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MINISTRY BUILDS CAPACITY IN RENEWABLE ENERGY

Energy Minister Clive Mullings is pressing ahead with plans to increase the use of renewable energy locally as the Government strives to reduce the country's dependence on imported oil.

The Energy Minister recently organized for the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE) to offer technical training in key areas of renewable energy to a wide cross section of personnel within the local energy sector.

Representatives from the Energy Ministry, University of Technology and University of the West Indies, Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica, Rural Electrification Programme and the Government Electrical Inspectorate received training in areas such as "Design, Implementation and Management of Micro-Hydropower" and the "Installation and Management of National Energy Information Systems."

The participants were presented with their certificates in an awards ceremony at the Ministry of Energy on April 1, 2009.

Minister Mullings told the recipients that they should use knowledge gained to assist in finding solutions to the challenges in the energy sector locally and globally.

The Minister also expressed gratitude to OLADE for the timely assistance adding that the programmes have allowed our people to be trained on par with world standards.

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