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2021 Summer Academy

The ongoing restraints posed by the COVID-19 pandemic have lead to another year of virtual MRV Hub Summer Academy. The online program spans across 8 weeks (4th August – 22nd September 2021); and consists of ~3 hours of training per week including homework, a live lecture and an office hour. The participants are benefitting from regional networking opportunities, discussions with 2020 alumni, peer learning as well as direct support from GHG experts working within the region.

The objective of this year's summer academy is to learn and apply GHG inventory data collection, compilation, and documentation procedures. The key focus of each lecture will revolve around improving activity data within GHG inventories. As such, MRV Hub Country Focal Points were encouraged to nominate at least one individual from their country's national statistics department, where if possible.

The MRV Hub awarded 2 participants from each member country full sponsorship to attend this 8-week virtual workshop and also extended an invitation to the 2020 MRV Hub Summer Academy cohort to return and participate in this year's training. The Summer Academy is well represented by participants from Antigua & Barbuda, The Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad & Tobago. This represented 9 of the 12 MRV Hub member countries with 25 individuals in total participating. Participants are guided by GHGMI and MRV Hub instructors and trainers; Molly White, Ryan Deosaran, Brittany Meighan, Wiley Barbour, Olia Glade, Anup Joshi, Hayden Redhead and Ahyana Bowen. Instruction includes background reading, exercises, lectures, Q&A discussion forums, and a final assessment. This year the program will foster a virtual training space for participants to train with a country-specific GHG inventory data set in sessions scheduled as follows:

- **Week 1:** Kick-off, introduction to the MRV Hub, program logistics, introductions, objectives and overview, trainees identify potential datasets
- **Week 2:** Data collection overview - GHG data and parameters
- **Week 3:** Institutional arrangements overview – roles & functions, compilation and documentation
- **Week 4:** Dataset acquisition, “adapting” datasets for inventory use, dataset documentation
- **Week 5:** Trainees select own category for academy work, sector-specific data overview
- **Week 6:** Institutional arrangement drafting, key considerations and sections
- **Week 7:** Conceptual overview of activity data QA/QC, archiving, and improvement planning
- **Week 8:** Closing ceremony, online program wrap-up, reception, and announcements of future opportunities

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