

## Caribbean Cooperative MRV Hub

Two page summary

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| <b>Geographic Scope:</b>      | 12 Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries   |
| <b>Support Area:</b>          | Mitigation capacity-building, focused on MRV and GHG projections   |
| <b>Project duration:</b>      | 5 years, August 2018 through July 2023   |
| <b>Implementing Partners:</b> | Greenhouse Gas Management Institute (GHGMI)<br>Regional Collaboration Centre of the UNFCCC, St. George's University, Grenada (STG-RCC)<br>UNDP/UNEP Global Support Programme (GSP) |
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### Summary description:

The Caribbean Cooperative MRV Hub (the Hub) will empower English-speaking CARICOM countries to efficiently develop GHG inventories, mitigation assessments, and track NDCs.

The Hub is a sustainable and country-driven partnership that enables Caribbean countries to cooperate on technical challenges underlying climate change mitigation. The Hub will foster regional technical excellence and generate stronger policy-relevant carbon accounting. A key design feature of the Hub is that country experts and Hub staff will function as a true learning and mentoring cooperative.

### Outcome and activities:

The outcome of the Hub is enhanced and sustainable technical greenhouse gas capacity for domestic policymaking and national reporting to the UNFCCC.

Planned activities include:

- a) Establishing and operating the Hub, based at St. George's University, Grenada with digital coordination systems,
- b) Convening a country steering committee,
- c) Conducting greenhouse gas capacity needs assessments,
- d) Mentoring and training Caribbean experts, including expert mentoring trips for country-specific technical issues,
- e) Multi-country "working sessions" at the Hub, with collaborative work on specific sectors and issues,
- f) Co-developing streamlined MRV and projections tools and guidance,
- g) Co-producing transparent MRV and mitigation projection outputs, which countries may use or modify as suits their needs, and
- h) Developing frameworks for Hub sustainability and improvement to continually fit country needs.

**Country participation:**

Participating countries are Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, the Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago.

**Innovative model for technical work:**

This project's central innovation is the MRV Hub model of regionally pooling institutional arrangements and human expertise in a multi-country cooperative model to enhance GHG reporting outcomes and projections. This will create economies of scale to develop more and better country experts, enhanced reporting outcomes, and ultimately stronger climate change management approaches for reduced cost and time.

**Country-owned and tailored to national priorities:**

The Hub is designed as a country-driven technical assistance project. Participating countries will select the technical work they wish to conduct through the Hub. Distinct mechanisms to ensure country ownership are programmed into the structure of the Hub. These include Memoranda of Understanding, a steering committee, capacity needs assessments, voluntary participation in capacity-building activities, and country-designated focal points. Coupled with proactive outreach by Hub staff, these mechanisms will allow countries to guide the direction of the Hub, ensure the nationally-appropriate participation of experts, and guarantee that Hub outputs truly address country needs.

The work performed through the Hub will be driven by national strategies and policy goals. National priorities will be determined through rigorous needs and priorities assessments in consultation with country stakeholders.

**Empowering national experts:**

The work of the Hub will be carried out first and foremost by national experts. Country-nominated national experts and mentors will co-develop institutional arrangements, prepare national data, estimate emissions, develop projections, and draft content for policymaking and international reporting.

The Hub will not diminish the critical role of national technical experts. Rather, the Hub will expand the number and increase the specialization of these experts. As a regional cooperative, the Hub will provide expert training, mentoring, and institutional support to further enhance country technical work. The Hub will help to "fill in the gaps" where needed and empower national experts to expand and improve their MRV outputs.

**Sustainability and up-scaling:**

The Hub will be structured for long-term sustainability beyond the duration of the project, including processes for iterative improvement. The Hub, a cost-effective, regional approach to cooperatively prepare data and reporting, will be documented in an MRV Hub Framework so that countries may continue Hub operations, if they so choose.

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