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Senator Anthony Vieira of Trinidad and Tobago participated in the webinar on “Supporting the Development of Long-Term Climate Change Strategies in the Caribbean”

On August 19th, Senator Anthony Vieira (Trinidad and Tobago), Vice-President of the ParlAmericas Climate Change Network for the Caribbean, participated in the webinar titled **“Supporting the Development of Long-Term Climate Change Strategies in the Caribbean”**. This meeting is the second session of the Caribbean NDC Support Virtual Exchange Series, organized by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Regional Collaboration Centre for the Caribbean and the NDC Partnership. The aim of this series is to enhance the technical capacity of national experts, identify regional needs and challenges, and strengthen institutional partnerships to facilitate the creation of long-term climate strategies mandated by the Paris Agreement.

The webinar brought together subject matter specialists, government officials, and parliamentarians, including Her Excellency, Fiona Clouder, COP26 Regional Ambassador for Latin America and the Caribbean. It explored the manners in which long-term climate strategies can provide direction for a country’s sustainable development, climate neutrality targets, and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) including through presentations on climate change strategies in Jamaica and Fiji and on projects being implemented to support the preparation of such strategies.

In his remarks, Senator Vieira addressed the contribution of legislatures in the development of long-term climate strategies and highlighted that parliamentarians “have a critical role in holding governments accountable for the efficient and effective delivery of expenditures, laws, policies, and programmes to ensure the implementation of the Paris Agreement and national climate commitments, including long-term climate strategies. Meetings like these can help deepen our own knowledge and therefore better our capacity to support the process and our government’s commitments.”

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