



### **MRV Hub Summer Academy 2020**

The Caribbean Cooperative MRV Hub (the “MRV Hub”) in its role and commitment to developing tools and other regionally- pooled institutional arrangements to support member countries hosted an 8-week online Summer Academy from June 17<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup> 2020.

The MRV Hub Secretariat made the decision to space out the original programming schedule into separate delivery sections to allow for partial online delivery; and staggered the forthcoming scheduling. Invitations were extended to the 12 MRV Hub member countries in addition to MRV Hub organizational partners to nominate recently hired or assigned individuals that would be involved in the preparation of their country’s next GHG inventory; individuals with little to no previous GHG inventory training or experience; persons interested in learning more about GHG inventory measurement and reporting; and persons willing to share knowledge gained with others upon training completion.

It was the Hub’s honor to offer full sponsorship to 2 persons from each MRV Hub member country to attend the 2020 Summer Academy. Present were representatives from Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Belize, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, and UNDP.

Each online training week included preparatory reading material, approximately 2 hours of training, handouts, lecture, quizzes, Q&A discussion forums; and in conclusion of the 8 weeks a final assessment. Sessions were aptly guided by Dr. Olia Glade, Ryan Deosaran, Molly White and Wiley Barbour, GHGMI instructors and specialist in GHG accounting among other various areas of expertise. Over the course of 8 weeks participants were trained in GHG data and parameters, IPCC guidelines structure and navigation, institutional arrangements, data collection, key category assessment, methodological choices, the basics of using Excel for GHG MRV and uncertainty.

The Summer Academy culminated with all 26 participants successfully completing program requirements and earning Certificates of Participation.



Image caption: *MRV Hub Summer Academy 2020 Closing Zoom Ceremony*

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*“Thank you to our teachers and presenters and to the MRV Hub for organizing the Summer Academy. It was very informative and it made me realize that I have lots left to learn!”*

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*“What stood out the most was the lesson on institutional arrangements. The examples were effective in showing me what it could look like in practice. It has my mind buzzing on how I can assist in setting up the institutional arrangements in my own country.”*

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*“The session on using the IPCC guidelines was very useful for my work.”*

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*“My favorite topic was the key category analysis by far! I also found the lesson on QA/QC methods so helpful especially since I was involved in writing my country’s biennial update report which is currently under revision by our national climate change committee and it includes this and many of the topics covered in the Summer Academy. The course put many things into perspective for me. I am excited to learn more! Thank you for organizing such a great program.”*

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