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## **UVI Partners with Government Agencies to Celebrate Earth Day 2021**

In honor and celebration of Earth Day 2021, the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI), the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (VIDPNR), the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority (VIWMA), and the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) are co-hosting a series of webinars and community conversations about solid waste and the Territory's plans and progress towards lifecycle assessment (LCA), sustainable materials management (SMM) and zero waste (ZW).

The webinars will explore how the community can reduce, reuse, resell, repair, repurpose, and recycle all the materials generated in the Territory. The presentations will explore options to capture, rather than waste, the value of the embedded natural resources and energy in the materials currently being disposed, and highlight opportunities to capitalize on this approach to create green jobs, build a green economy, and help develop a resilient and sustainable future for the Virgin Islands.

The events take place each Wednesday during the month of May on the following dates:

For more information and to register for events, please visit [www.cgtc-usvi.com](http://www.cgtc-usvi.com)

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 Noon - 1p.m.

***What's Happening with Solid Waste and Sustainable Materials Management in the USVI?***  
(Webinar with Q&A)

Wednesday May 12, 2021 Noon -1 p.m.

***What Are We Wasting and What Can We Do About It? Introducing the Waste Characterization Study and the USVI Sustainable Materials Management Analysis***  
(Webinar with Q&A)

Wednesday May 19, 2021 Noon -1 p.m.

***What Are Other Islands Around the World Doing with Their Materials? Let's Learn from our Global Island Communities***  
(Webinar with Q&A and Broadcast Links Highlighting Islands SMM Speaker Series #1 and #2)

Wednesday May 26, 2021 Noon -1 p.m.

***What Should We Do Next? Let's Regather and Reflect Together to Strategize Next Steps Towards Our Common Vision***  
(Webinar and Community Conversation/ Visioning Facilitated by UVI Creativity Lab)

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