

Global Climate Change Alliance Plus Trinidad and Tobago

“Support to the Implementation of Trinidad and Tobago’s Nationally Determined Contribution”

BRASSO SECO PARIA VISITOR FACILITY



In the heart of the Northern Range in Trinidad, just 45 minutes away from the town of Arima and 7.5 miles (by hike) to the Paria Waterfall, is the community of Brasso Seco. A thriving village of approximately 300, it sits amid rich green forested mountains. The residents of this picturesque community proudly preserve and promote the traditions handed down to them as descendants of the native peoples.

The Brasso Seco Paria Tourism Action Committee (TAC) has created a unique experiential environment where visitors can enjoy the by-products of local crops. Acres of christophene vines adorn the hills as you enter the village where farming is a way of life, and at the Brasso Seco Paria Visitor Facility, one can enjoy nature's bounty. Coffee and cocoa products of the Brasso Seco Chocolate Company are a main feature available for sale along with traditional smoked meats, pastelles, locally grown vegetables and handicraft.

The Visitor Facility is a multi-purpose building where various community events are held - visitors attend market days to access local produce, and children are often to be found doing after-school classes. The facility and the community are however, plagued by frequent power outages, due to fluctuations in the supply. The area is also subject to bouts of adverse weather that also impact the supply of electricity when trees fall and bring down overhead lines.

Already in tune with the benefits of harnessing what nature has to offer, the community of Brasso Seco is eager to benefit from the installation of a solar PV system to help regularize the supply of electricity to the Visitor Facility. In addition to sustaining planned activities, the members of the TAC would like to see this installation as benefitting the village in other ways, for example, to augment the availability of health and wellness facilities and to provide a stop-in center where villagers can charge their phones and mobile devices.

President of the Brasso Seco Paria TAC, Mr. Francis Francois is grateful to the European Union for funding the solar installation and to the Ministry of Planning and Development and the UNDP for selecting the Visitor Facility as a recipient of the project. He said, *“Brasso Seco welcomes the opportunity to bring solar energy into our community – as farmers, we are all too aware of the impact of climate change and are happy to do our part to reduce carbon emissions”*.



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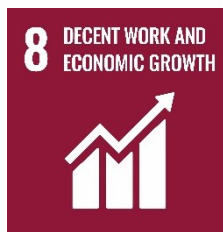
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TECHNICAL SPECS:

Site Name	Brasso Seco Paria Visitor Facility
Load Characteristics	Small Commerical Kitchen
PV system size	5 kW
Estimate Annual Energy Production (kWh)	8764
Estimated CO ₂ Emissions avoided annually (kg of CO ₂).	5714.7
Core Business	Tourism and Community Activities

ALIGNMENT TO SUSTAINABLE GOALS (SDGs):



<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>

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