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CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA): Renewable Energy Investment Opportunities in the Caribbean

DATE: 9 February 2023,

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At a time when the effects of climate change have become clear and undeniable, transition to renewable energy is key. In the context of the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement, we are pleased to invite you to a webinar on renewable energy and clean technologies in the Caribbean aimed at promoting the development of and investments in climate smart solutions in the sector.

CARIFORUM States are among the many nations that recognize the importance of harnessing renewable energy technologies for a secure and prosperous future. The development of renewables represents a game-changing opportunity for the CARIFORUM region and will entail a wave of new investments, partnerships and innovation in the region.

This webinar follows on the completion of a study titled, **“Renewable Energy and other Clean Technologies such as Waste Management”**. It is the first in a series of studies commissioned by the European Commission to help stakeholders getting the most out of the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement.

It aims to build awareness of economic opportunities related to the CARIFORUM-EU EPA, which will enable the EU private sector to leverage the Agreement and foster valuable business networks in new markets.

The webinar will present the key findings and conclusions of the report. It will highlight emerging trade and investment opportunities in the Caribbean renewable energy sector as well as priority subsectors for EU trade and investment. It will also explore conditions for market access and the ease of doing business. The webinar aims to validate and discuss the findings of the study, at the same time informing stakeholders of the next steps for the effective adoption of renewable energy sources.



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09:00	Welcome and Introduction ■ Moderator's Opening Remarks by Mr. Pablo Quiles, Manager – Trade Advisory, International Economics Consulting Ltd.
09:05	Opening by ■ Ms. Malgorzata Wasilewska, Head of the EU Delegation to Barbados, Eastern Caribbean States, OECS and CARICOM/CARIFORUM ■ Hon. E.P. Chet Greene, Chair of CARIFORUM (TBC). ■ Dr. Noel Watson, International Trade Policy Expert.
09:15	Session 1: Snapshot of the CARIFORUM-EU EPA - Key Provisions on Investment on Renewable Energy ■ Presentation by Dr. Noel Watson, International Trade Policy Expert and Ms. Nicole Garraway-Forsyth, International Development Expert. ■ Discussion and knowledge check (CARIFORUM-EU EPA).
09:30	Session 2: Opportunities in Renewable Energy in the CARIFORUM ■ Main Opportunities for Renewable Energy Investment in the CARIFORUM Region – resented by Mr. Pablo Quiles, Dr. Noel Watson, Ms. Tamira La Cruz and Ms. Nicole Garraway, Expert Team. ■ The Journey of St Vincent and the Grenadines towards Harnessing Geothermal Energy - presented by Mr. Lance Peters, Geologist and Deputy Director, Energy Unit of St Vincent and the Grenadines. ■ Suriname's approach to Renewable Energy: Drawing on extensive Hydro experience and the way forward with Solar Energy - presented by Mr. Dave Abeleven, Managing Director, Energy Authority of Suriname. ■ An EU Operator's Perspective on Investment in Renewable Energy - presented by Mr. Christian Holter, CEO, SOLID EScO Company. ■ Question and Answer Session.



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10:40	Session 3: The Business of Renewable Energy ■ Role of Power Purchase Agreements in the Electricity Sector: Do they help or hurt investments? - presented by Ms. Cheryl Lewis, Deputy Director General, Office of Utilities Regulation, Jamaica. ■ Dominican Republic's Perspective: Promoting trade and investments in Renewable Energy – presented by Mr. Marcos Cochon, Advisor on renewable energy, Interenergy. ■ Role of Renewable Energy in the Caribbean Electricity Generation: Moving Forward - presented by Dr. Cletus Bertin, Executive Director, Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC).
11:30	Final Business to Business Networking Session ■ CARIFORUM Business Interests and EU Firms: Potential Business moderated by Dr. Noel Watson, International Trade Policy Expert. ■ Session milestones - potential business interests and business pipelines.
12:25	Closing ■ Closing Remarks by Moderator. ■ Stay tuned for next webinar on Sustainable Tourism.