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## CARIBBEAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY & DEVELOPMENT

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7 - 10 DECEMBER 2015

### CLOSING REPORT

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## 1. PROJECT OVERVIEW

1.01. CPA UK, working in partnership with the Parliament of Trinidad & Tobago delivered the Caribbean Regional Workshop on Energy, Sustainability & Development in Port of Spain over the period of the 7 - 10 December for Caribbean and UK parliamentarians.

1.02. The Workshop was one of three regional workshops to be delivered by CPA UK with UNDP as part of an International Parliamentary Project (IPP) following the adoption of the Sustainable Developments Goals (SDGs) by the international community. The IPP comprises:

- African Regional Workshop, National Assembly of Kenya, Nairobi, 10-13 November 2015
- Caribbean Regional Workshop, Parliament of Trinidad & Tobago, Port of Spain, 7-10 December 2015
- Asian Regional Workshop, in partnership with British High Commission, New Delhi, 18-21 January 2016
- International Parliamentary Conference, Houses of Parliament, London, 14-17 March 2016

1.03 The Caribbean Regional Workshop was attended by parliamentarians from: **Anguilla, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Montserrat, St Lucia, Turks & Caicos, Trinidad & Tobago and the United Kingdom**, and observers from several national and international organisations including UNEP, CDB, CARICOM and the Clinton Climate Initiative.

## 2. WORKSHOP SUMMARY

2.01. The Caribbean Regional Workshop was attended by parliamentarians from: Anguilla, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Montserrat, St Lucia, Turks & Caicos, Trinidad & Tobago and the United Kingdom, and observers from several national and international organisations including UNEP, CDB, CARICOM and the Clinton Climate Initiative.

2.02. The Workshop programme comprised plenary and workshop sessions as well as a field visit and a Mock Committee hearing.

2.03. Over the course of 3.5 days, delegates had the opportunity to hear from experts and fellow parliamentarians to discuss the role of parliaments and parliamentarians in:

- Formulating, scrutinising and reviewing legislation related to sustainable development, with a specific emphasis on energy
- Creating an enabling environment to help achieve the SDGs by 2030
- Holding governments accountable for the pledges made in relation to the SDGs with a specific emphasis on the SDGs related to energy
- Ensuring that adequate budgets and resources are being put in achieving the SDGs
- Promoting collaboration across sectors, fields and countries
- Ensuring representation from the grassroots and local communities
- Addressing some of the challenges faced in relation to the financing of sustainable development

2.04. The discussions and conclusions reached will form the basis of an e-handbook to be produced after the delivery of all three regional workshops.



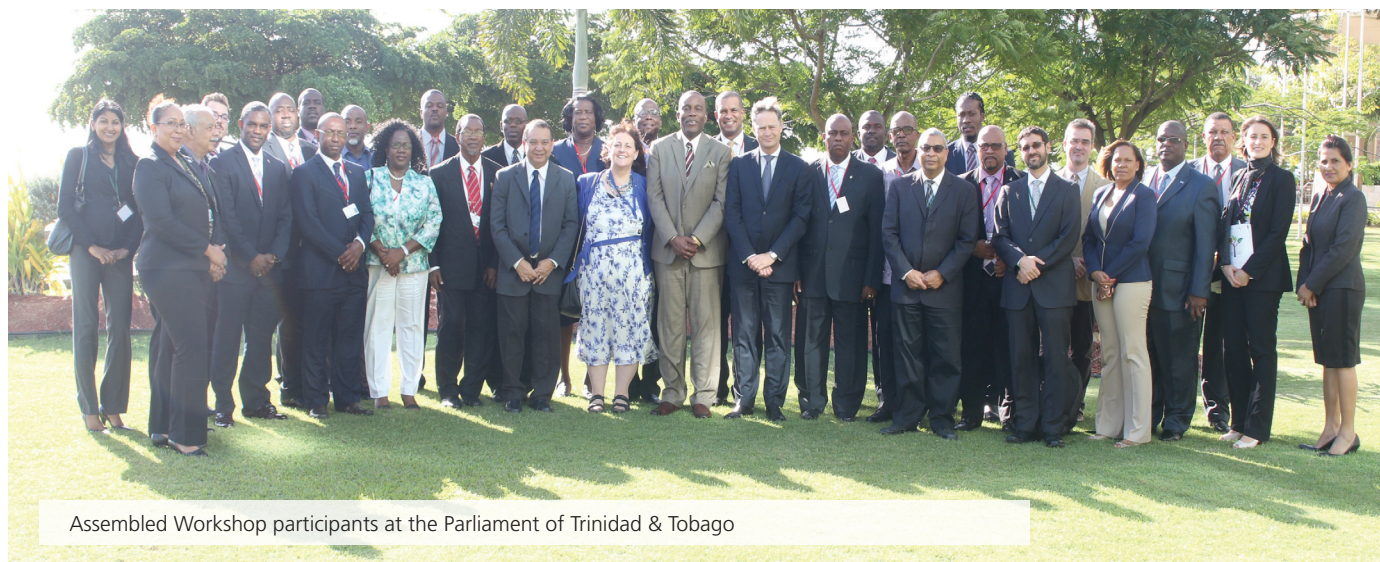
### 3. PROGRAMME DETAILS

3.01 The Caribbean Regional Workshop on Energy, Sustainability and Development opened with a **keynote address by the President of the Senate, Hon. Christine Kangaloo, Trinidad & Tobago**, who highlighted the critical role of Parliamentarians as lawmakers and scrutineers in the successful implementation of the newly agreed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She underlined that if ever there was a need to collaborate with regional partners in the Caribbean, that time was now. Hon. Kangaloo urged delegates to take advantage of the Workshop to tackle pressing energy issues and wished them all the best in their endeavours.

3.02 **Session 1: From MDGs towards SDGs**, Trinidad & Tobago Sen. Franklin Khan moderated the panel, emphasising the unique role of Parliamentarians in advancing SDGs and influencing national energy policy. Following the introduction, Dr David Smith from the Caribbean Section of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, discussed the threats to sustainability in the Caribbean. Explaining the concept of climate departure, where regions experience a notable and permanent change in their climate. Climate departure will become reality for the Caribbean within decades, though other nations will experience climate departure much later, meaning the perception and reality of climate change are very different across the world. Dr Smith advocated support and encouragement for regional cooperation on large endeavours to tackle pressing climate issues. Gonzalo Pizarro from UNDP then provided a thorough overview of the progress, success and challenges of the Millennium Development Goals. He underlined four important areas where parliaments have played an important role in implementing the MDGS: in budgeting, representation, legislation and in accountability, especially free access to information and transparency. Senator Khan concluded the session by underlining the urgency in tackling sustainable development challenges, given the continually growing resource demands from population growth.

3.03 **Session 2: SDGs and in the Caribbean & Americas** was opened by Hon. Hugh Derek Taylor MP who outlined the importance of tackling energy challenges in the Caribbean, especially given that high energy prices in the Caribbean have been detrimental to the region's economic growth. Gayatri Badri Maharaj, Managing Director of the Trinidad & Tobago Environmental Management Authority, speaking on behalf of the Ministry of Planning and Sustainable Development, gave an overview of Trinidad and Tobago's progress towards achieving the MDGs and SDGs. She highlighted that all stakeholders will be required to change their behaviours in order to achieve the SDGs and the importance of a stakeholder participatory approach in working towards these goals. Dr Devon Gardner, Programme Manager, CARICOM Energy Unit, then addressed the different energy challenges facing the diverse nations and associate members of CARICOM. Dr Gardner urged Parliamentarians to recognise that CARICOM islands have very different energy challenges to the rest of the world and therefore acknowledge the need for different energy solutions and innovation. He focussed on the need to begin to tackle these challenges by evaluating current thinking and approaches to development and solutions. Hon. Taylor MP concluded by reinforcing the importance of regional coordination across CARICOM.

3.04 **Session 3: Climate Change in the Caribbean** chaired by Hon. Vidya Gayadeen-Gopeesingh MP and fellow panellists examined the impact of climate change in Small Island States. Patricia Shako, Regional Coordinator for Global Water Partnership Caribbean, outlined the need for intergrated resource planning to optimise the coordination, development and management of land and water resources. Siana Teelucksingh, Project Manager at Clinton Climate Foundation explored challenges related to renewable energy in Small Islands States. She examined the importance of communication between Governments and national utilities companies in ensuring equitable access



Assembled Workshop participants at the Parliament of Trinidad & Tobago



to energy and accessible grid connections. She concluded that the challenges facing Small Island States in relation to renewables means they are uniquely positioned to be the leaders in variable renewables. If they succeed in optimising energy security, they can become world leaders in the field. Hon. Mrs. Vidia Gayadeen-Gopeesingh MP ended by calling for an integrated approach to tackling pressing climate issues and thanked the panellists, remarking on the quality of the all-female panel.

3.05 Day 2 of the Workshop opened with **Session 4: Energy Security in the Caribbean**, moderated by Hon. Sen. David Small, Trinidad & Tobago examined the world's growing energy demands before emphasising the serious implications of climate change and sea level rise for islands. Dr Devon Gardner, Programme Manager at the CARICOM Energy Unit explored Caribbean production & consumption trends and the role of CARICOM Energy Policy in moving forwards. He highlighted particular challenges to the development of renewables in the disparity between location of renewable resource and demand centres. Victor Hart, Steering Committee Chair, Trinidad & Tobago Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TTEITI) first highlighted that the energy sector in Trinidad & Tobago is currently limited due to oil prices and the recent recession. Mr Hart then gave a comprehensive overview of the energy sector in Trinidad & Tobago, emphasising that it is the only state in Caribbean that is not a net importer of energy, exports oil and gas. Sen.Small then concluded with the key message he took from the session, that energy security challenges require national approaches but countries must look for wider opportunities to work together regionally.

3.06 The discussion was followed by **Session 4a. Energy Security case studies** were presented by Members from St Lucia, Anguilla and the UK. Hon. Stephenson King MP, St Lucia, discussed national legislation introduced in November 2015 establishing a national utilities regulation authority, giving St Lucia the mandate not just to oversee the sector but also to protect consumers and investors. He expressed hopes that this regulation would encourage more investors to come to St Lucia. Hon. Evalie Arlene Bradley from Anguilla gave an overview of the current energy situation. Despite drastic drop in world fuel prices, energy prices in Anguilla are amongst the highest in the region, which has a detrimental effect on economic growth. Hon. Bradley outlined the opportunities for the development of renewables and the government commitment to move forward with a wind/solar energy mix. Dr Matthew Offord MP, Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, gave an overview of UK energy developments, outlining the work of government, national energy regulator Ofgem and the energy industry. Dr Offord highlighted that providing clean, reliable, sustainable energy was a key policy of UK Government and that the UK would play its part moving towards a more sustainable energy future internationally.

3.07 **Session 5: Financing for Energy Sustainability**, commenced with Dr David Smith highlighting the critical importance of energy to Caribbean development, citing a World Bank study showing high energy costs are the second greatest challenge to business in the Caribbean. Dr Smith outlined the barriers to the development of the green energy sector, including the initial cost of renewable technologies and the fact that minimum research has been done into effectively adapting green technologies to Small Island States. Dr Justin Ram, Director of Economics at the Caribbean Development Bank then explored financing opportunities for Caribbean economies. He focussed on the high debt to GDP ratio in the Caribbean, which has a significant negative effect on national credit ratings, which in turn increases the price of government access to finance. He stressed that high energy prices and the Caribbean's environmental vulnerability are serious barriers to development and must be addressed if we are to kickstart investment. Ronald Dubrishing, Managing Director of the Climate Innovation Centre Caribbean (CCIC) then explored ways in which CCIC is taking green tech ideas from ideas to business in a World Bank funded programme across CARICOM Members states with regional hubs.

3.08 Hon. Nicole Olivierre MP, Minister of Energy & Energy Industries, Trinidad & Tobago addressed delegates in **Session 6: Renewables and Diversification**. She outlined developments in energy in the country and emphasised that the onus is on parliamentarians, alongside young people, civil society and international development organisations, to



President of the Senate addressing the Workshop participants

ensure the achievement of SDGs. Juan-Cruz Monticelli from the Organisation of American States outlined the work of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) initiative, which assisted governments in the deployment of renewable energy technologies. ECPA has now evolved into the Sustainable Energy Capacity Building Initiative, which is available for countries to access. The SECBI offers technical and legal assistance and support in negotiating contracts to countries wishing to diversify their energy sector. Joseph Williams, Sustainable Development Advisor, Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) next examined the role of targets in the energy sector transformation. Mr Williams called for bold policy actions from legislators, such as a 10% solar electricity generation target in all Caribbean countries, which could be supported by the CDB. Jerry Franklin, Vice President, Barbados Renewable Energy Generation (BREA), gave the perspective on renewable energy advancements from Barbados and emphasised the importance of ambitious long-term goals for policy makers in order put effective frameworks in place. Moderator Hon. Paula Gopee-Scoon MP, Minister for Trade & Industry concluded the session by sharing what had resonated with her from the discussions – that integrated Caribbean targets and regional solutions were key to progress.

3.09 **Session 7: Cutting Consumption** began with Baroness Scott, Chair of the European Union Sub-Committee on Energy & Environment lead the discussion, outlining EU legislative challenges in defining areas of responsibility. She discussed the success of EU measures in the labelling of electrical goods, which had empowered consumers with information and driven market change. Baroness Scott then gave examples of local legislative, fiscal and voluntary business action in cutting consumption. Hayden Romano, Trinidad & Tobago Environmental Management Authority (EMA) explored the role of the EMA, mandated to consolidate Trinidad & Tobago’s various energy agencies

and legislation. Mr Romano highlighted that governments do not give economic value to water, energy, biodiversity and as a result they are not prioritised in policymaking. He stressed that environmental resources must be valued in national budgets in order to effect policy change. Jerry Franklin followed on from his earlier presentation highlighting the importance of energy efficiency. Using the example of Barbados he described the significant progress made in an IDB funded Government efficiency drive providing LED bulbs to the public which has been hugely successful, producing estimated annual savings of \$2M BDS.

3.10 Day 3 of the Caribbean Regional Workshop began with a **field visit to the Savannah East project** managed by RGM, a commercial real estate development company based in Trinidad & Tobago. Delegates visited the construction site of the green office space with the CEO of RGM, the architect, project manager and various stakeholders. The project, the first of its kind on the island, employs many sustainable building features and is working toward classification as the country’s first LEED certified building.

3.11 After meeting with the project stakeholders, Senator Andre Worrell, Barbados, moderated the first afternoon session. **Session 8: SDGs and the Legislative Process.** Chris Burgess, Islands Operations Manager, Carbon War Room (CRW), talked about CRW’s mission to accelerate the adoption of energy efficiency and renewable energy across the Caribbean by providing assistance to in the form of legislative support. Mr Burgess outlined that the organisation’s first step is to bring stakeholders together to define a plan and vision before meeting with the Parliament to provide assistance. He then outlined CRW’s effective work with Montserrat as part of the 10 island challenge. Charlotte McDevitt, Executive Director of Green



Minister for Energy and Energy Industries, Trinidad & Tobago addressing delegates at the Workshop



VI, gave a non-profit perspective on renewable energy in the Virgin Islands (UK). She stressed that the organisation had worked with Government to amend legislation restricting the development of renewables in 2015. Green VI runs renewable energy demonstration projects, advocacy campaigns, awareness raising work and acts as a watchdog. It works with the government to systematically improve the current energy situation. Mark Griffith, Senior Programme Officer at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) gave a thorough overview of the work of UNEP. He highlighted three main challenges in implementing the SDGs in the Caribbean: that Multilateral Environmental Agreements signed by UN Caribbean Member States are not integrated in national legislation, that environment is not a priority policy area for Member States and that current legal and institutional environmental governance structures require reform in order to effectively implement SDGs. Dr Griffith stressed UNEP's willingness to work with Caribbean Parliamentarians in order to achieve the SDGs moving forward. Hon. Paul Lewis MP, Minister of Communication, Works & Labour, Montserrat gave his own experience of the legislative process in renewable energy development. The Minister stressed that successful implementation of legislation is the hardest part of the process, requiring support and buy in from the public, utilities, interest groups Cabinet and legislative assembly. He ended with an insightful overview of Montserrat's progress related to renewables, their support and funding from CARICOM, CRW, the EU and DfID and their ambitious but achievable target of 100% renewable generation by 2018. Senator Worrell concluded urging Members to prioritise environmental legislation if we are to take the SDGs forward.

**3.12 Session 10: Parliamentarians - SDGs and the Scrutiny Process & Split Session Exercise** examined Parliamentarians' role in SDGs and the Scrutiny Process. In small groups, participants explored the potential and the role of a Parliamentarian in legislation, scrutiny and representation. Group moderators fed back their discussions to session Chair Hon. Audwin Rutherford MP, Guyana, who summarised the potential for legislators to best engage and implement SDGs by using resources effectively, engaging stakeholders, proactively approaching international organisations for financial and technical support, and making best use of existing research and capacity.

**3.13** The final day of the Caribbean Regional Workshop began with a **Mock Committee Hearing**, chaired by Baroness Scott of Needham Market and supported by Candice Skerrette, Principal Clerk, Parliament of Trinidad & Tobago. During the two-hour session, delegates acted as Committee Members of the Mock Energy & Climate Change Committee, questioning witnesses on their work related to energy and MDGs/SDGs. The committee hearing linked to the previous day's field visit to the Savannah East Project where delegates had the opportunity to gather evidence on site. Witnesses Devanand Ragbir, RGM LEED consultant on the Savannah East Project and Rajiv Amar Jalim, Programme

Assistant on Energy, Environment & Disaster Management, UNDP answered questions on the LEED certification, financing, stakeholders and development of the Savannah East project and the potential of similar projects across the Caribbean. Questions also addressed relative costs of sustainable and conventional buildings, funding for renewable energy development, cultural barriers to cutting energy consumption in Trinidad & Tobago and the economic value of environmental resources. Committee Members went on to question witnesses on practical policies and legislation to support sustainable development and lessons the UN has learnt from the MDGs in rolling out the SDGs.

**3.14** The activity was well received by participants and the following **Session 11a: Mock Committee Debriefing** session highlighted the importance of having a range of diverse, relevant stakeholders as witnesses to give quantitative, in-depth evidence to the committee. Delegates commented on the importance of a strong Chair in keeping the inquiry on time and on topic to get required information most effectively from witnesses. The hearing also emphasised the key role of briefings, background information and pre-prepared questions in helping busy Members of Parliament ask effective questions. The session highlighted some of the common challenges across the Caribbean Participants such as the difficulties of Committee Members working together given the adversarial nature of politics.

**3.15** Participants consolidated their learning in a **World Café session** aimed at giving them the opportunity to brainstorm ideas for inclusion in the e-Handbook, which will feed into the upcoming International Parliamentary Conference on Energy, Sustainability & Development (IPC) to be held in London 14 – 17 March. Participants will receive an invitation to attend the IPC in March through their Parliament shortly.

**3.16** The Workshop Closing was led by Dr Matthew Offord, UK, who thanked participants and speakers for their contributions, the Parliament of Trinidad & Tobago for hosting the workshop and UNDP for their assistance. Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Esmond Forde concluded by urging colleagues to take their learning home and legislate effectively to advance the implementation of the SDGs.



#### **4. PRELIMINARY OUTCOMES**

- 4.01. Lessons learnt from the delivery of the Caribbean Regional Workshop will be collected and will inform the delivery of the Asia-Pacific Workshops.
- 4.02. Findings from the World Café session and the video interviews will be collected and analysed for the production of the e-handbook.
- 4.03. The drafting of an e-handbook for parliamentarians.



**MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2015 - DAY 1**

**REGISTRATION & SETTING THE SCENE**

1100-1130	<b>Participant Registration</b> - Lobby area of the Hyatt Hotel	Hyatt Hotel
1130-1200	Escort on foot to the Parliament	
1200-1300	<b>Networking Lunch</b>	
1300-1330	<b>Housekeeping &amp; Project Overview</b>	
	Matthew Salik, <i>Deputy Head of Conferences &amp; Projects, CPA UK</i>	
1330-1400	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Keynote Address</b>	
	Sen. The Hon. Christine Kangaloo, <i>President of the Senate, Parliament of Trinidad &amp; Tobago</i> Dr Matthew Offord MP ( <i>Conservative</i> ), <i>Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)</i>	
1400-1500	<b>Session 1: From MDGs towards SDGs - Background</b> A brief history of the Millennium Development Goals and their success and failures. What has been the aspiration of the new Sustainable Development Goals and what has been the process in their formation? This session will discuss the role of parliamentarians and parliaments in influencing the shape and contents of their respective national energy and development agendas as well as the implementation process.  <i>Moderator:</i> Hon. Sen. Franklin Khan, <i>Minister of Rural Development &amp; Local Government, Trinidad &amp; Tobago</i> <i>Panellists:</i> Gonzalo Pizarro, <i>Regional Policy Adviser on Poverty, MDGs and Human Development, Regional Service Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean, UNDP</i> Dr David C. Smith, <i>Coordinator of the University Consortium for Small Island States (UCSIS), Institute of Sustainable Development, UWI &amp; Coordinator, Caribbean Section of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network</i>	Arnold Thomasos Room, Level 6 Tower D, International Waterfront Centre
1500-1530	<i>Tea break (Including video interviews for selected participants)</i>	
1530-1615	<b>Session 2: SDGs in the Caribbean &amp; Americas – Current Context</b> The purpose of this session is to put the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into the Caribbean regional context of energy, sustainability and resource supply. This session will look at what international, regional and national actors have achieved so far and the next steps. Looking at the Finance for Development and COP21.  <i>Moderator:</i> Hon. Hugh Derek Taylor MP, <i>Turks &amp; Caicos Islands</i> <i>Panellists:</i> Gayatri Badri Maharaj, <i>Managing Director of the Trinidad &amp; Tobago Environmental Management Authority</i> Dr Devon Gardner, <i>Head of CARICOM Energy Unit</i>	
1615-1730	<b>Session 3: Climate Change in a Caribbean – Adaptation &amp; Mitigation</b> Small Island States are often the most negatively impacted by climate change. This session will look at the effect of natural disasters, temperature increases, sea rises, water resource management/stress and flooding and why it is essential that change occurs to adapt and mitigate the risks.  <i>Moderator:</i> Hon. Vidia Gayadeen-Gopeesingh MP, <i>Trinidad &amp; Tobago</i> <i>Panellists:</i> Patricia Shako, <i>Regional Coordinator, Global Water Partnership</i> Siana Teelucksingh, <i>Project Manager, Clinton Climate Foundation</i>	
	<i>Transport to the Dinner venue</i>	
1800-2000	<b>Welcome Dinner &amp; Reception hosted by the Sen. The Hon. Christine Kangaloo, President of the Senate, Parliament of Trinidad &amp; Tobago</b>  <i>By invitation only</i>	The Rizzoni Restaurant at Level 1, Fiesta Plaza, Movie Towne





## TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2015 - DAY 2

### ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE CARIBBEAN

0900-0915 *Escort on foot to Parliament*

Hyatt Hotel

#### 0930-1015 **Session 4: Energy Security in the Caribbean**

*"Most small Caribbean countries, particularly the Eastern Caribbean States, depend almost entirely on petroleum to supply their electricity needs - with oil and gas expenditures taking between 7 - 20 percent of a country's GDP." <sup>1</sup>*

This session will give an overview of the current state of affairs in terms of energy supply and demand in the Caribbean. How can the current extractives sector be more sustainable? How can baseload be maintained? Off Grid, Smart Grid or Super Grids? What is the impact of lower fuel costs on moving towards more sustainable energy supply?

**Moderator & Panellist:** Hon. Sen. David Small, *Trinidad & Tobago*

**Panellists:**

Victor Hart, *Steering Committee Chair, Trinidad and Tobago Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (TTEITI)*  
Dr Devon Gardner, *Head of CARICOM Energy Unit*

#### 1015-1100 **Session 4A: Energy Security in the Caribbean - Case Studies**

Following on from the previous session, three delegates will present their national case study on energy security in their locales for feedback from the collective.

**Moderator:** Hon. Sen. David Small, *Trinidad & Tobago*

**Presenters:**

**St Lucia Case Study** - Hon. Stephenson King MP, *Chair, Public Accounts Committee, Parliament of St Lucia*

**OT Case Study** - Hon. Evalie Arlene Bradley MLA, *Ministerial Assistant, Ministry of Home Affairs, Natural Resources, Lands and Physical Planning, Anguilla*

**UK Case Study** - Dr Matthew Offord MP (*Conservative*), *Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)*

Arnold Thomasos  
Room, Level 6 Tower  
D, International  
Waterfront Centre

1100-1115 *Tea break (Including video interviews for selected participants)*

#### 1115-1245 **Session 5: Financing for Energy Sustainability**

*"Greening investment at scale is a precondition for achieving sustainable growth. The investment required for the water, agriculture, telecoms, power, transport, buildings, and industrial and forestry sectors, according to current growth projections, stands at about US\$5 trillion per year to 2020."<sup>2</sup>*

This session will focus on financing for sustainability and in particular renewable energy. What are the investment opportunities currently available and how can parliamentarians create a more attractive environment for investment in renewable energy? Panellists will focus on the challenges of ensuring that financial flows to developing countries achieve the projected outcome cost-effectively. Panellists will look at the green funds available and how SIDS can better access them. What opportunities the 'Blue Economy' can provide? Can Constituency Development Funds be used to microfinance projects?

**Moderator & Panellist:** Dr David C. Smith, *Coordinator of the University Consortium for Small Island States (UCSIS), Institute of Sustainable Development, UWI & Coordinator, Caribbean Section of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network*

**Panellists:**

Dr Justin Ram, *Director, Economics, Caribbean Development Bank*  
Ronald Dubrisingh, *Managing Director, Caribbean Industrial Research Institute, Caribbean Climate Innovation Centre (CCIC)*

1245-1400 *Lunch*

1. Jorge Familiar, World Bank Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean, Jan 2015  
2. World Economic Forum Report -The Green Investment Report: The Ways and Means to Unlock Private Finance for Green Growth



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1400-1515 **Session 6: Renewables and Diversification**

This session will explore the potential of renewable energy in the Caribbean, how to transform the energy sector and the role of Parliaments in initiating change. Panellists will provide a general overview of the status of renewable energy in the Caribbean, paying special attention to ensuring good decision-making when it comes to implementing renewables policies. Panellists will have the opportunity to explore the particular experiences of policy makers, private sector and civil society stakeholders in introducing such policies.

**Moderator:** *Hon. Sen. Paula Gopee-Scoon, Minister for Trade & Industry, Trinidad & Tobago (tbc)*

**Panellists:**

Hon. Nicole Olivierre MP, *Minister of Energy and Energy Affairs, Trinidad & Tobago*

Joseph Williams, *Sustainable Energy Advisor, Caribbean Development Bank*

Juan Cruz Monticelli, *Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA),*

*Organization of American States (OAS) (via video conference)*

Jerry Franklin, *Vice President, Barbados Renewable Energy Association (BREA)*

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1515-1545 *Tea break (Including video interviews for selected participants)*

1545-1645 **Session 7: Cutting Consumption**

Although increasing supply is important to meet growing demands, there is also a need to reduce or create more sustainable consumption. This session should look at issues like, energy saving and efficiency, off-grid energy supply and Waste to Energy. What role can parliamentarians play to advocate and educate to encourage more sustainable consumption?

**Moderator & Panellist:** *Baroness Scott of Needham Market (Liberal Democrat), Chair of the European Union Sub-Committee on Energy & Environment, House of Lords*

**Panellists:**

Hayden Romano, *General Manager, Trinidad and Tobago Environmental Management Authority*

Jerry Franklin, *Vice President, Barbados Renewable Energy Association (BREA)*

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1645-1715 **Session 8: Briefing on the Field Visit and Mock Committee Hearing**

This session will be an opportunity to brief the delegates on the following:

- **Field Visit** - Adeline Dumoulin, *Projects & Programmes Manager, CPA UK & Siana Teelucksingh, Clinton Climate Foundation*
- **Mock Committee Hearing** - Matthew Salik, *Deputy Head of Conferences & Projects, CPA UK & Candice Skerrette, Principal Clerk, Trinidad & Tobago*

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1715 *Return to the Hotel (including video interviews for selected participants)*

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## WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2015 - DAY 3

### FIELD VISIT & ROLE OF THE PARLIAMENTARIAN

0930	<i>Depart from Hotel by coach</i>	Hyatt Hotel
0950-1230	<b>Field Visit - Savannah East Project</b> (a detailed itinerary will be disseminated at Session 8)	Savannah East, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago
1000-1100	Arrival followed by presentation and tour of the site	
1100-1200	Meeting followed by Q&A with developers, architects, engineers, LEED consultants and RGM	
1200-1230	Depart for Parliament	
1230-1330	<i>Lunch</i>	
1330-1445	<b>Session 9: Parliamentarians - SDGs and the Legislative Process</b>	
	<p>This session will focus on national Caribbean energy and climate change legislation. How to draft good laws and the role of parliamentarians in proposing, amending, or vetoing legislation. How can MPs ensure that legislation is SDG compliant, and how can legislation be amended in order to allow for diversification of energy sector. What support is available from external organisations?</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Hon. Sen. Andre Worrell, <i>Barbados</i></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <p>Chris Burgess, <i>Islands Operations Manager, Carbon War Room</i> (via video conferencing from Montserrat)</p> <p>Mark Griffith, <i>Senior Programme Officer, United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean</i></p> <p>Charlotte McDevitt, <i>Executive Director of Green VI</i> (via video conferencing)</p> <p>Hon. Paul Lewis MP, <i>Minister of Communication, Works &amp; Labour, Montserrat</i></p>	Arnold Thomasos Room, Level 6 Tower D, International Waterfront Centre
1445-1545	<b>Session 10: Parliamentarians - SDGs and the Scrutiny Process &amp; Split Session Exercise</b>	
	<p>One of the biggest failings to achieving change is to ensure that any legislation or policies can be effectively implemented. This session will examine the role of MPs to ensure that legislation leads to change. What role should parliamentarians play in scrutiny, monitoring and holding the executive to account. How can they ensure their governments keep to their international commitments?</p> <p>In split groups, participants will undertake an exercise in determining what constitutes being an effective legislator, scrutineer and representative.</p> <p>Each group will then present their conclusions for discussion.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Hon. Audwin Rutherford MP, <i>Guyana</i></p>	
1600	<i>Return to the Hotel (including video interviews for selected participants)</i>	





## THURSDAY 10 DECEMBER 2015 - DAY 4

### EFFECTIVE SCRUTINY & FEEDBACK

0900-0915 *Escort on foot to Parliament*

Hyatt Hotel

#### 0915-1100 **Session 11: Mock Committee Hearing**

The purpose of this session is to explore scrutiny techniques using a real-life case study from the region. Delegates will act as Committee Members. They will question witnesses (agency/NGOs/private sector) on their work related to energy and MDGs/SDGs. Participants will receive a briefing document on the topic to scrutinise during the mock Committee hearing.

The Session will assist parliamentarians in how to ask open probing questions, how to ascertain useful, relevant information. The session will conclude with a private sitting for participants to reach a conclusion.

*Chair:* Baroness Scott of Needham Market (*Liberal Democrat*), *Chair of the European Union Sub-Committee on Energy & Environment, House of Lords*

*Clerk:* Candice Skerrette, *Principal Clerk, Trinidad & Tobago*

1100-1130 *Tea break (Including video interviews for selected participants)*

#### 1130-1230 **Session 11A: Debriefing Session on the Mock Committee Hearing**

This session follows on from the mock Committee hearing. Participants will have the opportunity to share feedback and insights on the previous activity. Members will bring expertise and best practice on how to run an effective committee hearing.

*Chair:* Baroness Scott of Needham Market (*Liberal Democrat*), *Chair of the European Union Sub-Committee on Energy & Environment, House of Lords*

*Clerk:* Candice Skerrette, *Principal Clerk, Trinidad & Tobago*

*Facilitator:* Matthew Salik, *Deputy Head of Conferences & Projects, CPA UK*

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Room, Level 6 Tower  
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1230-1345 *Lunch*

#### 1345-1430 **Session 12: World Café**

The purpose of this session is to give an opportunity for participants to brainstorm ideas for inclusion in the e-Handbook. Through considering a set of questions, participants will identify how parliamentarians can implement and monitor the SDGs at the national level.

*Facilitator:* Adeline Dumoulin, *Project & Programmes Manager, CPA UK*

#### 1430-1500 **Session 13: Feedback**

#### 1500-1530 **Session 14: Closing Remarks and Next Steps**

Summary of the Workshop and next steps.

Dr Matthew Offord MP (*Conservative*), *Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)*

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1530 *Close - Including tea break*

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