

Scoping Mission on a Regional Policy and Strategy on Energy Efficiency in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

Background

The EUEI PDF (EU Energy Initiative Partnership Dialogue Facility) is an instrument of the European Commission and six EU Member States aiming at supporting partner countries and regions across Africa, Southeast Asia, Latin America and the Pacific in developing policies and strategies for the promotion of sustainable energy.

The Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) share a number of challenges and disadvantages in their sustainable development. Energy intensity of the Caribbean is the highest among regions in the world. Inefficiencies continue to impact the way in which countries produce transmit and use energy with generation efficiencies up to 40% and transmission/distribution losses typically around 20%.

There are large opportunities for improvements in the efficiency of the power systems through distributed generation and mini grids systems. In terms of energy end use, the potential for energy efficiency investments in residential, commercial and public buildings, as well as key economic sectors such as agriculture and tourism, is immense.

Even though the energy efficiency potential within the region is great, it is yet not fully reflected in the energy policy and regulation. Only a few countries have approved national targets on energy efficiency. A detailed regional strategy on energy efficiency, which considers all elements of energy service supply chain – from supply to delivery and end use – for both electricity and fuels, can provide direction and orientation to CARICOM Member States.

In this framework, the CARICOM Secretariat has requested the EUEI PDF to provide technical assistance to develop a regional policy and strategy on energy efficiency for the CARICOM Member States.

Objective

The objective of this scoping mission is to study regulatory and economic environment in the CARICOM region for the development of an energy efficiency policy and strategy as well as to define the scope and workplan of the project.

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Project description

Project implementation will comprise following activities:

- ▶ Analysis of existing legal documents and regulations, policies, strategies and action plans, with a special focus on energy efficiency.
- ▶ Identification of key stakeholders with which to have meetings during the scoping mission.
- ▶ Meeting to member countries of the Caribbean Community in order to identify and consult local stakeholders, select priority countries and topics, identify gaps, as well as to agree on overall principles for a regional energy efficiency policy and strategy. Interviews and consultation sessions with stakeholders will be held in person in Jamaica, Barbados and Saint Kitts, during CARILEC Renewable Energy Conference 2016 or on the phone.
- ▶ Scoping mission report containing current conditions in the energy sector of CARICOM, description of stakeholder framework as well as scope and workplan for the development of a policy and strategy on energy efficiency for the CARICOM Member States.

Partners

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