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### MRV Hub Work Crew Update

The MRV Hub's initial work crews continue to make good progress and we will soon be reaching out to seek broader country participation in their work. Participation will provide training opportunities and enhance technical capacity among your country's MRV and mitigation experts. The work crews will generate MRV outputs directly relevant to your national data needs and UNFCCC reporting requirements. We hope you'll join us in this collective effort.

The work crews presented updates at the Hub's Annual Meeting in Barbados, to seek input on their plans and proposed work outputs. The Data Management Systems Work Crew will provide a system for all Hub member countries that provides secure and efficient data analysis, visualization, archiving and reporting. The Forestry and Other Land Work (FOLU) Crew will develop tools and approaches for estimating FOLU emissions, based on open source software such as Collect Earth to access and analyse high resolution satellite imagery.

The On-Road Mobile Source Work Crew will develop approaches for estimating GHG emissions for mobile sources. It will tackle challenges such as lack of detailed activity data; separating fuel consumption data between on-road versus off-road sources, and mobile sources versus stationary sources; and data on biofuels and blended fuels. The Maritime Bunker Fuels Work Crew will draw upon the wealth of data available under the International Maritime Organization processes. To this end, the MRV Hub has signed an MOU with the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre – Caribbean (MTCC), which is a joint IMO-EU initiative housed in the University of Trinidad and Tobago, and MTCC experts will lead the work crew.

Participants at the Annual Meeting broadly supported the scope and plans for each of the work crews. Agriculture, waste and fluorinated gases were identified as topics for future work crews.

With this endorsement, it is now time to invite broader participation in the initial work crews. Each work crew will be comprised a Development Team (the technical core of the work crew doing the substantial work entailed in producing its outputs) and a Review Group (a broader group of country representatives and other sector/MRV experts who provide strategic direction and specific input on work crew outputs). We have a limited number of paid, short-term fellowship and internship positions we can offer to Development Team members. We will be in touch in the coming weeks to seek your participation in the work crews.

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