

Energy transition for Caribbean countries
RCC Panama - Dominican Republic (21 and 22 May)



“The Congress on Energy Transition and Climate Change in the Caribbean”, attended by more than 700 representatives of the public and private sector from the Caribbean and Latin-American region, had the objective to raise awareness to public and private institutions on the benefits and experiences in the development of renewable energies and the relationship between the generation of energy and climate change.

The Congress was organized by the government of the Dominican Republic and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) within the International Climate Initiative (IKI) who is financing the “Technical Assistance Programme for Sustainable Energy in the Caribbean” (TAPSEC) that is being implemented by the CARICOM Secretariat and the Ministry of Energy and Mines in the Dominican Republic.

Minister of Energy and Mines of the Dominican Republic, H.E. Antonio Isa Conde called for building an efficient, competitive and environmentally sustainable electricity sector, taking advantage of the energy transition process based on the diversification of the generation matrix and the planning of demand with a special focus on renewable energies. "The environmental challenges we have are enormous and must be addressed to ensure the survival of the planet, the continuity of life, the quality of life of our children and grandchildren and in this aspect the energy transition is fundamental," said Isa Conde.

The RCC Panama delivered the first presentation to the congress entitled "Challenges of Climate Change in the Caribbean and its Relation to Renewable Energies (RE)" which included an overview of COP24 outcomes and highlighted the need to increase ambitions on NDC targets. The presentation also highlighted how this can be translated into opportunities to transform the energy sector into a more climate friendly and sustainable sector in the long term.

RCC Panama and the Council of Climate Change and CDM, also organized a side event called “Development of Renewable Energy” where RCC Panama presented how carbon neutrality, at all levels, could facilitate the transition to a low carbon energy sector, with a particular emphasis on the use of the Climate Neutral Now platform and the potential of CDM projects in Dominican Republic to deliver reliable GHG emission reductions for this purpose. The event was attended by approx. 30 persons from diverse institutions.

As a result of the participation in both the congress and the side event, RCC Panama, in collaboration with the Council of Climate Change and CDM, has started a conversation about the use of the CNN platform with three CDM projects. RCC Panama and RDU are also currently supporting the Council of Climate Change and CDM with the development and approval of the Grid Emission factor standardized baseline, and support will be provided to the GIZ office with the elaboration of a GHG inventory for the energy sector.

More information [available here](#)