



Caribbean Solar Energy Training Network

The Caribbean is poised to grow and benefit in myriad ways through affordable solar energy. But it is also one of the most demanding environments to deploy solar-energy and microgrid systems. Hurricanes and corrosion make a skilled and experienced workforce essential to the success of the growth and stability of the industry.

Yet, the Caribbean PV workforce lacks consistency in key safety and technical skills from sales to engineering to construction practices; threatening the reputation and dependability of the industry as a whole. Recent hurricanes have demonstrated that failures to manage these challenges can have catastrophic outcomes that can impact the solar-energy industry from government restrictions to inability to secure insurance. Through conducting many project surveys in the region, we have witnessed conditions that exist because of lack of training and professionalism that could lead to fires, permanent system failures, or other significant problems that could create roadblocks for all solar-energy development not even related to hurricanes. The lack of a peer network and trusted resources inherent to a young and competitive local market is a further handicap to progress. Many of the government agencies and utilities also lack the background and capacity for safely regulating while fostering the growth of the solar-energy industry.

Join forces with Solar Energy International (SEI) and Solar Island Energy, a Caribbean solar-energy engineering and construction company, to launch the Caribbean Solar Energy Training Network (CaribSETNet).

In 2017, this team collaborated with the World Bank to provide a one-time PV technical training in St Lucia, St Vincent, and Grenada. This training targeted both novice and experienced PV practitioners as well as government officials. This program served to elevate the playing field in these countries a little bit. The CaribSETNet aims to continue the successes of that pilot program to the benefit of the citizenry and economies of the Region.

As as fellow stakeholders in the region, we have so much to gain now by strengthening the foundation of the Caribbean Solar-Energy Industry. That is why we are inviting you to join us in creating the CaribSETNet.



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CaribSETNet's Mission

- Establish a Trusted Resource with Training Capacity from the Fundamentals to Advanced online, classroom, and hands-on learning
- Help Developers, Engineers, and Constructors Source Qualified and Trained Talent
- Bridge the Gap between Solar Jobs Supply and Solar Jobs Demand
- Kickstart the Solar-Energy Industry in Underrepresented Nations

CaribSETNet's Approach

CaribSETNet aims to provide practical technical skills training to current and aspiring Caribbean PV practitioners. This will start with SEI's industry-leading PVOL101 solar fundamentals course and solar safety training package. Each program participant can then decide which direction to take their career path in the solar-energy industry.

Workforce Trainees

Opportunity for individuals interested in joining the solar industry upon successful completion. 50-90% scholarship for PVOL101; based on need.

Career Development Trainees

Opportunity for individuals currently working in solar to refine their skills. 25-75% scholarship for PVOL101; based on need.

We Need YOU to Launch CaribSETNet!

In year one, CaribSETNet aims to train at least 40 Caribbean PV technicians. Solar Island Energy pledges \$10,000 to CaribSETNet, if at least three other companies will join them to make this a reality. We invite you to invest \$10,000 in CaribSETNet to become a CaribSETNet Founder. Once CaribSETNet receives three additional pledges, we will launch the program, and together, we will ensure that the Caribbean Solar Industry is up to the task.

Founder Benefits

- Press Release announcing CaribSETNet and Founding Partners
- Logo displayed on all CaribSETNet promotional materials
- Option to participate on recipient selection committee
- Contact list of all training participants



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