



Launch of Energy Maps
Opening Remarks | Lisa Burkett, Senior Manager Corporate Sustainability, NGC
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Good afternoon, and Happy Earth Day to all.

For as long as humans have walked the Earth, we have been editing our planet. We have reshaped the land, we have domesticated the wilderness, we have built defenses against the sea. With great ingenuity, we have extracted and transformed the resources of the world around us to create a world of our own – often at great cost to our environment. In many ways, our planet has graciously yielded to the advance of civilisation, but there are limits to how much it can take.

Earth Day is an occasion for us as humans to reflect on our relationship with the planet, and the impact of designing a world that depletes the one we inherited. It is an occasion that calls for introspection – how can we balance human development and preservation of the planet? How do we make our living more harmonious with nature, more sustainable?

One of the answers lies with energy. Within the narrative of sustainability, energy is a headlining word. Our sector has contributed to the mounting tally of carbon emissions in our atmosphere, and we accept that decarbonising energy is a foremost strategy for us to prevent irreversible damage to our planet. Clean energy technologies, as well as natural gas, are considered the ‘Earth-friendlier’ fuels that can help us secure our future, because of their low carbon footprint.

This is the context which gives today’s event its importance. Ladies and gentlemen, today, on Earth Day, NGC is officially launching two maps that highlight the energy resources that we in Trinidad and Tobago have at our disposal to support the transition to a cleaner energy future, and by extension, a healthier planet Earth.

As valued stakeholders in energy, you are our partners on the journey to build a more sustainable industry. We believe the information we are sharing today - the products we are launching – can serve your respective offices in one way or another, as we see alignment between our work and yours. We trust that your presence here today signals your willingness to continue partnering with us as we march, one small step at a time, to fulfil the objectives of our green agenda.

I thank you for joining us.