

NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

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BACKGROUND

- ⦿ Rapidly Developing Industrial Sector
- ⦿ Increasing Number of Vehicles
- ⦿ Relatively High Per Capita Emissions
- ⦿ Vulnerability to Adverse Impacts of Climate Change
- ⦿ High Profile of CC Internationally
- ⦿ TT CC actions -Mitigation and Adaptation in the Context of the UNFCCC Negotiations

POLICY OUTLINE - NATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- ⦿ Geographical Location
- ⦿ Description of the General Climate and Observations Related to Climate Variability and Change in T&T
- ⦿ Economic sector including data on GDP, exports, manufacturing and industrial activity, various other socio-economic data

NATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

⦿ Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- Energy Sector
- Power Generation Sector
- Transport Sector
- Industrial Processes

⦿ Sectoral Vulnerability in T&T

- Agriculture
- Human Health
- Tourism
- Coastal Zones, Human Settlements and Infrastructure
- Water Resources

JUSTIFICATION FOR NEEDED ACTION

- ◉ Sustainable Development,
- ◉ Responsible Signatory to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol and Relevant Obligations for T&T
- ◉ Co-Benefits Like Clean Air
- ◉ Reduced Risk of Respiratory Disease
- ◉ Energy Cost Savings

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY ELEMENTS:

- ◉ Guiding principles of the CC policy: consistent with UNFCCC policies, sustainable development, multi-partite participation and effort: private, public and academia
- ◉ Policy statement (for both mitigation and adaptation),
- ◉ Policy objectives and goals, policy principles, policy directives (harmonization with existing nationwide and sectoral policy, integration into national planning, policy and management, policy and governance: accounting, monitoring and review,

POLICY CONTEXT

INTERNATIONAL

- ◉ T&T is a Ratified Signatory to the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol
- ◉ Under Article 4 of the Convention, T&T has Several Commitments

POLICY CONTEXT

REGIONAL

- ⦿ CARICOM has Agreed that CC is an Urgent Issue for the Countries of the Region
- ⦿ CARICOM Governments have Established the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) which has the Responsibility of Capacity Building for Countries in the Region to Implement Climate Change Programmes Under the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol

POLICY CONTEXT NATIONAL

- ◉ Climate Change is Multi-Sectoral and Cross Cutting
- ◉ The Climate Change Policy would of Necessity Require have Implications for the Revision of Other Sectoral Policies

VISION

- ⦿ Being a Signatory to the UNFCCC and a Responsible Member of the International Community, T&T as an Industrialising Country is Committed to Pursuing a Low Carbon Development (LCD) Path, Consistent with the Principles of Sustainable Development.

GOAL

- The National CC Policy will aim to Provide Guidance for the Development of an Appropriate Administrative and Legal Framework, in Harmony with Other Sectoral Policies for the Pursuance of a LCD Pathway for T&T Through Suitable and Relevant Strategies

OBJECTIVES

- ⦿ Reducing or Avoiding GHG Emissions from all Sectors
- ⦿ Enhancing Carbon Sinks
- ⦿ Protection of the Natural Environment and Human Health
- ⦿ Enhanced Agricultural Production and Food Security
- ⦿ Conserving and Building Resilience of Human and Natural Ecosystems to Adapt to the Adverse Impacts of CC

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ⦿ Response to CC Must be Sustainable
- ⦿ Response to CC will Require a Consultative and Multipartite Approach
- ⦿ Response to CC Must Follow the Precautionary Approach
- ⦿ Response to CC Must be Multi Sectoral and Include Both Mitigation and Adaptation Actions
- ⦿ Response to CC Must be Evidence Based

POLICY DIRECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

◉ Mitigation

- Increased Use of Renewable Energy
- Increased Energy Efficiency in Commercial and Residential Buildings
- Increased Use of Alternative Fuels in the Transportation Sector
- Increase Use of Cleaner Technology in all GHG Emitting Sectors
- Enhance Natural Carbon Sinks
- Maximise the Use of the Carbon Market
- Enhance Research and Development

POLICY DIRECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

◉ Adaptation

- Strengthening Existing Institutional Arrangements for Systematic Observations
- Assessing Sectoral Vulnerability by Conducting CC Vulnerability Analyses
- Revising Sectoral Policies to Include CC Considerations
- Enhancing the Resilience of Natural Biophysical Systems
- Promoting Community Based Adaptation Through Expanded use of The Green Fund

POLICY DIRECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

- ⦿ Education Awareness, Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening
- ⦿ Information and Data Sharing
- ⦿ Financing Implementation

ACCOUNTABILITY

- ⦿ Implementation of this Policy will be done Through the Set Up of Relevant Stakeholder Networks Designed to Facilitate Self Monitoring and Reporting. The CC Policy will be Revised Every Five (5) Years with Public Review to Determine its Overall Effectiveness.

ANY QUESTIONS?