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Jamaica Energy Resilience Alliance Official Launch Invitation

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in partnership with the Cadmus Group LLC (Cadmus) and Energy Alliance Members invite you to the official virtual launch of the Jamaica Energy Resilience Alliance.

WHEN: January 13th at 10:00 am (EST).

WHO: This virtual event will feature remarks by:

- The Minister of Science, Energy and Technology, the Honorable Daryl Vaz,
- The U.S. Charge d’Affaires to Jamaica, John McIntyre,
- The Acting Deputy Administrator for USAID, John Barsa, and
- VP, International Programs, Cadmus, Christina Becker-Birck.

REGISTER HERE: To register for the live stream, please visit:

<https://cadmusgroup.com/jamaicaenergy/>

BACKGROUND:

For decades, the American people, through USAID, have worked with the people of the Caribbean to advance education, health, and economic development. We are partnering with the Caribbean nations to bolster the energy sector, given its critical importance to everyday life and to disaster recovery. Our work in the region affirms a fundamental truth: we are, and always will be, neighbors, partners, and friends.

USAID has awarded US\$4 million to support a 3-year initiative by an alliance of Jamaican and international organizations to foster distributed solar energy and increase energy resilience in Jamaica. Led by Cadmus, the alliance mobilizes up to US\$50 million in investment funds to support solar project development. The Alliance initiative aims to build resilient, distributed energy in the tourism sector and demonstrate the impact of community solar.

The new Alliance activity will help reduce key barriers to solar energy and battery storage adoption and enhance business continuity amongst Jamaican businesses. Assistance available to hotels and other businesses through the Alliance initiative includes:

- assessment of the business case for solar and battery storage,
- information to support decisions and demystify the installation processes, and
- channels for accessing financing from alliance partners.



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This initiative will also offer training for Jamaican solar installers and strengthen the sector through workforce development with engagement of underrepresented populations, including women, and with scholarships available.

A subset of Alliance Members will participate in a panel discussion:

- Cadmus, Chair of the alliance and direct recipient of the USAID award,
- The Jamaican Hotel and Tourist Association (JHTA),
- LASCO Distributors Ltd., a Jamaican marketing and distribution company that will pilot solar a solar energy and battery storage system,
- The University of the West Indies-MONA, will provide research and engineering support and solar inspection,
- Wigton Wind Farms, a Jamaican renewable energy developer, and
- WRB Energy, an international solar energy investor and developer.

Alliance Partners:

