

## **CARICOM Observes Energy Week 2011**

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Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member States will observe CARICOM Energy Week from 6 – 12 November 2011, as part of the initiatives to raise awareness of the critical importance of energy to economic development.

Member States have created their own themes for the Week which are derivatives of the general regional theme of **Clean, Low Carbon, Sustainable and Secure Energy Future**. The programme for CARICOM Energy Week will vary in Member States but will cover activities such as sustainable energy exhibitions, symposia, televised panel discussions, distribution of brochures, flyers and posters, televised documentaries on sustainable energy, seminars, workshops, essay and debating competitions, quizzes, science and technology fairs, and tours.

A major focus of Energy Week will be on increasing awareness of the citizenry of the Community so that they can become better stewards in the utilization of various forms of energy. Energy Week will also seek to increase awareness about the important role for clean and renewable energy in the context of global trends and the realities in CARICOM.

It is also anticipated that Energy Week will provide an important platform for engaging key stakeholders and establishing dialogues on the many challenging aspects of energy policy options for Member States.

The staging of CARICOM Energy Week as an annual event is as a result of a decision taken at the Thirty-Fifth Special Meeting of the Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) on Energy held in Georgetown on 22-24 March 2011. CARICOM Energy Ministers agreed that CARICOM Energy Week would be staged from 6-12 November 2011, and in subsequent years, during the second week of November each year.

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