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The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica and the UAE-Caribbean Renewable Energy Fund (UAE-CREF) have announced a deal for a hurricane-resistant clean energy project. The \$50 million development in Dominica will support a 5-megawatt/2.5 megawatt-hours battery energy storage system that will aid the island's clean energy objectives.

The system is forecasted to stabilise the electricity grid and deliver reserve power and frequency control to the extreme weather prone nation. It will also give the people of Dominicasecure access to clean, renewable energy and pave the way to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

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Investors hoping to get approved under Dominica's CBI Programme - classed by FT specialists as the world's best for economic citizenship - and wishing to contribute to its journey towards climate resilience can find all the details on the government's official website.

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