

Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

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CCREEE Partners with CROSQ to Promote the CARICOM Regional Energy Efficiency Building Code (CREEBC)

16 October, 2020 | Bridgetown, Barbados – Over 300 builders, architects, and professionals in the building and construction sectors of CARICOM Member States registered to have an opportunity to learn more about the CARICOM Regional Energy Efficiency Building Code (CREEBC).

The Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE), in partnership with the CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards & Quality (CROSQ), through a project funded by the Technical Assistance Programme for Sustainable Energy in the Caribbean (TAPSEC) hosted a two-hour webinar to familiarize practitioners with the pertinent aspects of the Code.

The webinar, one of two with partners CROSQ, was entitled: “What’s In It For Me? A Discussion on the CARICOM Regional Energy Efficiency Building Code” and aimed to sensitize the sectors, examine the importance of energy efficiency codes in a Caribbean context, and also answer burning questions that practitioners might have about the requirements of the Code.

Panellists included the CCREEE’s Sustainable Energy Expert, [Ms. Cornelia Schenk](#); Chairman of the CROSQ Regional Project Team for the development of the CREEBC, Mr. Churchill Norbert; and LEED Green Associate and Civil Engineer, Ms. Amoy Theobalds-Prospere. Director of the Saint Lucia Bureau of Standards, Mr. Verne Emmanuel moderated the session.

During her presentation Ms Schenk highlighted that, “buildings are a key driver for energy demands and emissions, due to rising temperatures globally. What we fail to do now” she said, “will be locked in for the next decade as buildings are long term structures.” This outlook was supported by Mr Norbert who reinforced that the Caribbean needs to reverse current trends and decarbonise at a rate of 3% annually. He noted, “In 2020, we are not on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.”

The CREEBC provides the region with hope. Mr Norbert shared sentiments that “the code belongs to us.” “It is the 1st of its kind for the region; it is up to date and speaks to minimum requirements for achieving energy efficient buildings”, he said. Likewise, Ms Theobalds-

Prospere highlighted several Caribbean structures which have been built to Leadership in Energy Efficiency Design (LEED) standards, some attaining platinum certification. It is therefore possible for the region to build efficiently, reducing fuel supply demands and imports.

For the two regional organisations, the webinar was an opportunity to further engage the building and construction community on the Code, which some had heard about and about which others were interested to know more.

CROSQ's CEO, Mr Deryck Omar who briefly addressed participants at the opening of the session said that the collaboration with both the CCREEE and TAPSEC Programme was just the first of more to come. In fact, he noted, the collaborators were already in the stages of planning a similar session targeting policymakers, regulators and other high-level stakeholder, whose support and advocacy of the Code will be necessary for regional change.

A complete recording of the webinar can be accessed [here](#), while individual presentations are also available below:

- [Presentation on the CREEBC](#) by Z. Churchill Norbert
- [Presentation on Energy Efficient Building Design - A Global Perspective](#) by Cornelia Schenk
- [Presentation on LEED in the Caribbean](#) by Amoy Theobalds-Prospere

Interested persons can also access a read-only copy of the CREEBC via [this link](#).

About The CCREEE

The Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE) is a specialized institution of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). Established within the framework of the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC), the CCREEE is the implementation hub for sustainable energy activities and projects within the CARICOM region.

About The CROSQ

The CARICOM Regional Organisation for Standards & Quality (CROSQ) is the regional inter-governmental organisation established in February 2002 to facilitate the development of regional standards, promote the harmonization of metrology systems and support the sustainable production and trade of goods and services in the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME).

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