KEEPS THE LIGHTS ON -
A ROUNDTABLE ON GREENING THE CARIBBEAN HOTEL INDUSTRY

Developing a path to empowering the Caribbean hotel industry toward energy self-sufficiency

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9:00 am - 9:15 am
Welcome and Introduction
Overview of current state of energy use in the Caribbean hotel industry illustrating high electricity prices and constraints related to supply and infrastructure.

9:15 am – 10:15 am
Session 1: Current Clean Energy Programs in the Caribbean Hospitality Sector

Speakers will discuss efforts underway within the hospitality industry to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy technology solutions.

• How is the industry approaching RE/EE? Is there a coordinated effort, or are individual properties deploying technology on their own?
• What are hotels during currently (retrofits and new construction)?
• What are seen as the impediments/barriers to using energy efficiency and renewable technologies in the hotel market?

10:15 am – 10:30 am
Break

10:30 am - 11:30 am
Session 2: The Regulatory Environment/Policy Dynamic on Energy in Tourism

Speakers will address the existing efforts underway by governments to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy technology solutions and impact/relevance for the hospitality sector.
• What, if any, are the efforts underway on a national or regional level to deploy energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions and technology (e.g. smart grids) in the tourism industry and hotel sector?
• What is the discussion dynamic on energy efficiency and renewable energy between tourism and energy ministries in the region and is the private sector actively involved?
• What are seen as the policy/regulatory options to expanding energy efficiency and renewable technology in the hotel sector?
• What are the key impediments (education/financial) to transitioning to clean energy?

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Session 3: Financial Solutions and Quantifying the Benefits

Speakers will address the existing efforts underway by lenders (banks and multilateral organizations) to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy technology solutions in the tourism industry and hotel sector, as well as quantify the benefits from energy savings.
• How can you finance the energy efficiency and renewable energy technology/equipment?
• What incentives are currently offered to businesses and suppliers (government and banking)?
• What financial incentives are available? Are there other incentives (vs. subsidies) that can be implemented by governments to encourage the tourism industry transition to energy efficiency and renewable energy?
• How can you quantify the energy and cost benefits?

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm
Summary in Brief and Next Steps

Moderator(s) will summarize the discussions of the event, as well as guide a pointed discussion to identify stakeholders committed to the issues, and the creation of a steering committee to help guide the agenda for future activities.