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From Commitments to Action: Climate Smart Summit Report Marks the Start of an 18-Month Drive to Turn Climate Opportunities into Action

Bridgetown, Barbados — The Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator (CCSA) has released the official **2026 Climate Smart Summit Report**, marking the beginning of an 18-month regional effort to help turn the partnerships, projects and investment opportunities identified at the Summit into measurable results across the Caribbean.

Held in Barbados in June, the two-day summit brought together entrepreneurs, governments, investors, development finance institutions, philanthropies, businesses along with regional and international organisations with one shared objective: **accelerating climate-smart investment across the region.**

The Summit was built around one simple question: **What's Your Number?**

Whether it was the financing needed to deliver a national priority, the investment required to scale an innovative business, or the capital available to support climate action, every action was grounded in one goal: moving climate-smart projects closer to implementation.

By the close of the Summit, participants had identified:

- **US$11.5 million** in newer entrepreneurial ventures seeking investment
- **US$17.574 billion** in national and regional project opportunities
- **US$12.685 billion** in development finance available for deployment
- **US$37 million** in catalytic philanthropic funding

The release of this report signals the start of the summit's next chapter.

"The summit was never intended to end when everyone left the room," said Racquel Moses, Chief Executive Officer of the Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator**.**

"It reinforced something we've always believed: the Caribbean has no shortage of projects, innovative entrepreneurs or committed partners. What we need are more opportunities to bring them together. Over the next 18 months, we'll be working with project owners, governments, investors, philanthropies to help turn introductions into partnerships, partnerships into

investment and investment into implementation. That's how we'll measure the summit's success."

Over the coming months, the CCSA will collaborate with key stakeholders to monitor the partnerships, financing commitments and projects that emerged during the event. The goal is to understand where progress is being made, identify barriers that remain and continue supporting collaboration across governments, investors, philanthropies and the private sector.

The report also highlights the continued role of the **Climate Smart Map [map.caribbeanaccelerator.org]**, the Caribbean's regional climate investment intelligence platform. Designed to make climate and investment information easily accessible, the platform allows project owners, entrepreneurs and governments to showcase investment-ready opportunities helping investors, philanthropies and development partners discover projects seeking finance.

Climate action isn't just about protecting the Caribbean. Within our region, climate action is creating new industries, new jobs and new investment opportunities. Opening doors for entrepreneurs, businesses and young people in sectors such as renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, resilient infrastructure, clean technology and the blue economy.

A major theme during the summit was the growing role of artificial intelligence (AI) in transforming climate action both positively and negatively. Discussions highlighted how AI can support the deployment of renewable energy at scale, allowing us to develop geothermal resources that benefit from greater scale and the ability to export production. It also has the capacity to solve challenges, strengthen project preparation, improve climate risk analysis and make climate solutions more investment-ready and bankable.

The CCSA is inviting entrepreneurs, governments, investors, development partners and organisations working on climate-smart initiatives to continue engaging beyond the summit. Those seeking strategic partnerships, financing or opportunities to collaborate are encouraged to connect with the CCSA as the 18-month tracking process gets underway.

The **2026 Climate Smart Summit Report** is now available and provides an overview of the summit's outcomes, investment opportunities and next steps. Read the report here.

Media Interviews

The Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator is available for interviews to discuss:

- The key outcomes of the 2026 Climate Smart Summit
- The more than **US$17 billion** in climate investment opportunities identified
- The CCSA's 18-month impact tracking initiative

- Climate finance and investment trends across the Caribbean
- The Climate Smart Map and its role in connecting projects with funding opportunities
- What's next for regional climate-smart collaboration

We would also be happy to arrange interviews with entrepreneurs, speakers and participating partners to support your coverage.

To arrange an interview or request additional information:

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