

The CARICOM Energy Policy and Regulations Help Desk facilitates technical assistance services to CARIFORUM (CARICOM member states + the Dominican Republic) to support upgrades to the policy, legislative and regulatory frameworks and the implementation of actions to achieve policy objectives.

The Help Desk applications are divided into two (2) Lots through which targeted institutions will submit requests for technical assistance. Lot 1 provides Policy Support and Lot 2 provides Regulation and Utility support. Institutions requesting technical assistance for the modernisation of energy policies and legislation as well as the implementation of actions/programmes consistent with national policy objectives will submit applications under Lot 1. Institutions requesting technical assistance for the review/modernisation of regulatory frameworks, regulation support and electric utility services will submit applications under Lot 2.

## CARICOM POLICY AND REGULATIONS HELP DESK

### Components:

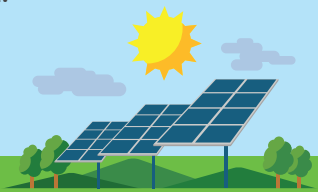
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**The Oversight Committee** – provides steering, guidance, and monitoring of the Help Desk. Its role is three-fold: support the promotion of the Help Desk to member states; provide continual guidance to improve Help Desk functionality; and determine mechanisms to support the long-term institutionalization of the Help Desk at the end of the TAPSEC Programme.
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**The Application Review Facility** – participating states will submit requests for technical assistance and policy and regulations support which will be reviewed and evaluated for assistance
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**The Expert Policy and Regulations group of consultants** – providing direct technical assistance for beneficiary countries with requests evaluated through the Application Review Facility.

### Objectives:

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**Providing a facility for CARIFORUM Member States to learn about and submit requests for Technical Assistance under the general framework of Energy Policy and Regulation.**
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**Direct technical assistance for the modernisation of National Policy, Legislative and Regulatory frameworks of CARIFORUM Member States.**
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**Direct technical assistance to CARIFORUM Member States for the implementation of actions/programmes that are consistent with National Policy or regulatory directives in the energy sector.**



**Energy moves everything! But energy sources like imported fossil fuels can be expensive and difficult to move in times of natural disasters. We want to make energy access smoother, cleaner and greener for Caribbean governments and make our region more resilient to changing climates and aggressive weather systems but it takes more than just a snap of the finger.**



**With the technical support of the CARICOM Policy Energy and Regulations Help Desk, Caribbean governments, other institutions and organisations will be supported in establishing the ideal environment with the rights laws and policies for ensuring that sustainable energy becomes part of your every-day life. Caribbean governments have set their national energy objectives for the future, let's make it work!**

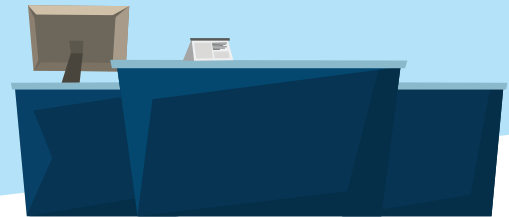
# BENEFICIARY PARTNERS FOR

## POLICY SUPPORT

- ✓ Ministries with responsibility for energy
- ✓ Regulatory Agencies with responsibility for energy/electricity sector
- ✓ Electric Utilities
- ✓ Regional Universities within CARICOM Member Countries
- ✓ Regional Institutions
- ✓ National Agencies/Institutions with an energy mandate within CARICOM Member Countries
- ✓ Civil Society Associations within CARICOM Member Countries

## REGULATION SUPPORT

- ✓ Regulatory Agencies with a mandate for energy/electricity sector regulation
- ✓ Electric Utilities
- ✓ Agencies or entities endorsed by Regulatory Agencies or Utilities to support Regulation/Utility-based activities.



## EVALUATION CRITERIA

- ✓ These are the criteria for evaluating technical assistance received from the Help Desk:
- ✓ Number of Expert days required to execute the project/activity
- ✓ Nature of the activity/project scope to support remote implementation initially
- ✓ Linkages or contribution of the activity to the Policy/Implementation strategy, Regulations or investment framework of the country
- ✓ Urgent need criteria linked to ongoing activities in the country
- ✓ Meeting at least one technical eligibility criterium listed below

- ✓ Governance Improvement for DERS and Utility scale renewables (to include planning, permitting and approval processes)
- ✓ Sector-coupling strategies for optimizing SE use e.g. RE/EE use in Tourism/Water/Agricultural Sectors
- ✓ Sustainable Energy in the Built environment
- ✓ Development of Licensing framework for IPPS and RE Installers

## REGULATORY-SPECIFIC SUPPORT CRITERIA

### Technical assistance aligned with the following areas:

- ✓ Energy Efficiency Applications
- ✓ Renewable Energy Technologies
- ✓ Energy Management and Storage Technologies
- ✓ Climate Resilient energy systems/Energy Resilience
- ✓ Electric Mobility/Sustainable Energy Use in Transport
- ✓ Sustainable Energy in the Built Environment
- ✓ Power Purchase Agreements/Negotiation
- ✓ Tariff Reviews/Tariff setting and changing rate structures

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- ✓ Grid Modernisation including RE Integration



- ✓ Regulations to enhance Planning/Forecasting to support Capital Expansion and System Operation Plans
- ✓ Cost of Service Studies
- ✓ Rate Variation Applications; Rate adjustment mechanisms; modernisations of rate variation procedures and regulations
- ✓ Development of Grid Codes
- ✓ Grid Modelling

# APPLICATION PERIOD

The application period will remain open until all financial resources of the Help Desk have been allocated for both Lots.

The CARICOM Energy Policy and Regulations Help Desk will run for its inaugural period under TAPSEC until July 31, 2021. Therefore, applications for technical assistance will be considered for tasks that can be completed on or before July 31, 2021

For more information and to apply visit: <https://tapsec.org/policyhelpdesk/>



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