



The National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited

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The NGC Group signs MOU with UTT to propel T&T's Climate Change Agenda

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“A notable step towards the realisation of T&T’s Paris Accord commitments.” That was the observation stated regarding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by members of The NGC Group and The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) to commence work on a Climate Change Mitigation Project. In pursuit of its mission to become a world-class, sustainable entity, UTT was engaged to exchange information on four main areas: Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions, and Climate Change Research, with emphasis on GHG reduction strategies, specifically for the industrial, power generation, and transportation sectors.

The signing, which took place on Wednesday 16th December, provides the members of The NGC Group with the opportunity to expand its ‘Green Agenda’ by validating the GHG emissions inventory for its core product, natural gas. UTT’s development of a country-specific emissions factor will not only improve the reporting accuracy of The NGC Group, but so too GHG Emissions reporting for Trinidad and Tobago as a whole.

The MOU delineates a coordinated approach towards the attainment of the following key objectives:

- The joint identification and development of commercially viable Climate Change initiatives
- Production of data and reports for public awareness and education campaigns on climate change, renewable energy, energy efficiency, GHG emissions, flood mapping, and sustainable land use

- Development and exchange of information on GHG reduction technologies and strategies
- The transfer of experience and industry learnings

Professor Prakash Persad, President (Ag), UTT, indicated that NGC's commitment to "...advancing the cause of climate change was praiseworthy and that UTT was fully committed to partnering with NGC in this most important venture."

NGC's President, Mr. Mark Loquan noted at the signing that, "...this partnership speaks volumes for us as a nation when a state entity can partner with a national university for the good of the citizenry. Despite the persistent shifts in the energy landscape, both locally and abroad, sustainability continues to be a top priority for The NGC Group. UTT will provide the Group with the backing we need to broaden the scope of our green reporting."

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