

Presentation from Trinidad and Tobago

The presentation from Trinidad and Tobago focused on public education on climate change issues. It showcased the various organisations that conduct climate change education initiatives in Trinidad and Tobago. These include: the Environmental Management Authority (a government agency), the Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago (oil industry), the Pointe-a-Pierre Wild Fowl Trust in Trinidad, and the Buccoo Reef Trust in Tobago (NGOs).

The Environmental Management Authority (EMA) deals with many different audiences and tailors information to suit the needs of its different stakeholders. Climate Change education is disseminated to schools (both primary and secondary levels) as well as to tertiary institutions. The EMA is the focal point for the GLOBE Program in Trinidad and Tobago and slides on the work that students are doing for this programme were shown.

Coastal communities, which are particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, were also captured in this presentation. Information materials on climate change have been developed and these materials, as well as the various groups to whom these materials are distributed were highlighted.

Mention was also made of the need to begin climate change education at the very early stages in a child's life. In this regard, the presentation also highlighted an environmental game which had been adapted to show the effects of climate change.