Budget</b>	<b>Jan - March 2019</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Tax Revenue	751.18	169.47
Non-Tax Revenue	181.01	17.58
<b>Total Recurrent Revenue</b>	<b>932.20</b>	<b>187.05</b>
Capital Revenue	7.00	0.27
Grants	26.96	-
<b>Total Revenue and Grants</b>	<b>966.15</b>	<b>187.33</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Wages and Salaries	405.95	92.16
Goods and Services	158.43	24.95
Pensions, Other Transfers	252.43	8.75
Interest Charges on Debt	98.12	19.90
<b>Total Recurrent Expenditure</b>	<b>914.93</b>	<b>145.76</b>
Capital Expenditure	130.05	13.03
<b>Overall Expenditure</b>	<b>1,044.98</b>	<b>158.79</b>
Current Account Surplus (Deficit)	17.27	41.29
Primary Surplus (Deficit)	19.30	48.43
<b>Overall Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(78.82)</b>	<b>28.54</b>
<b>Memorandum Item</b>		
Principal Repayment	360.13	53.26

*Source: Ministry of Finance and Corporate Governance (April 24, 2019)*

**GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED DEBT STOCK (2019)**

*All figures in millions of Eastern Caribbean Dollars as at 31 March 2019*

	<b>Dec 2018</b>	<b>Jan 2019</b>	<b>Feb 2019</b>	<b>Mar 2019</b>
<b>Total Government and Government Guaranteed Debt</b>	<b>3,192.80</b>	<b>3,196.44</b>	<b>3,200.36</b>	<b>3,167.10</b>
Central Government	2,680.64	2,685.30	2,682.92	2,655.11
Government Guaranteed	512.16	511.14	517.44	512.00
<b>EXTERNAL</b>	<b>1,510.67</b>	<b>1,516.48</b>	<b>1,516.97</b>	<b>1,493.98</b>
<b>Central Government</b>	<b>1,329.58</b>	<b>1,335.25</b>	<b>1,336.09</b>	<b>1,314.02</b>
Bilateral	830.28	837.67	838.49	826.48
Paris Club	328.27	328.43	328.42	328.11
Non Paris Club	502.01	509.24	510.08	498.37
Multilateral	330.07	328.34	328.36	328.45
Securities	169.24	169.24	169.24	159.09
<b>Public Sector Corporations</b>	<b>181.09</b>	<b>181.23</b>	<b>180.88</b>	<b>179.96</b>
Bilateral	95.51	97.38	97.62	97.27
Paris Club	-	-	-	-
Non Paris Club	95.51	97.38	97.62	97.27
Commercial Bank	37.65	37.09	36.50	35.93
Multilateral	47.94	46.77	46.77	46.77
<b>DOMESTIC</b>	<b>1,682.13</b>	<b>1,679.96</b>	<b>1,683.39</b>	<b>1,673.12</b>
<b>Central Government</b>	<b>1,351.06</b>	<b>1,350.05</b>	<b>1,346.84</b>	<b>1,341.08</b>
Commercial Bank	321.18	320.41	319.75	318.94
Monetary Authority/Central Bank	59.11	59.11	59.11	59.11
Private Loans	49.10	49.10	49.10	49.10
Social Security	223.53	223.53	223.53	223.53
Securities	598.51	592.39	592.39	585.82
Overdraft	16.56	22.44	19.89	21.51
Vouchers	83.07	83.07	83.07	83.07
<b>Public Sector Corporations</b>	<b>331.07</b>	<b>329.90</b>	<b>336.55</b>	<b>332.04</b>
Commercial Bank	322.18	321.09	327.52	327.04
Overdraft	8.89	8.81	9.04	5.00

*Source: Debt Management Unit, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Governance (April 24, 2019)*

**ALL OTHER INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS REMAINS THE SAME**