



Business in Climate: Partnering and Investing in Resilient Economies: NDCFI Webinar

Date: Wednesday 27th May 2020 - 10:00 – 11:30 AM (St. Lucia time)

Background

Increasing extreme climate-related impacts, international agreements and urgent demand for investments in **resilient low-carbon economies** have put **ambitions for climate leadership on the Caribbean agenda**. Meanwhile, the speed and intensity with which the COVID 19 pandemic has impacted individuals, communities, businesses, economies, and governments worldwide has called for urgent action across the board. The response has, and will continue to, demand **immense resources** and comes with huge challenges, especially for small, tourism-dependent economies with limited fiscal room to manoeuvre.

While the long-term impacts of the Covid-19 crisis remain uncertain, the climate crisis will not go away and investments in climate-resilient low-carbon economies remain urgent. Effectively tapping international climate finance, as well as **mobilizing private capital for climate investments** will be essential to implementing and accelerating the commitments made in the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) that are at the heart of the Paris Climate Agreement. A **proactive dialogue between governments, international partners, and key private sector actors** is central to advancing and accelerating NDC implementation, while weathering the storms of a global health crisis and its socioeconomic impacts in the Caribbean.

Webinar Objectives

Join us on **27 May 2020 at 10-11:30 am** to explore and better understand:

- The context and rationale for implementing increasingly ambitious climate commitments in the Caribbean,
- The business case for investing in the development of low-carbon, climate-resilient economies in the Caribbean, especially in the context of a green recovery from the impacts of the global pandemic.
- Investment opportunities related to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) made under the Paris Climate Agreement, and complimentary climate action
- Opportunities to build back better by aligning COVID 19 crisis action and recovery plans with urgent investments in low-carbon, climate resilient economies

Target Audience

Business leaders, investors, enterprises large and small, ranging from finance and insurance entities to energy developers and energy service companies; public and private infrastructure developers; public utility companies; climate focal points; government agencies; development partners.

PROGRAMME

Time	Topic	Panelist
5 min	Opening Remarks	Chamberlain Emmanuel-OECS Commission
10 min	What are NDCs and how did we get them?	Leon D. Charles, Charles and Associates, Inc.
10 min	An overview of OECS NDCs	Crispin d’Auvergne, OECS Commission
10 min	The Caribbean NDC Finance Initiative (NDCFI)	Annette Rattigan-Leo, Government of Saint Lucia
25 min	Opportunities for participation/investment in regional NDCs and wider climate action	Racquel Moses, Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator
20 min	Q & A	Moderated Session
5 min	Sneak Peak - Upcoming B2B Session	Alexander Huppertz, GET.invest
5 min	Closing Remarks	Moderator

SPEAKERS



Racquel Moses, CEO, Caribbean Climate Smart Accelerator

Leon D. Charles, Charles & Associates, Inc.

Annette Rattigan-Leo, Chief Sustainable Development & Environment Officer, Government of Saint Lucia

Alexander Huppertz, Project Manager GET.invest

Chamberlain Emmanuel, Head, Environmental Sustainability, Division, OECS Commission

Crispin d’Auvergne, Programme Director, Climate & Disaster Resilience, OECS Commission

Leena Wokeck, FutureWays /GIZ Consultant on NDCFI (Moderator)

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