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Major Environmental Forum on the Green Economy to take place in St. Kitts and Nevis

A major event focusing on the Green Economy will take place in St. Kitts at the Marriott Resort Hotel from the 21st to 25th May. The Sixth Biennial Caribbean Environmental Forum and Exhibition (CEF 6) is organised by the Caribbean Environmental Health Institute (CEHI, based in St. Lucia) and a number of regional and international organisations. The Ministry of Health of St. Kitts and Nevis, under the aegis of The Honorable Marcella Liburd, is hosting CEF 6. The Theme of the Conference is: **The Green Economy: Challenges and Opportunities in Managing Health, Water, Waste, Land, Energy, Climate Change and our Natural Resources**.

CEF 6 will be opened by the Deputy Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, the Honorable Sam Condor.

The conference will be addressed by a team of high level Caribbean and international speakers who will address issues such as agriculture, science and technology, workforce preparation , the economic context and the role of the private sector and civil society. Speakers include:
The Minister of the Environment and Drainage of Barbados, **Dr. The Honorable Denis Lowe**
The Minister of Agriculture of Guyana, **Dr. The Honorable Leslie Ramsammy**
The Minister of Sustainable Development, Energy, Science and Technology of St. Lucia, **Dr. The Honorable James Fletcher**
The Registrar of the Caribbean Examinations Council, **Dr. Didacus Jules**
The Director of Sustainable Development at the Organisation of American States, Washington, DC. **Mr. Cletus Springer**
Dr. The Honorable Earl Asim Martin, Minister of Public Works, Housing, Energy and Utilities of St. Kitts and Nevis will also deliver a keynote address focusing on energy issues in the Green Economy.

CEF 6 is organised in collaboration with Clean Islands International (CII) (which is hosting the 16th Wider Caribbean Waste Management Conference within the CEF), the United Nations Environment Programme Caribbean Regional Coordinating Unit (UNEP CAR RCU), the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC), The International Water Association (IWA), The Caribbean Renewable Energy Programme (CREDP) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Support is being provided by the British High Commission for Barbados and the OECS. The event has attracted over two hundred persons from the Caribbean and internationally.

Selected sessions will be streamed via webcast on: www.cep.unep.org/press/press-release/6th-biennial-caribbean-environmental-forum-and-exhibition-streaming-live. from the evening of Monday 21st at 6.30pm.

Local support is being provided by Ross University School of Veterinary Science, Windsor University and the St. Kitts Development Bank.

The public is invited to:

- Movie night and a viewing of the Exhibition on **Tuesday, 21st May from 5.30 to 7.00pm**
- Public Lecture on **Wednesday 23 rd May between 5.30 and 7.00pm** on the subject of : **The Green Economy: what does it mean to people in the Caribbean**

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE INVITED TO THE OPENING CEREMONY MONDAY 21ST , MAY AT 6.30PM AND THE PLENARY WHICH STARTS AT 9.00AM ON TUESDAY 22nd MAY.

For more information, please contact: **cef@cehi.org.lc** or call (869) 668 7030