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Renewable Energy Policies in Trinidad and Tobago

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Technological Challenges of Climate Science and Renewable
Energy*

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Trinidad and Tobago is similar...



Small Island Developing State (SIDS)



Climate Change Vulnerability



Small and Geographically
isolated



Limited Resources

... but also Different



Hydrocarbon
Production

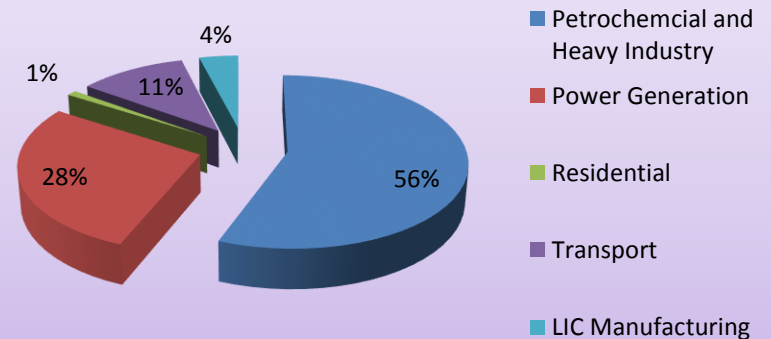


Low Energy Prices



Petrochemical
Industry

Emissions by Sector



Source: Boodlal, Furlonge & Williams, 2008



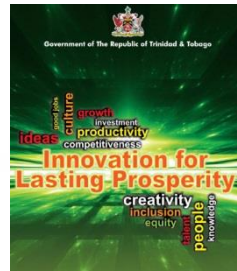
National Policy Support for Renewables



National Environmental Policy, 2006



Signatory to UNFCCC's Kyoto Protocol



Medium Term Policy Framework 2011 – 2014

FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A RENEWABLE ENERGY POLICY FOR TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



Renewable Energy Policy Framework, 2011



Implementation by the Ministry of Energy and Energy Affairs



National Climate Change Policy, 2011


Key Drivers.....


- Climate Change Mitigation
- Energy Security
- Economic Diversification





Emphasis on Addressing the Challenges & Implementing Support Mechanisms

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- Subsidized Petroleum Product Prices
 - Policy and Legal Framework
 - Finance and Market
 - Education and Awareness

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- Resource Assessments
 - Development of Standards
 - Development of Supporting Policy and Legislative Framework
 - Incentive schemes
 - Capacity Building and Awareness Creation



Resource Evaluation and Technology Deployment

Inter-American
Development Bank
(IDB)

Technical and Policy support to develop a Sustainable Energy Programme for Trinidad and Tobago - completed in 2014

Some identified resources with potential....

Wind Energy



- RE Policy Framework recommends wind energy for bulk RE generation.
- Tax exemptions for wind energy equipment.
- Wind Resource Assessment to be conducted shortly.

Solar Energy



- Tax credits for Solar Water Heaters and tax exemptions for solar PV panels.
- Feasibility study for establishing solar PV manufacturing facility completed in 2014.
- Steering Committee established in 2015 for the oversight of the Development of an Integrated Photovoltaic Park .

Waste to Energy



Waste Characterization Study and Analysis of Waste to Energy recommended.



Implementation of Supporting Standards



T&TEC, Mt. Hope Compound (2.2 kW)

- ✓ National Electrical Wiring Code reviewed
- ✓ Part III for Renewables and interconnection requirements included.



- ✓ SWH Systems– Design and installation requirements.
- ✓ Thermal Solar Systems and Components – Solar Collectors – Part 1: General requirements.
- ✓ Public Specification for materials for SWH collectors.



- ✓ Specification Committee formed to develop Trinidad and Tobago Standards on Photovoltaic Systems.
- ✓ Draft Standard has been developed.



Promoting RE Grid Integration



Legislative Review for RE Grid Integration

- The OAS is providing technical assistance through the Sustainable Energy Capacity Building Initiative (SECBI).
- The Clean Energy Solutions Center (CESC) is assisting in legislative review: T&TEC Act and RIC Act.

Feed-in-Tariff Policy Development

- Technical assistance received from the UNEP in 2012 for the development of a toolkit for FIT Policy Development.
- FITs viewed as a favorable policy instrument in the local scenario.
- Inter-agency FIT Committee convened in December 2014 for the development of a FIT Policy for Trinidad and Tobago.





Capacity Building and Public Awareness



Capacity Building

- Collaboration with local universities – UTT and UWI to facilitate technical training
 - SWH Technicians
 - Solar PV Technicians



Raising Awareness

- Pilot Projects -
 - Installation of RE technologies in Community Centres – PV for external lighting
 - Installation of RE technologies in schools and supporting training programmes – Solar PV and distillation units
- National Energy Communication Campaign



Energy Efficiency **Big Potential!**



The Industrial Sector

- An Energy Efficiency Study conducted on the Point Lisas Industrial Estate in 2011 revealed significant potential for energy savings.
- Tax incentives to promote energy efficiency in the industrial and commercial sectors have been introduced.
- An ESCO Certification Committee was established to certify and set criteria and standards for ESCOs. Stakeholder consultations are anticipated by the 2nd quarter, 2015.



The Public Sector

- Pilot project with assistance from IDB for the Conduct of Energy Audits in Selected Government Buildings.
- Next steps involve the Implementation of recommendations in selected buildings and sensitization of staff members.



The Residential Sector

- Exchange of incandescent light bulbs with more energy efficient CFLs to residents in several communities.
- A Pilot Study implemented by UWI to measure the impact of switching to CFLs on the electricity bills of selected residents.



Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for Transportation



CNG as a major vehicular fuel in Trinidad and Tobago

Phase I	Phase II
2 year period	3 year period
\$500 Mn approved by Cabinet in June 2013	Approx. cost - \$1.57 Mn
Conversion of 17,500 vehicles	Conversion of 82,500 vehicles
22 new CNG stations	50 New CNG Stations
* Ancillary costs (public awareness, marketing, etc.)	

Expected Benefits.....

- ✓ 100,000 vehicles converted over a 5 year period.
- ✓ \$1.7 billion reduction in the liquid fuel subsidy.
- ✓ \$2.7 billion in foreign income from the sale of displaced liquid fuels.
- ✓ 358,000 metric tons reduction in CO₂ emissions.



Key Learnings



- ✓ **International cooperation and technical assistance have been beneficial.**
- ✓ **Collaboration with all relevant agencies should commence at the start for successful implementation of policies and programmes.**
- ✓ **Public sensitization and buy in is crucial.**
- ✓ **Periodic review, monitoring and evaluation are important elements which should not be ignored.**



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Thank You

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