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Abbreviations

BBD Barbados Dollar

BNEP Barbados National Energy Policy

CADSTI Caribbean Diaspora for Science, Technology & Innovation

CARICOM Caribbean Community

CCST Caribbean Council of Science and Technology

CCREEE Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

CSEC Caribbean Secondary Examinations Certificate

CSEII Caribbean Sustainable Energy and Innovation Institute

ELPA Electric Light & Power Act
FTC Fair-Trading Commission
GII Global Innovation Index
GoB Government of Barbados
GoJ Government of Jamaica

IGNITE Innovation Grant for New Ideas of Entrepreneurship

ILO International Labour Organization

IPP Independent Power Producer

IRENA International Renewable Energy Agency

IRRP Integrated Resource and Resilience Planning

IRP Integrated Resource Plan

JIPO Jamaica Intellectual Property Office

JSEE Jamaica Society of Energy Engineers

JPSCo Jamaica Public Service Company

LCOE Levelized Cost of Electricity

NDC Nationally Determined Contribution

NELRP National Electricity Loss Reduction Plan

NIHERST National Institute of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology

NTEI National TVET Engineering Institute

OECS Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States

OTEC Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion

PV Photovoltaic

R&D Research and Development

ROFR Right of First Refusal

SAMOA SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action

SIDS Small Island Developing States

SIPP Security Interest in Personal Property

STEM Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

STI Science, Technology and Innovation

SWH Solar Water Heaters

UTech University of Technology, Jamaica

UWI University of West Indies

VRE Variable Renewable Energy

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