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ECPA Initiative Manager speaks at the IRENA-CARILEC Renewable Energy Forum, 2012

Kevin de Cuba talked about financing opportunities and assistance for Renewable Energy deployment in the Caribbean

WASHINGTON, D.C., 18 September 2012 - The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation (CARILEC) are hosting the 2012 Annual CARILEC Renewable Energy Forum taking place in Bermuda from September 17 to 19 at the Fairmont Hotel, Southampton. This event features presentations from different key players in the sector such as multinationals, financiers and academics. CARILEC has been promoting Renewable Energy (RE) and Energy Efficiency (EE) projects in the Caribbean region over the past three years to enhance and strengthen the capacity of electric utility sector to implement a series of activities aimed at fostering the use of RE and EE. This important event aims to provide countries the means for an accelerated, tailored renewable energy technology.



ing. Kevin de Cuba, MSc speaking at the Pre-conference Workshop co-hosted by IRENA

Within this forum, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) is jointly organising the workshop on *Accelerating Renewable Energy Developments within the Caribbean* to discuss the specific challenges and opportunities Caribbean islands face and identify gaps. De Cuba talked about financing opportunities and types of assistance for RE deployment in the Caribbean and the lessons learned as the Energy and Climate Partnership for the Americas (ECPA) Caribbean Initiative Manager. This discussion panel seeks to facilitate the drafting of

work plan(s)/identification of focus areas and critical next steps that are necessary to accelerate RE deployment in the region for the various stakeholders.



Participants at the IRENA-CARILEC Renewable Energy Forum 2012

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