

# New Online Tools being produced for Decision-making

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# Outline

- Background and motivation for development of energy tools
- Online tools for energy sector actors
  - Policy-makers
  - Households
  - Investors (with live demonstration)
- Further information and contacts



# Renewable energy implementation in the Caribbean requires informed decision-making

- On the part of policy-makers
  - To create an enabling environment for RE development in line with targets and conscious of the wider (often unquantified) economic benefits of RE development
- On the part of potential investors and technology adopters
  - To be able to identify viable RE solutions, cognizant of the local investment/policy environment
  - To take advantage of available incentives and sources of project financing for implementation
- Led to "Frameworks, Policies, Instruments to Mobilise RE in Caribbean"
  - Funding: 75% European Union, 25% co-funding UWI/CaPRI
  - Targets 6 countries: to capture diversity of Caribbean energy economies. BUT presents challenges in terms of dissemination and ensuring sustained information transfer process as info. Updated in time (beyond 1-off workshop)



# The programme aims to enhance RE investment by targeting knowledge gaps at both ends of the market

### **Enabling environment (top-down)**

Learning from other Caribbean countries & internationally

Developing policies/incentives on sound economics & ensure level playing field for RE

### **Empowering potential investors (bottom-up)**

(= energy producers AND consumers)

Information to understand the local investment environment (policies, incentives, financing)

Tools to conduct financial evaluation of energy solutions, according to indiv. circumstances, incentives, financing conditions & identify sound projects



# On the policy-making side, main tools being developed are...

- Database of RE-related policies in the Caribbean
- Policy analysis tool
  - Cost-benefit tool: evaluates financial attractiveness of investing in various RE applications, under existing policy and financing conditions
  - It helps identify technologies at/close to market & enables policy makers to analyse (the adequacy of) existing incentives for input to policy (re-)design: What technologies can feasibly be supported without breaking the bank? Are incentives sufficient to be attractive for persons to invest in RE? Are they adapted according to technology (too high/low)?
  - It attempts to quantify the value of socio-economic benefits from RE development & gives policy-makers basis upon which to evaluate existing incentives (are socio-economic benefits sufficiently reflected in incentives?), and possibly justify additional support for RE



# For potential private investors (energy producers & IPPs but also energy consumers) main tools are...

- **Technology assessment tool/calculator** (for consumers)
  - To size & cost RE systems, based on individual circumstances (user-input e.g. on energy demand, applicable loan interest rate
- Databases on a) available RE incentives b) sources of RE financing (for consumers & producers)
  - Users can Search for & identify RE project funding (local & international sources) e.g. loans/debt, equity, grants
  - Enables users to Search/identify financial incentives which can be exploited for their RE project (based on e.g. technology)
- Databases on RE-related policies and energy market structure (producers)
  - Users can Search/identify policies (existing & planned) affecting RE investmt
  - Mapping of the local energy market & investment climate for RE



### **Live Demonstration of the Finance Database**

## http://renewables.capricaribbean.com/



### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

### Feel free to contact us directly

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### About this database ....

The Caribbean Policy Research Institute's (CaPRrs) Renewable Energy Finance Database contains information on available financing schemes for renewable energy implementatation in the Caribbean, whether small- or largescale. read.mote

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