



Local NGOs invited to participate in €2.4M solar project



Plans are underway for the launch of a €2.4 million solar project which involves the installation of solar energy systems at 12 different sites across Trinidad and Tobago.

The Ministry of Planning Development said in a statement issued August 25, 2020 that the project will see the installation of solar energy systems to support NGOs, microenterprises, cooperatives, public institutions and remote communities at approximately 12 sites across both islands.

It will also include the strengthening and implementation of renewable energy and energy efficiency policies, legislative and regulatory frameworks, and a public education and awareness raising campaign on the benefits of using renewable energy and adopting energy efficient practices.

The venture is part of government's move towards renewable energy via a solar photovoltaic project collaboration with the European Union's Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The project is designed to assist Trinidad and Tobago in fulfilling its commitments to the global community under the Paris Agreement as laid down in the country's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), alongside a national policy target to increase the total amount of electricity generated from renewable energy sources by 2021.

The Ministry said the action aims at an increased availability and use of energy from renewable sources and at increased efficiency levels in the consumption of energy across Trinidad and Tobago.

The Ministry said a national call has gone out to non-governmental organisations (NGOs), civil society organisations, public sector institutions and private sector agencies and individuals to select suitable sites across Trinidad and Tobago, for the installation of small-scale roof-mounted, off grid, solar photovoltaic (PV) installations.

This 'Call for Site Selection' ends on August 28 at 4 PM - all interested parties must submit the application available on the website of the Planning Ministry and the UNDP's T&T office.

The UNDP is implementing this component of the GCCA+ project, working closely with the Ministry of Planning and Development, Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, and the Tobago House of Assembly.

To apply, see here: https://www.tt.undp.org/content/trinidad_tobago/en/home/procurement.html