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LOW CARBON COMMUNITIES IN THE CARIBBEAN (LCCC) REGIONAL ENERGY AUDITING WORKSHOP

The Organization of American States through its EU funded Caribbean Sustainable Energy Program (CSEP) in partnership with U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and the Caribbean Association of Electric Utilities (CARILEC) conducted a four-day, regional energy-auditing workshop at the Coco-Palm Resort in Rodney Bay St. Lucia from August 24 to 27, 2010. The twenty-nine attendees included government officials, members of CARILEC, as well as representatives of the education, and tourism sectors from Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and other Caribbean nations.



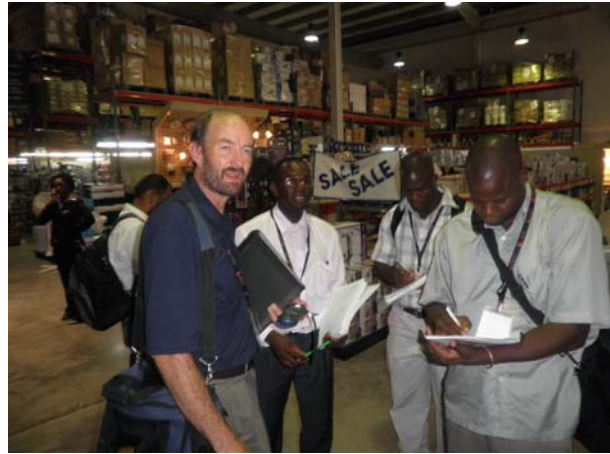
The Low-Carbon Communities in the Caribbean (LCCC) initiative is a collaboration between the US Department of Energy and Organization of the Americas States under the Energy and Climate Change Partnership of the Americas (ECPA). The ECPA was announced during the 5th Summit of the Americas held in April 2009 in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, where thirty-four heads of state gathered to discuss energy development challenges in the Western Hemisphere.

The objective of ECPA initiative is to enable participating countries to implement actions and strategies geared towards increasing the sustainability of their energy supplies while reducing carbon emissions from the energy sector through the development and use of renewable energy and energy efficiency systems. The Energy Auditing workshop co-funded by the OAS's Caribbean Sustainable Energy Program provided fundamental knowledge to strengthen the capacity to carry out energy audits and recommend efficiency measures for public, commercial, and

hotel buildings. The workshop explored all major aspects of energy use, energy systems and technologies, energy conservation measures, energy auditing methodology, and hands-on building energy assessments involving on-site data collection and energy modeling tools.



Jesse Dean (NREL) and Mr. Clarke (GEA)



Otto van Geet (NREL) and participants during walkthroughs

Additional regional training and auditing of selected buildings is planned at national level by December 2010. These national activities will be led by the representatives who attended the regional workshop in Saint Lucia, in coordination with the Ministry responsible for Energy of each country and the CSEP Regional Coordination Unit (CSEP-RCU) based in Saint Lucia.

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