Initiative Description and Objectives

In support of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas, the Organization of American States’ Department of Sustainable Development (OAS/DSD) with a grant from the U.S. Department of State has launched a program (2010-2013) to facilitate regional dialogue and assist Caribbean governments promote and implement sustainable energy policies and programs. Through this program, short-term legal counsel and technical assistance is provided to support commercialization of government endorsed energy projects consistent with ECPA’s focus areas of renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy poverty, and infrastructure. Furthermore, the program will facilitate regional dialogue on long-term sustainable energy solutions.

Objectives

- Support regional dialogue among Caribbean energy ministers and institutions, donor governments and institutions, regional entities as CARICOM, CARILEC and the OECS, and civil society to explore long-term Caribbean energy security challenges and sustainable energy solutions;
- Facilitate Caribbean governments in accessing legal, policy, and technical experts that may be deployed on short to medium-term assignments to advise them on clean and renewable energy technologies and support commercialization of government endorsed energy projects as needs arise;
- Provide a mentoring and training program to allow international experts associated with this program transfer skills to their counterparts, civil society, research institutes and universities in the region to increase capacity in sustainable energy development; and
- Create linkages between the project development community in the Caribbean and multilateral and bilateral investment organizations to facilitate project opportunities.

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