

# NDC Finance Initiative for the Caribbean (NDCFI)

## Caribbean Climate Leadership: Accelerating NDC Implementation

**NDCFI Forum**  
**11-12 October 2018, Saint Lucia**

### AGENDA

#### DAY ONE: PRACTITIONERS DIALOGUE

The first day of the NDCFI Forum brings together practitioners and technical experts from public agencies, regional initiatives, international partners, key sectors, and businesses from across the OECS and the wider Caribbean Community. The focus will be on practical discussions of challenges and opportunities for catalyzing investments and mobilizing the private sector in the transformation to resilient, low-carbon economies in the Caribbean.

#### **08:00 Registration opens**

**09:00 Welcome Remarks:** Department of Sustainable Development, Saint Lucia

#### **09:10 Caribbean Climate Leadership: Accelerating NDC Implementation**

Representatives from key partners in the NDCFI set the stage for the Forum by sharing their ambitions for supporting climate leadership in the Caribbean and strategies for catalyzing investment to accelerate NDC implementation. Key outcomes from the preceding NDC Dialogue will be shared, plans for the NDCFI outlined, and expectations for the Forum addressed.

#### **Panelists:**

- Chamberlain Emmanuel, OECS (Chair)
- Ana Bucher, World Bank
- Derek Gibbs, CDB
- Sean Gilbert, NDC Partnership
- Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC
- James Vener, UNDP
- Baptiste Chatré, GIZ

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*10:40 Break*

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## 11:00 Sector profiles and country snapshots

Energy (including transport), water and other critical public infrastructure have been identified as priority sectors for climate action in the Caribbean. Working groups have been convened among OECS Member Countries to provide a situational analysis of key sectors for NDC implementation. They have identified gaps and challenges for accelerating NDC implementation as well as processes and methods that can be replicated or flagged as lessons learned. A brief synopsis on each of the sectors will be followed by a series of practical examples from OECS Member Countries and beyond. The session will provide an overview of country profiles in key sectors for NDC implementation. Case examples illustrate success factors as well as concrete areas where action and/or support are needed.

### Working Group chairs and session moderators:

- Annette Rattigan-Leo, Department of Sustainable Development, Saint Lucia
- Judith Ephraim, OECS
- Deborah Bushell, OECS

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12:30 Lunch

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## 13:30 Effective strategies and practical approaches to accelerate NDC implementation

Parallel sessions offer a closer look at opportunities for linking renewable energy projects to financing opportunities; linkages between mitigation and adaptation approaches; and project development and data collection. Each session will be summarized briefly in the plenary to help participants make a choice and share key points with all participants.

<p><b>GET.invest Finance Catalyst: Making energy companies and projects investible</b></p> <p>The GET.invest Finance Catalyst supports clean energy private companies and project developers to access funding, through coaching and linking projects with funding opportunities. Based on experience in similar emerging markets, it is currently exploring</p>	<p><b>Climate Financing: Linkages between mitigation and adaptation approaches in the energy sector</b></p> <p>Insights from GIZ's SPA program on developing a common understanding of the linkages between adaptation and mitigation approaches in the energy sector in order to create resilient</p>	<p><b>SOURCE: Infrastructure project development and project data collection platform</b></p> <p>Collector and repository of project data covering legal, governance, economic, financial, technical and ESG dimensions</p>
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options for adding value in the Caribbean region.	and reliable energy systems.	
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### 14:45 Plenary Discussion

All participants are invited to share feedback, examples, thoughts and ideas on applying lessons learnt and opportunities for further engagement.

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### 15:15 Break

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### 15:30-16:45 Business solutions to NDC implementation challenges

International agreements, policy initiatives, and urgent demand for investments in the development of low-carbon, climate resilient economies put ambitions for climate leadership on the agenda of businesses across the Caribbean. This session will focus on business opportunities in the transition to a resilient, low-carbon future.

**16:45-17:45 Table Discussions** to distill results for input to high-level section and to inform next steps for the NDCFI process in 2019 and 2020:

- Collect inputs on challenges and distill inputs on institutional and policy related barriers and recommendations for the high-level segment
- Collect inputs on opportunities and potential mechanisms to pursue ambitions for climate leadership at a regional level
- Collect inputs on support needed to generate more bankable projects in key infrastructure sectors that contribute to accelerating NDC implementation
- Collect information on further case examples, experience, ongoing initiatives, and contacts for engagement

### 17:45-18:00 Closing Day One and Outlook Day Two

### 19:00: Reception

## DAY TWO: HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT

Following a day of practical deliberations, day two of the NDCFI Forum marks the high-level segment to formally launch the initiative and issue a regional declaration on ambitions for NDC implementation and climate leadership in the Caribbean.

### 8:00 Registration opens

**9:00 Welcome:** Hon. Dr. Gale Rigobert, Minister of Sustainable Development, Saint Lucia

**9:10 Opening Remarks:** H.E. Holger Michael, Ambassador, Federal Republic of Germany

**9:20 Experiences from the Pacific:** H.E. Anton Ojala, High Commissioner to Barbados and High Commissioner-designate for St Lucia and the OECS

**9:35 Keynote Video Message:** President Bill Clinton (tbc)

**9:45 Welcome Remarks:** H.E. Dr. Didacus Jules, Director General, OECS

**9:55 Feature Remarks:** Prime Minister Designee

### 10:10 NDCFI Launch

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*10:20 Break*

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### 10:40 Caribbean Climate Leadership: Accelerating NDC Implementation

Opening panel with representatives from key partners in the NDCFI and leading Financial Institutions in the region. Panelists discuss key outcomes from the first day of the Forum and set the stage for the high-level segment.

#### Panelists:

- Chamberlain Emmanuel, OECS (Chair)
- Koffi Ekouevi, World Bank
- Derek Gibbs, CDB
- Sean Gilbert, NDC Partnership
- Bernd Hackmann, UNFCCC
- Verena Blickwede, GIZ

## **11:40 Fostering Private Sector Engagement and Market Development for NDC Implementation**

High-level panel discussion on barriers to increasing investments in resilient, low-carbon infrastructure projects, business opportunities and visions for climate leadership in the Caribbean, and opportunities to activate the innovative and financial potential of the private sector for accelerating the transition to resilient, low-carbon economies in the Caribbean.

### **Panelists:**

- Dr. Cletus Bertin, Executive Director, CARILEC
- Gillian Charles-Gollop, Executive Director, Corporate Finance & Advisory, CIBC First Caribbean
- Dr. Frederick N. Isaac, Executive Chairman, EACT

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*13:10 Lunch and Ministerial Caucus*

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## **14:40 Caribbean NDC Blue Print: Regional and International Cooperation for NDC Implementation in the Caribbean**

Most OECS and other Caribbean Parties to the Paris Agreement have communicated that their NDCs are partly or wholly conditional on the receipt of external support. Mobilizing financial support and catalyzing climate investment in the Caribbean will therefore be essential to accelerating NDC implementation in the region. In this session, the strategy and planning for the NDCFI in 2019 and beyond will be discussed. Ministers and representatives from Development Partners will engage in a dialogue on regional and international cooperation for NDC implementation in the Caribbean.

## **16:10 Declaration on ambitions for NDC implementation and climate leadership in the Caribbean**

## **16:30 Closing**