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EU-Caribbean Sustainable Energy Conference – 10 & 11 October

The European Union is expected to sign support programmes in renewable energy with Caribbean countries and the CARICOM Secretariat when the EU-Caribbean Sustainable Energy Conference takes place in Barbados on 10 and 11 October at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre.

European Union Commissioner for International Co-operation and Development, Neven Mimica will host the conference, a highlight of which will be the signing of a joint declaration between the European Union, the European Investment Bank and the Caribbean Forum of Countries (CARIFORUM – CARICOM plus the Dominican Republic) on reinforced co-operation in the field of sustainable energy.

The conference is designed to foster partnerships between the EU, the Caribbean, development partners and the private sector. The event is also expected to leverage investments towards achieving the region's ambitious renewable energy goals.

Presentations will be made with regards to the latest policy developments in the Caribbean that support increase investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency; new financing agreements that help unlock renewable energy investments, such as the new Electrification Financing Initiative ElectriFi; as well as showcasing innovative technological solutions specifically designed for renewable energy on islands.

There will also be a Business Opportunity Forum which will highlight key areas of interest, especially for the private sector in investing in renewable energy as well as energy efficiency. The forum will also include business to business meetings and an exhibition.

Discussion will be structured around opportunities for investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency in the Caribbean; best practice examples in the Caribbean and the EU will be showcased, focussing on an improved regulatory framework, new financing mechanisms and specific technologies suited to an island context.

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