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The GCCA+ Project is a global initiative of the European Union (EU) as donor partner, in collaboration locally with the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, through the Ministry of Planning and Development and the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries. The UNDP is the on-the-ground implementing partner, bringing to bear a strong track record of project management, and access to a well-developed global network of expertise and frameworks, that will serve to support the various technical and resource enhancing aspects of the project in Trinidad and Tobago.

The sites were selected from 164 applications received after a public call for Expressions of Interest, in July 2020. Of 26 sites that were shortlisted, these final 12 represent a cross-section of NGOs, micro-enterprises, cooperatives, and public institutions, situated in urban, and developing and remote communities across both Trinidad and Tobago. They include:

The installation of solar panels, means that these 12 finalist sites will benefit from greater energy efficiency and reduced carbon emissions. In addition, the GCCA+ Project Team in partnership with the Government, will provide specialised maintenance training to upgrade the skills of local technical teams to support the beneficiary organizations in maintaining the installations.

The 12 finalist sites are currently undergoing summary technical inspection for confirmation of system compatibility and safety specifications, including positive inspection results from the requisite local authorities prior to GCCA+ final approval. The projected timeline for completion of panel installation is the first quarter of 2022. Beneficiaries of this project will be encouraged to share their experiences with the communities in which they operate, to encourage others to follow suit.

The strategic remit of the GCCA+ Project Team includes the execution of a Public Awareness Raising Campaign. The campaign aims to sensitize the public about the benefits, accessibility, correct pricing, and affordability of solar power as a source of clean, sustainable, and renewable energy. This project is particularly relevant to the diversification of power generation in energy-based economies such as Trinidad and Tobago, and we look forward to its successful implementation.

Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+) is a European Union flagship initiative aimed at helping the world's most vulnerable countries to address climate change. This EU initiative helps mainly Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs) increase their resilience to climate change.  
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