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MRV Hub Direct Support to Member Countries

The Caribbean Cooperative Measurement Reporting and Verification Hub (the MRV Hub) started operations in 2018 under a five-year grant from the German Government. From the inception of the project, we planned to provide targeted technical support services where most needed, and to develop regionally applicable tools and templates to be shared with all. We designed our work to not only create products and tools but also to allow for capacity building activities, training, and mentoring throughout the process. We seek to maximize our outreach and effectiveness by approaching our work in three ways:

1. Multi-country training programs such as GHGMI's online courses supplemented with office hours, the MRV Hub's Summer Academy, and ad-hoc scheduled training sessions, all involve participants from multiple countries and sometimes other organizations, such as the Oct 2020 training on refrigerants and air conditioning systems conducted in cooperation with GIZ;
2. Sector-specific training focuses on specific inventory sectors or subject areas where deeper instruction and hands-on work covering data collection, data management and GHG emissions calculations is provided through the MRV Hub work crews; and
3. Country-specific work where we are directly engaged and contracted to help countries comply with Paris Agreement technical work pertaining to GHG emission inventories, MRV system design and implementation, or to support work on mitigation analysis, modeling, projections and NDCs. The list below summarizes eleven projects launched last year under our country-specific work program.

• St. Kitts & Nevis	GHG Inventory
• The Bahamas	MRV System
• The Bahamas	GHG Inventory
• The Bahamas	Mitigation Analysis
• Trinidad & Tobago	Certification System
• Trinidad & Tobago	Data Collection
• Jamaica	NDCP Carbon Market
• Jamaica	GHG Inventory
• Saint Lucia	Mitigation Analysis

- Antigua & Barbuda ICAT Modeling I
- Antigua & Barbuda ICAT Modeling II

More information on these projects will be shared in our upcoming MRV Hub Annual Meeting 2021 and in subsequent MRV Hub Newsletters.

These projects cover a wide array of topical areas, including activity data collection and sensitization of data providers and key stakeholders; inventory development and reporting; mitigation analysis and modeling projections; carbon market analysis, and MRV System design. In each of these assignments we are building capacity inside government agencies by making training and mentorship a core part of the project design. We also ensure that all data collected and all intermediate work products are stored, organized and archived properly so we can ensure that records are kept after project completion and institutional memory is preserved.

Within our own teams, we pair seasoned international experts with newly hired MRV Hub staff recruited from the region to ensure best practices are taught, demonstrated, and adopted as the work progresses. The guidance and work products we prepare under our country-specific work feeds into the larger work program of the MRV Hub, enabling us to increase the speed of development of broadly applicable guidance documents, tools, and templates to be shared to the benefit of all MRV Hub member countries. By leveraging our country-specific work in this way, we are building on the initial grant that got us started and accelerating the process of building a sustainable regional institution in the Caribbean.