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NGC President calls on energy sector to work towards energy efficiency

President of NGC, Mr. Mark Loquan, delivered a firm message and call to fellow industry sector partners, to work towards energy efficiency. The President stated this during his Sponsor's Remarks at Day One of the inaugural Clean Energy Conference, which was held at Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business on June 8th 2017. He noted that The NGC Group of Companies was committed to driving energy efficiency across the country, in concert with the state, value-chain partners and the people of Trinidad and Tobago.

In his remarks, Mr. Loquan referred to Trinidad and Tobago's government commitment to achieve 10% of energy from renewable sources by 2021. According to the NGC President, this was neither an insignificant nor unambitious target - translating to potentially 350 MW of electricity from a starting point of essentially, zero.

"The government's target is not an impossible one. Regionally, Dominica has been able to achieve 28% of renewables in just four years. Costa Rica, having converted to 98% of electricity from renewables, is now targeting 100% carbon neutrality by 2021. The good news about starting from behind is that we have the benefit of the learnings of others. We do not need to gradually evolve, we can make quantum leaps using best practice examples from our neighbours and from around the world. "

He also spoke to the work being done by subsidiaries including National Energy and NGC CNG. The NGC President noted that National Energy was currently looking at the feasibility of solar PV manufacture while NGC CNG, was experiencing an unexpected cluster development following the introduction of the alternative, cleaner fuel on to the market.

As energy leaders, entrepreneurs, educators, researchers and citizens, he stated, it fell to this group to resolve this issue of seeming inertia and leave the Conference with concrete, targeted actions that would support the national goal of 10% by 2021. "We think NGC can play a central role in working with all stakeholders, T&TEC, Ministries, industry etc. to bring about energy efficiency and increase investment in renewables. Education is a critical component to increase awareness of energy efficiency through a comprehensive examination of energy management practices within the sector and throughout Trinidad and Tobago."

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NGC President, Mark Loquan delivers Sponsor's remarks at the inaugural Green Energy Conference on Thursday.