

ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECS)



Sustainable Energy and NDC Implementation In the Caribbean

**CARIBBEAN WORKSHOP ON “RENEWABLE ENERGY IN SMALL ISLANDS
DEVELOPING STATES: HOW TO STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE AND
ACCELERATE RENEWABLE ENERGY DEPLOYMENT?”**

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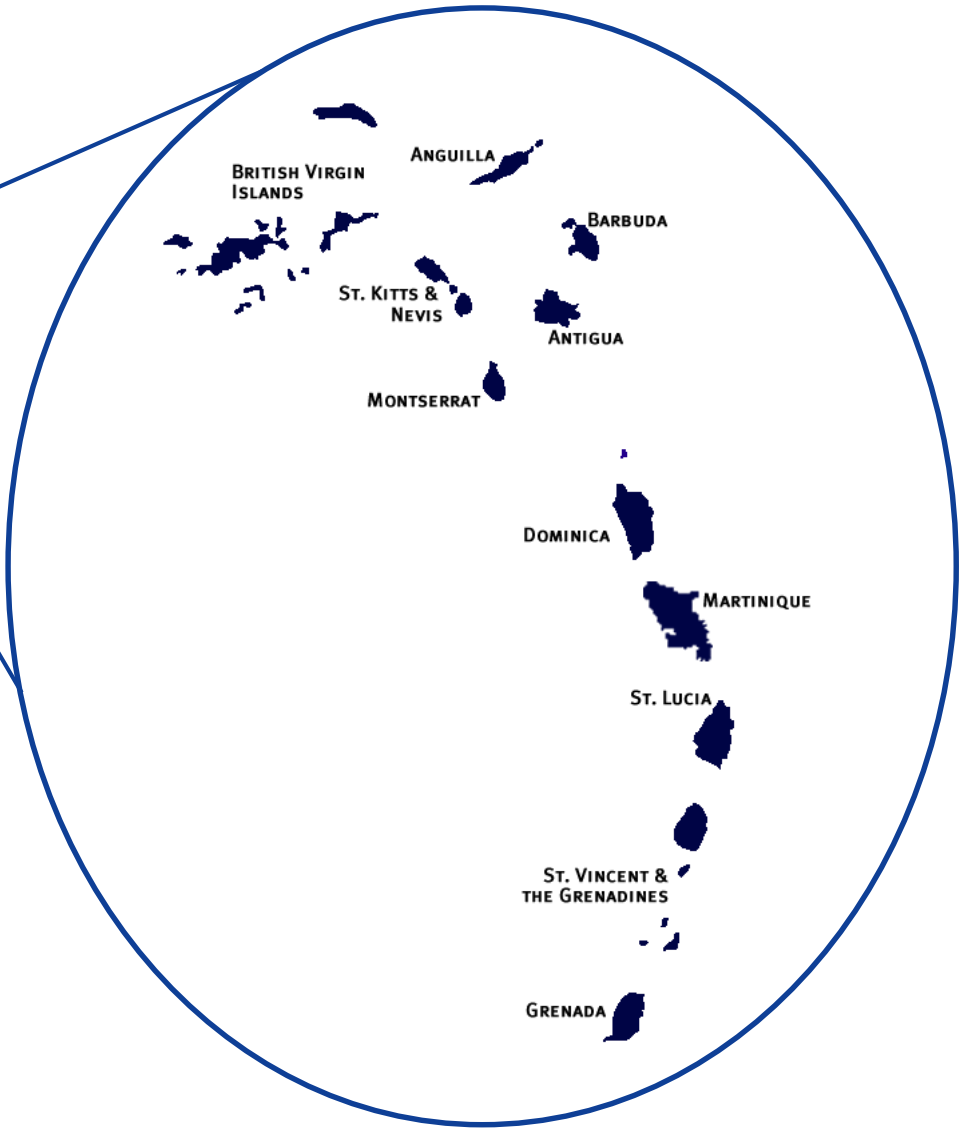
INTRODUCTION – OECS MEMBER STATES



- 7 Full Member States



- 3 Associate Member States





The OECS Mandate

- Established to promote co-operation among the Member States and at the regional and international levels under Revised Treaty of Basseterre .
- Creation of the economic Union as a single economic and financial space. (includes harmonization of policy in environment and trade)
- Sustainable Energy and Climate Change have been identified as a key areas of the “OECS Growth and Development Strategy”
- The Commission is responsible for carrying out the work programmes of the OECS



OECS Energy Work Programme

Priority Areas include:

- Energy Policy and Regulation
- Renewable Energy including Geothermal Energy
- Energy Efficiency in Buildings
- Sustainable Transport
- Energy and Tourism
- Energy and Climate Change Mitigation
- Energy Resilience



Energy and the NDCs

- Sustainable Energy play a major role in the Caribbean SIDS NDCs e.g renewable energy, energy efficiency and transportation
- Energy related NDCs are cross-cutting and provide opportunities for overall national development
- Support both Climate Change mitigation and adaptation





OECS Support for NDC Implementation

The 4th OECS Council of Ministers on Environmental Sustainability (COMES4) in 2017:

- Noted the potential benefits of a collective and strategic sub-regional approach to NDC implementation;
- Endorsed the Commission's efforts to pursue and secure technical and financial support for NDC implementation within the OECS, including through the convening of a regional NDC Forum;



The Caribbean NDC Finance Initiative(NDCFI)

- In 2017, the OECS and the Government of Saint Lucia, in partnership with the UNFCCC, with kind initial support from GIZ and under the auspices of the NDC Partnership, embarked on an initiative to accelerate NDC implementation –the **Caribbean NDCFI**
- A Kick-off Meeting was held in Saint Lucia from September 18-19, 2017
- The initiative was also presented during a CARICOM side event held at COP 23 in November 2017.



Caribbean NDCFI

- Planned as a two to three year process (2018-2020)
- Serving as a regional open platform welcoming active engagement (“plug-n’-play”) and contributions from interested countries, development partners, development banks and private and financial sector stakeholders.
- Seeks to catalyse investments in more resilient and low-carbon infrastructure sectors identified as priorities in the NDCs



NDCFI Working Groups

- Working Groups (WGs) have been formed on Energy, Water, and Critical Infrastructure ahead of the 2018 Forum
- The WGs met virtually in the lead-up to the Forum and provided a situational analysis and practical examples to illustrate success factors and identify concrete areas where action and/or support are needed to accelerate NDC implementation
- The WGs are currently working on key focus areas for their further work with the aim of focusing on concrete action on capacity building, policy harmonization, the development of investible projects spanning multiple countries, and peer learning needs and opportunities



NDC Investment Forum

Objectives:

- Generate a roadmap for NDC implementation and investment until 2020; ii.
- Identify and validate key NDC investment sectors/sub-sectors;
- Address implementation barriers and processes for updating NDCs
- Identify and engage development partners to support NDC implementation
- Establish a network of sector experts, development partners, potential investors and other stakeholders with a view to building new partnerships and catalysing investments.



1st NDCFI Investment Forum

- 130 participants from the OECS, the wider Caribbean, and beyond
- Engagement process and non-traditional dialogue across key stakeholder groups and sectors
- Garnered high-level commitment with significant ministerial and other high-level participation and a Ministerial Declaration



11th -12th October 2018, saint Lucia



2019 Roadmap for the NDCFI

- Continue, expand and enhance the NDCFI WG process
- Build capacity within the public and private sectors
- Improve national and regional policy and legislative environments
- Support baseline development and national planning
- Develop project portfolios and an NDCFI marketplace to connect projects with available money
- Explore opportunities for alignment with efforts to implement the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol to accelerate climate action in the Caribbean
- Convene a 2nd NDCFI Forum in the 4th quarter of 2019



Thank You

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