

Grenada calls for urgent sustainable energy action

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GRENADA'S Minister of Climate Resilience, Environment, and Renewable Energy, Kerryne James, has called for closer collaboration to fully harness the vast potential of renewable energy in the region.

Addressing the Third Council of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Energy Ministers meeting, held under the theme 'Sustainable Energy: Creating Opportunities for Reinventing the Economy of the OECS', James said the deliberations come at a time when the urgency to transition to sustainable energy has never been greater.

'This is not just a policy ambition. It is an existential imperative. Our economic resilience, social development and climate adaptation depend on how swiftly and effectively we transform our energy sector,' she said, highlighting the potential for renewable energy in the Caribbean region.

'The potential for renewable energy across our member states is immense. Solar, wind, geothermal, and oceanic energy resources remain largely untapped,' she said, noting that this potential 'demands not just political will but the creation of an enabling environment that fosters technological advancements, robust regulatory frameworks, and sustainable financing mechanisms'.

James said Grenada's energy transition coincides with the country's 51st anniversary of political independence from Britain on Friday.

'We recognise that true independence encompasses energy independence. Our national energy transition is centred on the integration of solar, geothermal and other renewable energy sources, the expansion of green transportation, the promotion of energy-efficient buildings and the creation of green jobs to ensure that no citizen is left behind in this transformation.' -**CMC**