



ACHIEVING SUSTAINABILITY: ENERGY AT THE CENTRE

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CARICOM

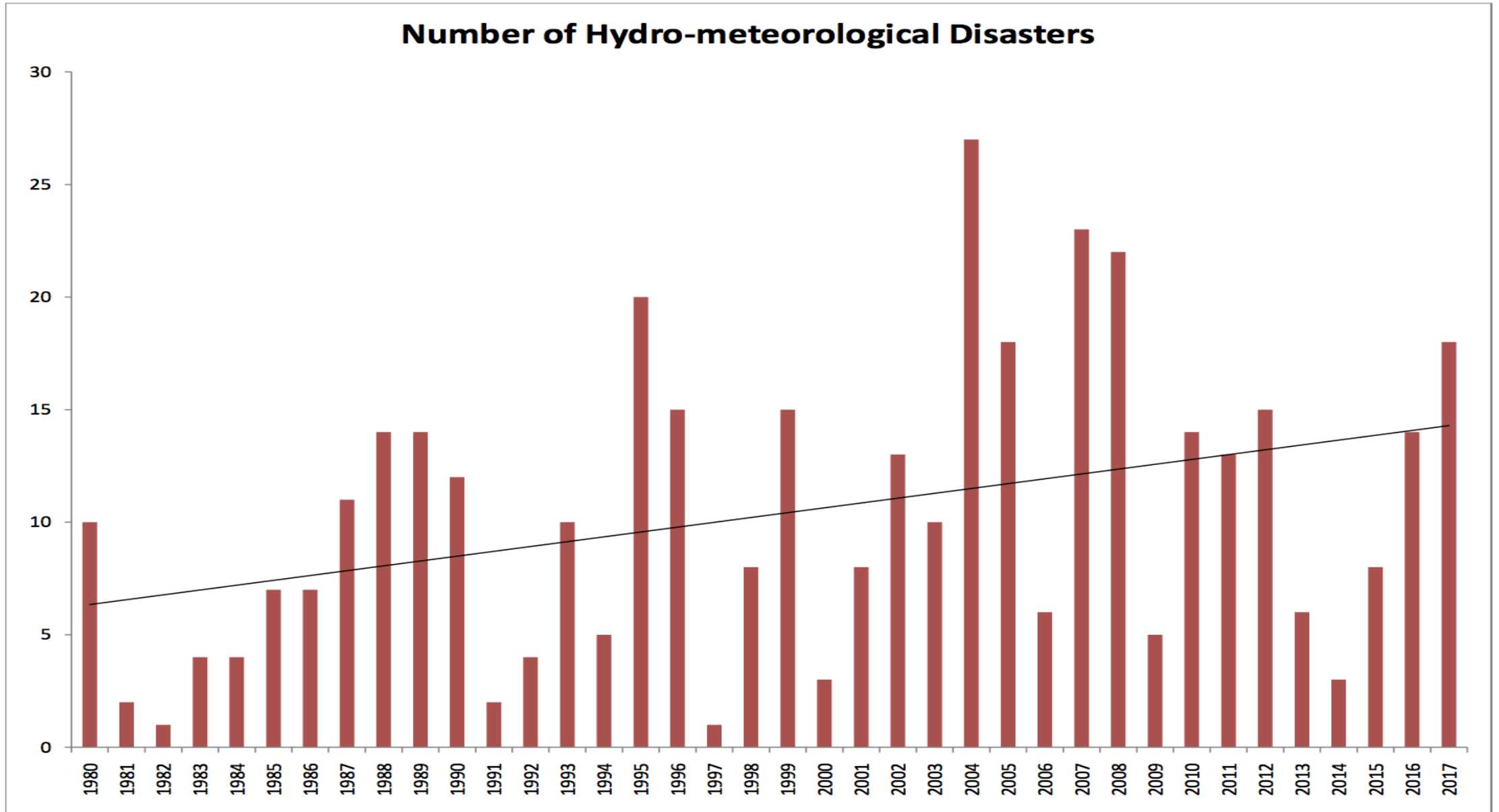
CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY



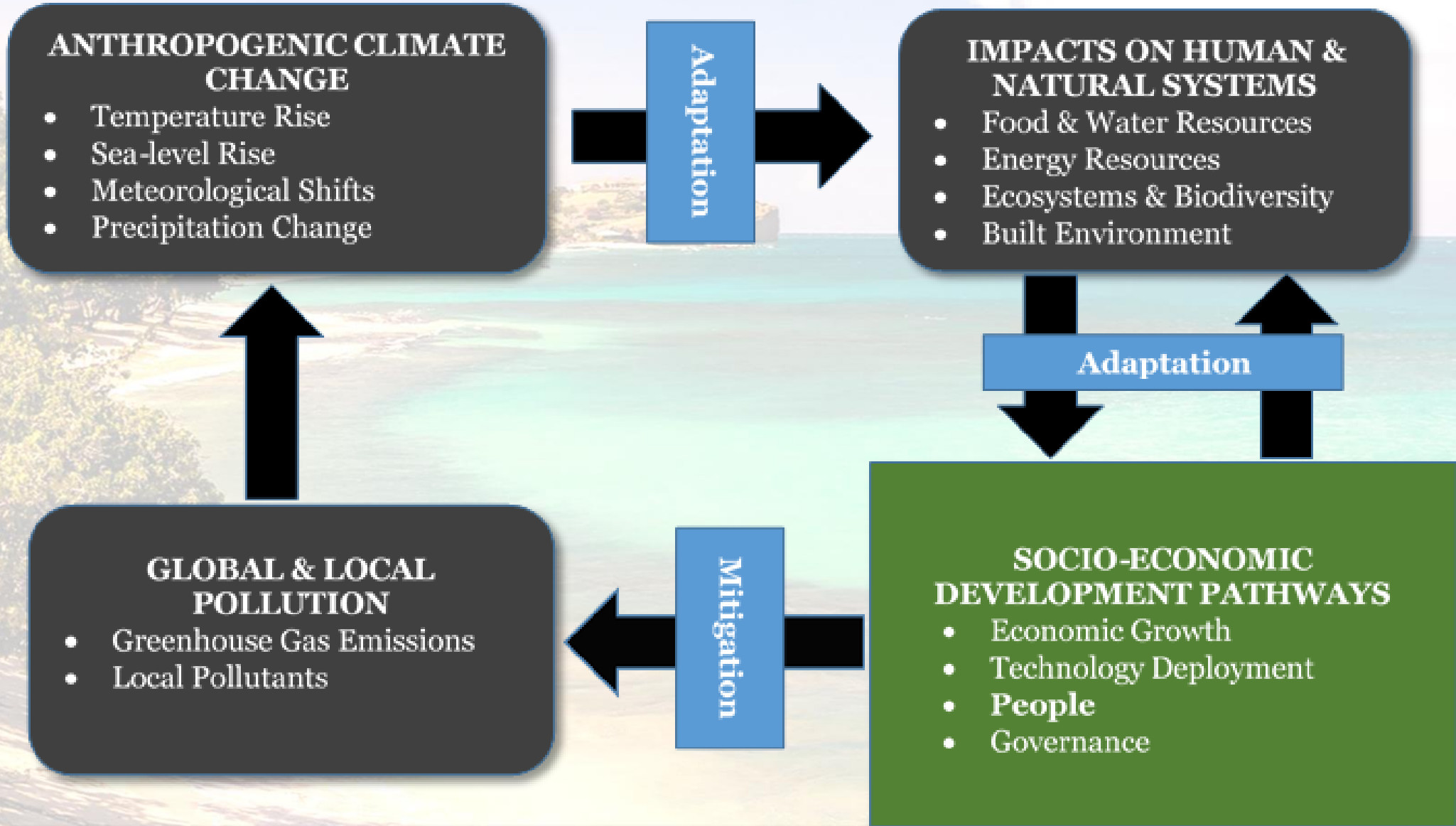
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Occurrence of hydro-met disasters in the Caribbean (1980 – 2017)

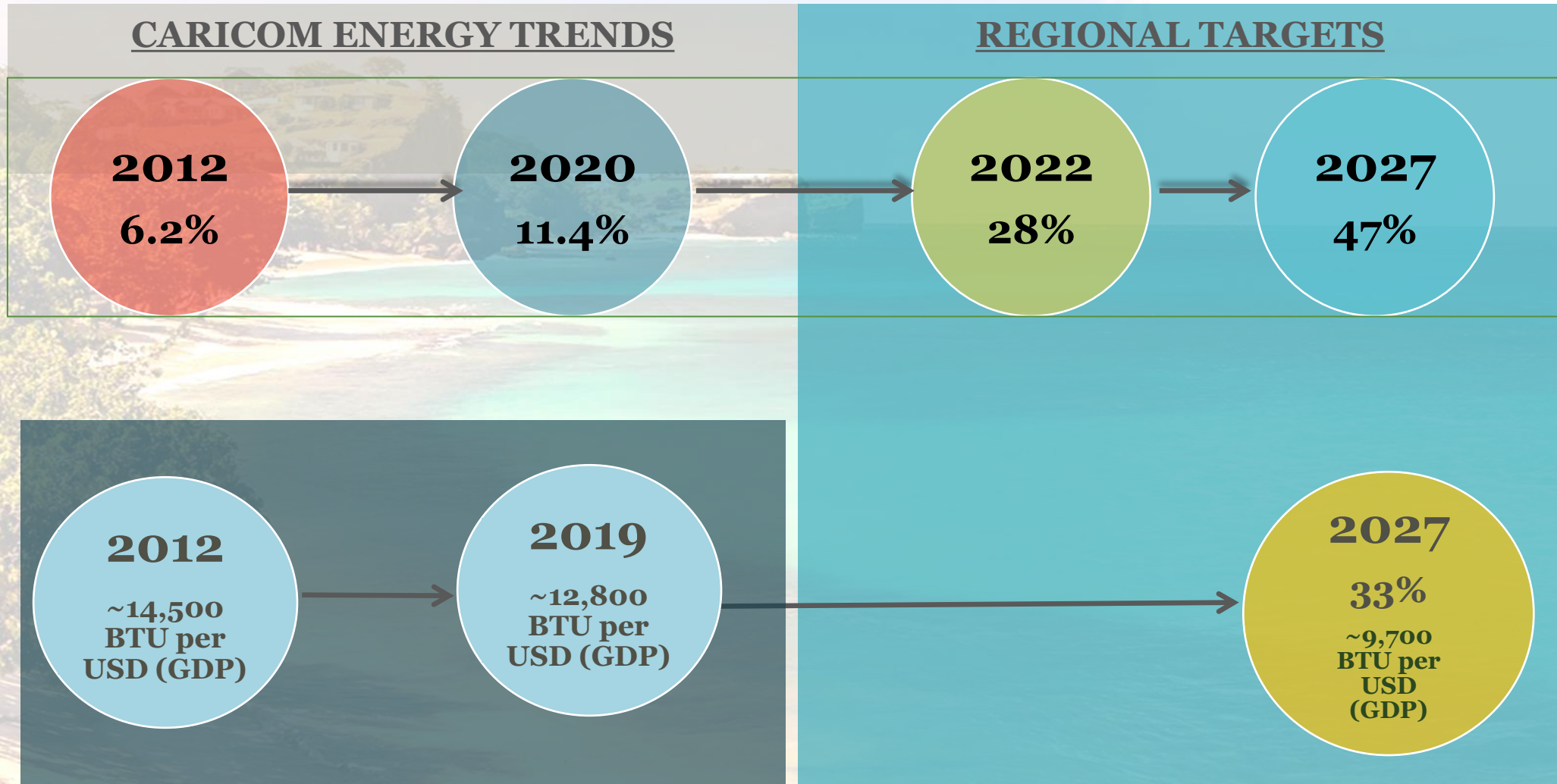
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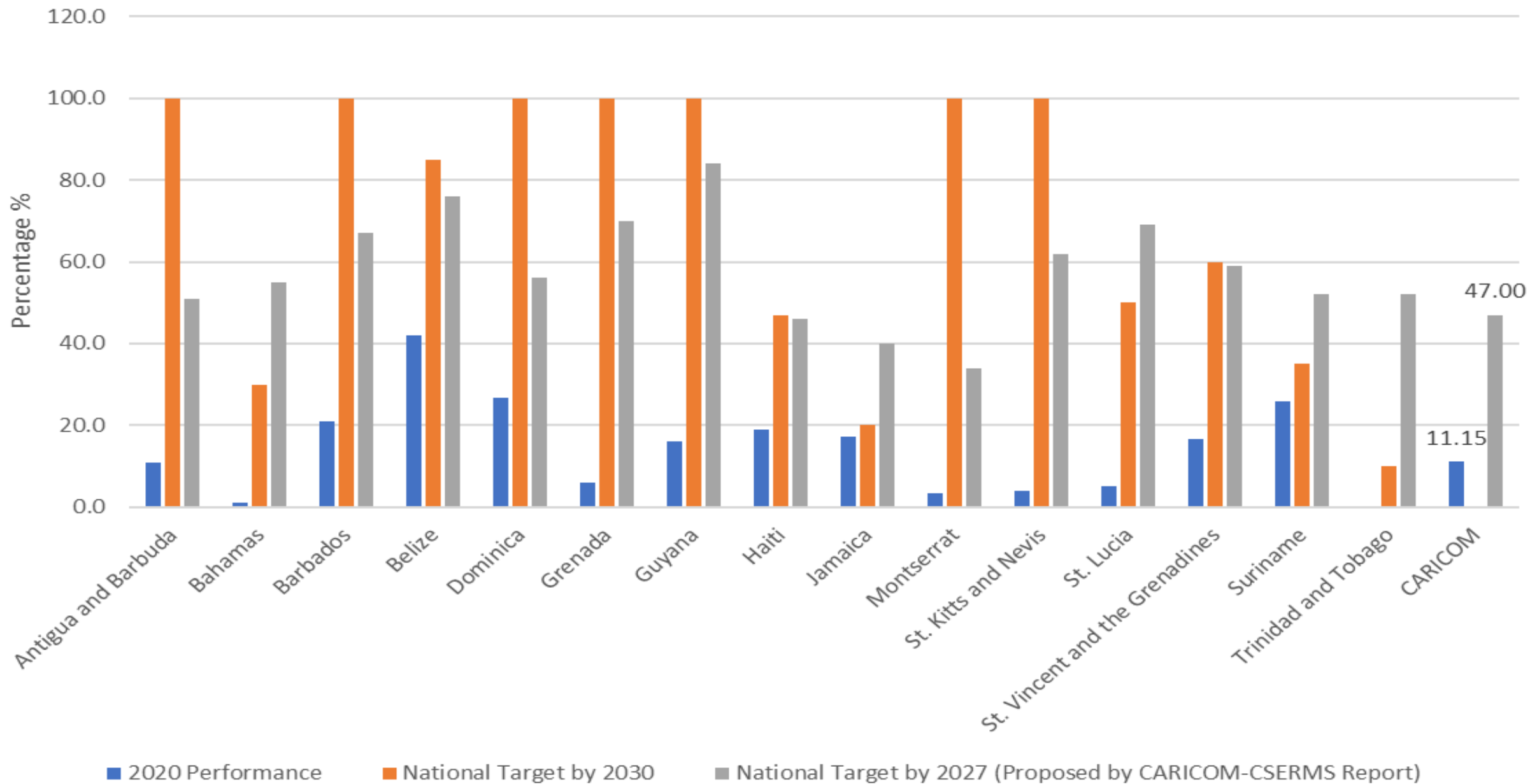
STRENGTHENING THE NEXUS: CLIMATE & ENERGY



CARICOM ENERGY, AT A GLANCE

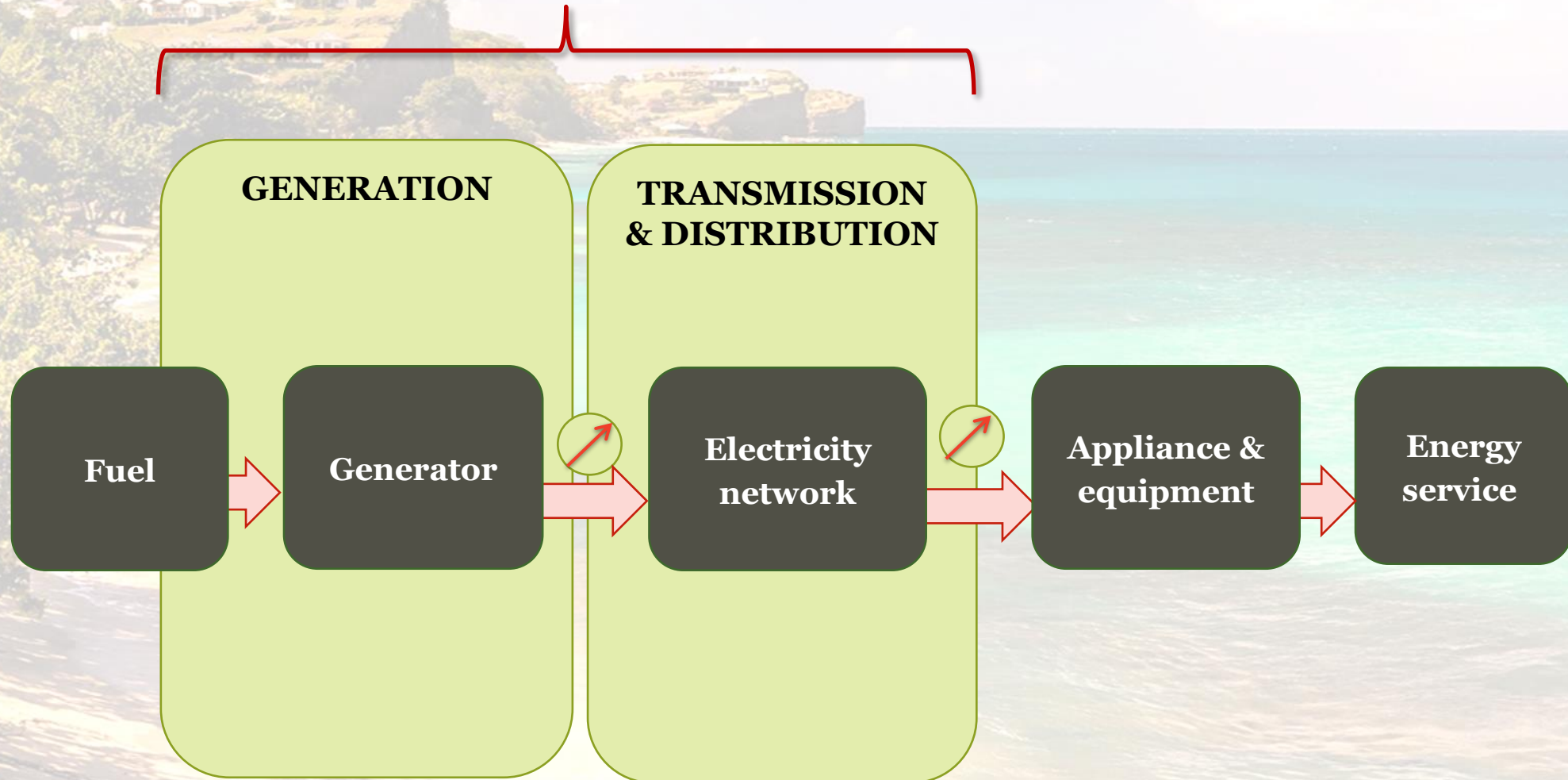


Renewable Energy Performance Targets

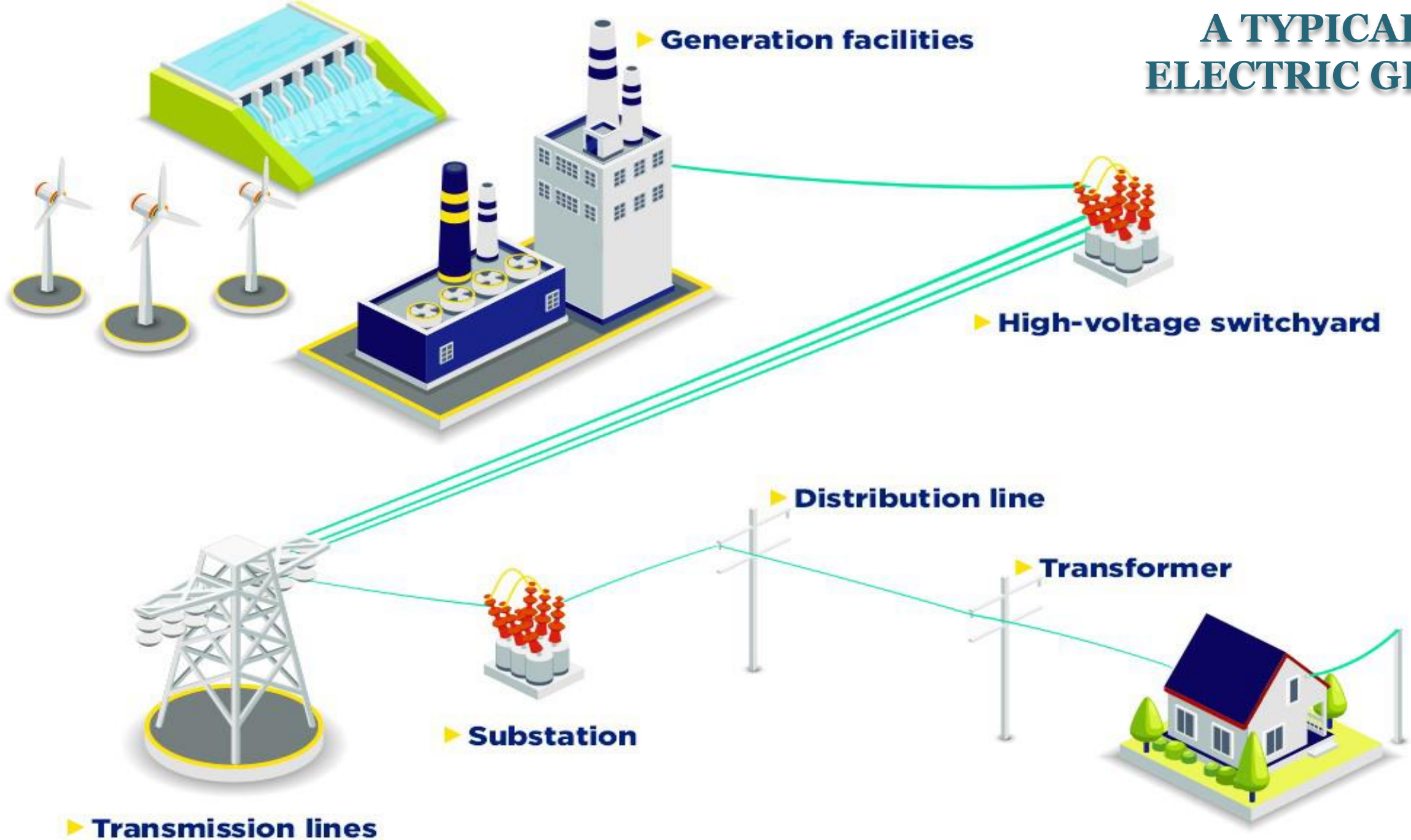


THE TRADITIONAL POWER SECTOR ARCHITECTURE

The “Utility-centric” **SUPPLY APPROACH**



A TYPICAL ELECTRIC GRID



▶ **Generation facilities**

▶ **High-voltage switchyard**

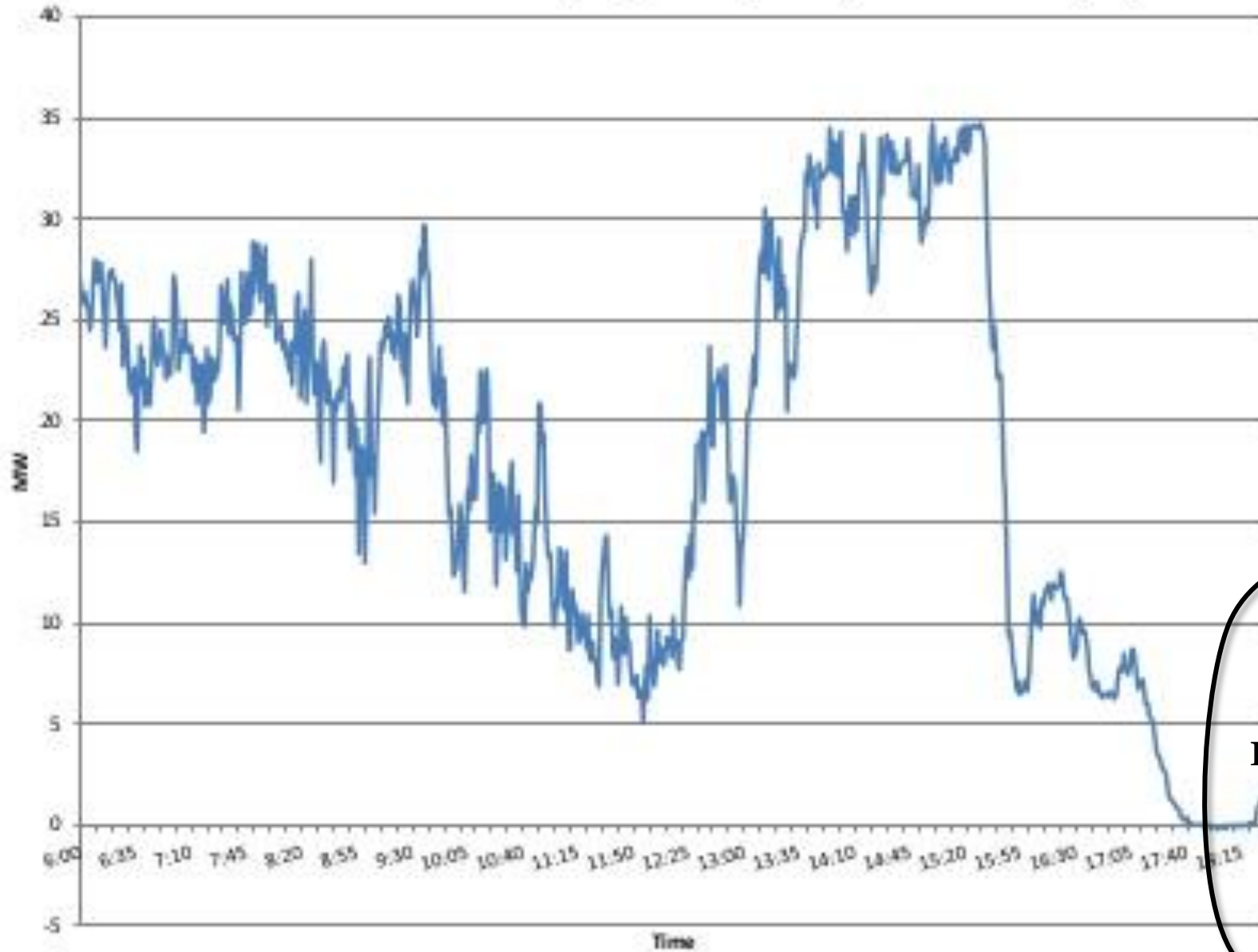
▶ **Distribution line**

▶ **Transformer**

▶ **Substation**

▶ **Transmission lines**

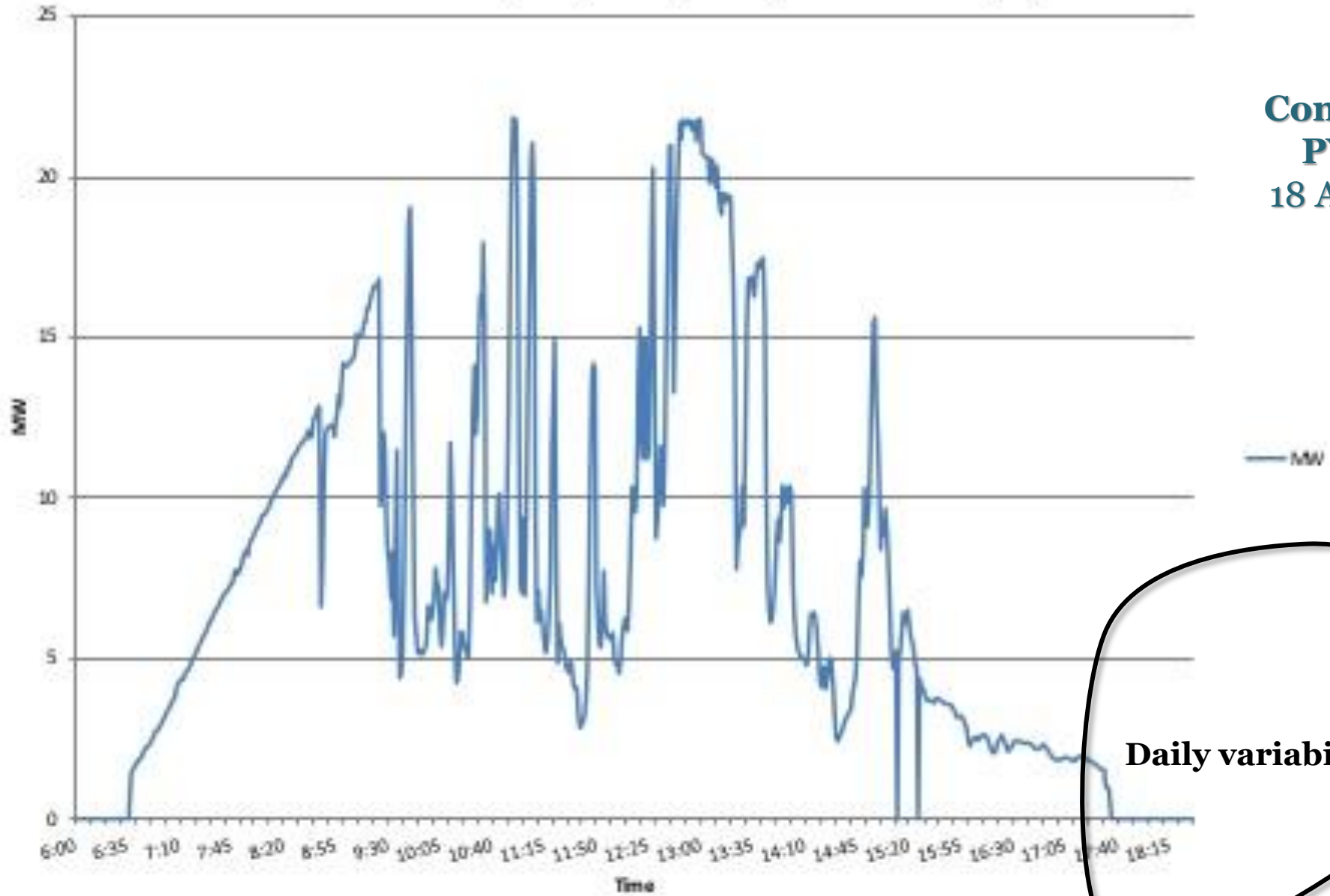
36MW Wind Farm, August 18, 2016 (6:00am - 6:30pm)



**BMR Wind
Power**
18 August 2016

Daily variability

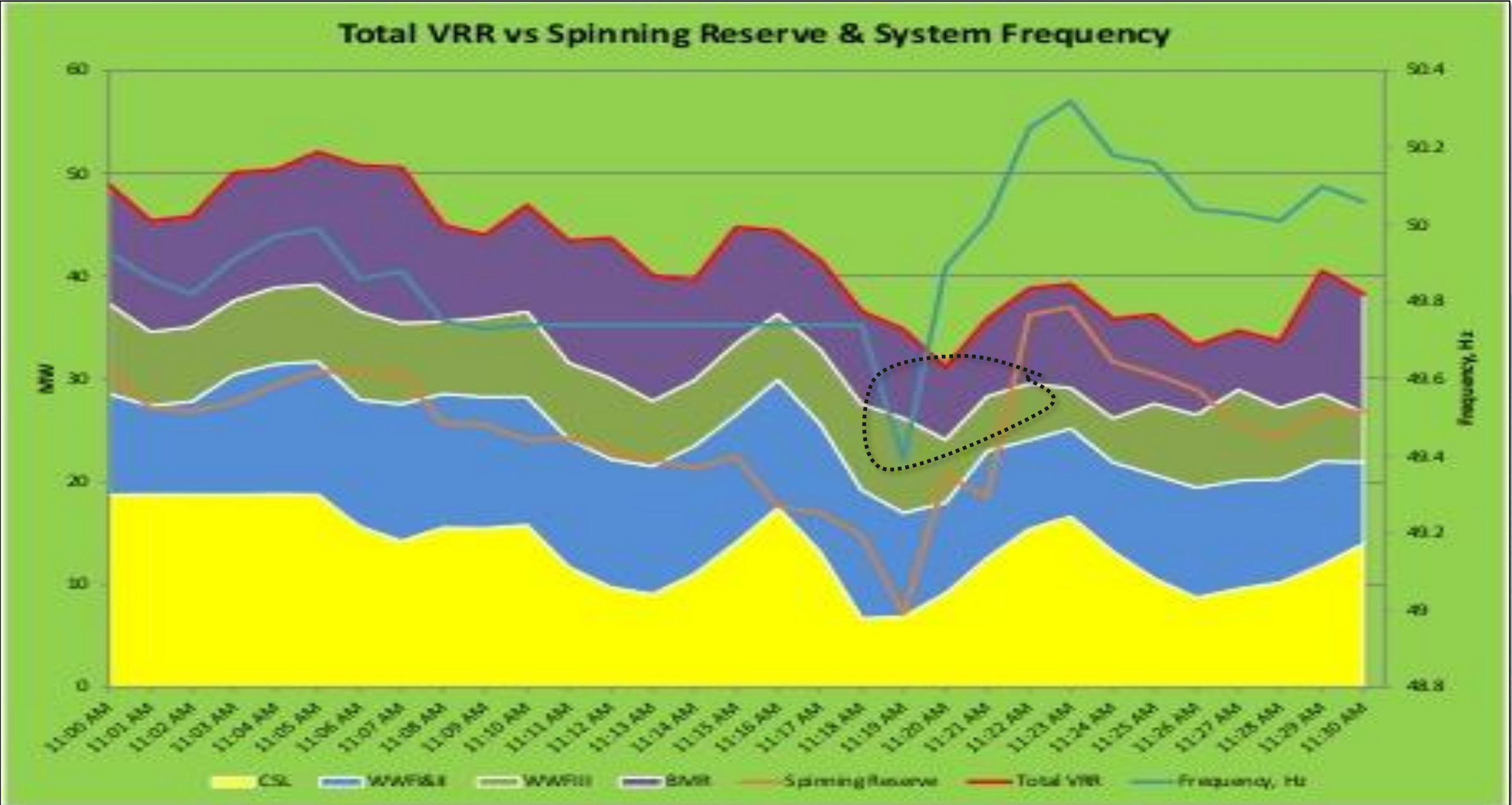
20MW PV Plant, August 18, 2016 (6:00am - 6:30pm)



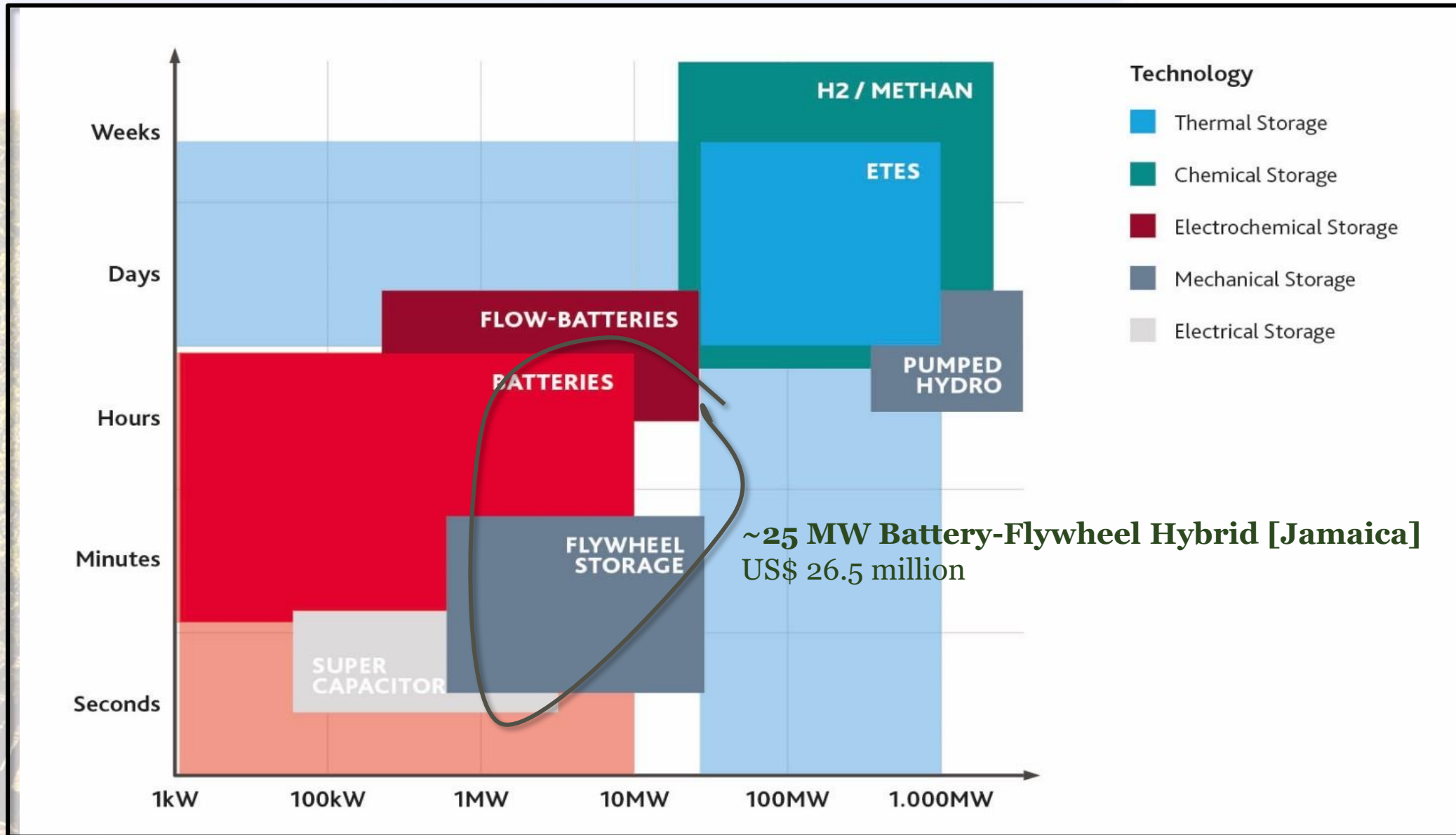
**Content Solar
PV Power
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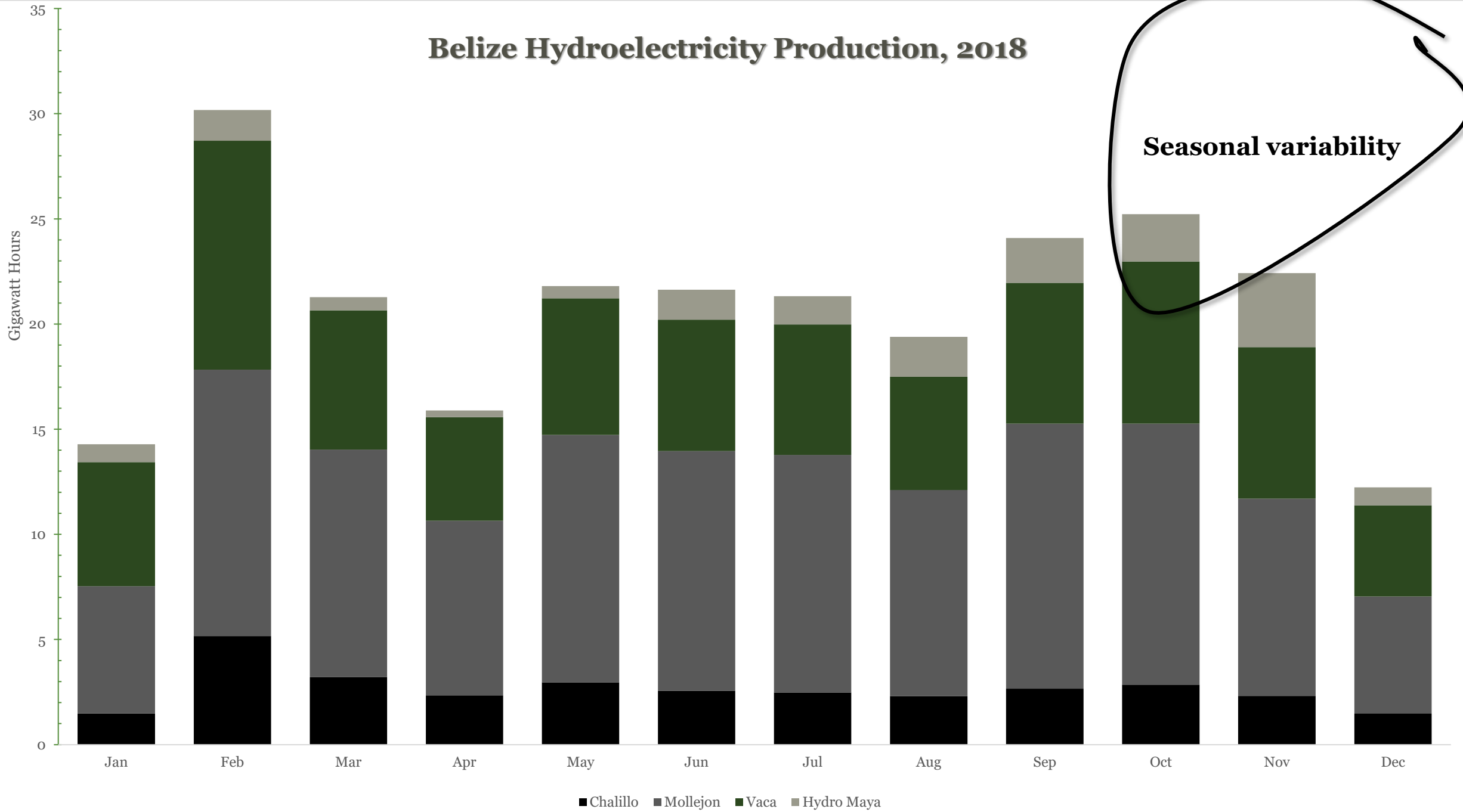
TOTAL SYSTEM, JAMAICA [2016]



ENERGY STORAGE, JAMAICA



Belize Hydroelectricity Production, 2018



Seasonal variability

Generation vulnerability



Freeport, Grand Bahamas

October 2016



Grid vulnerability

Central Trinidad, Trinidad & Tobago
October 2018



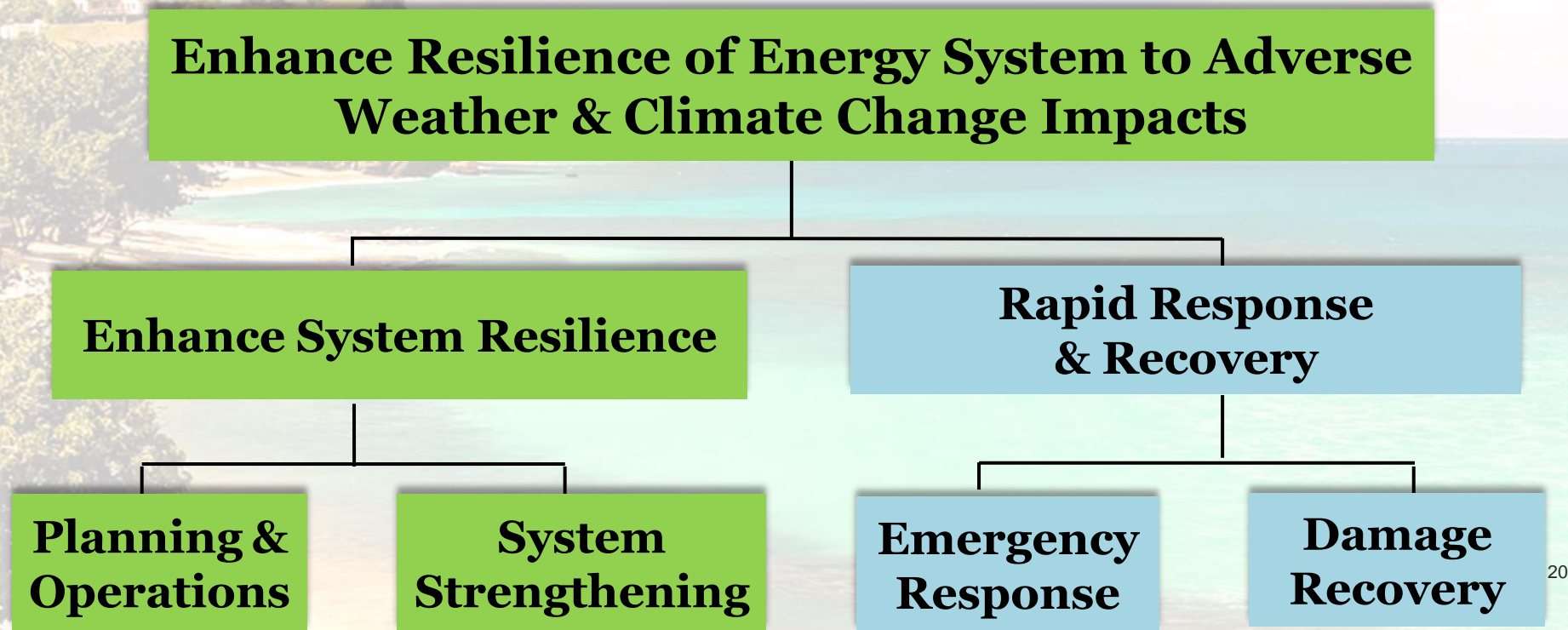
End-use vulnerability

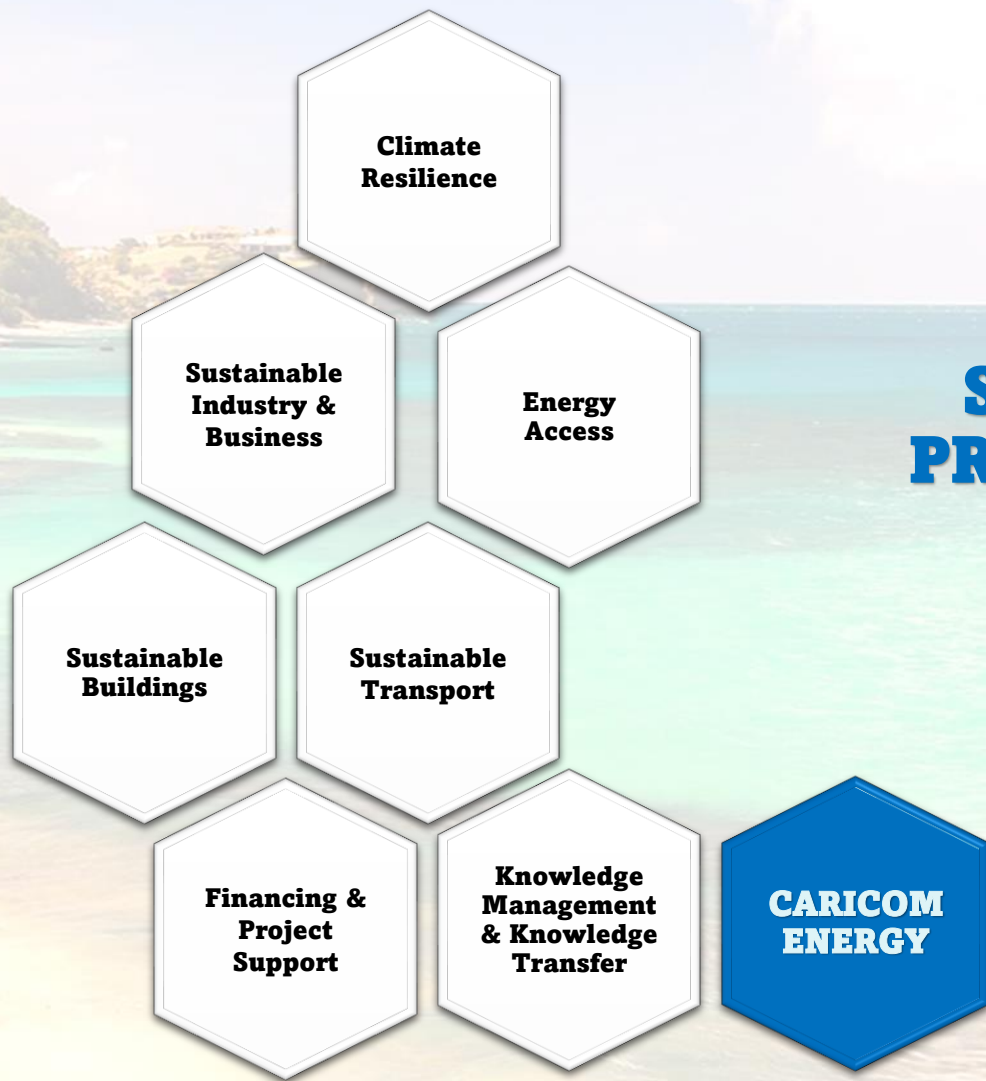
Climate-Resilient Energy Planning

CARICOM Energy Ministers [**April 2018**] established a Task Force to:

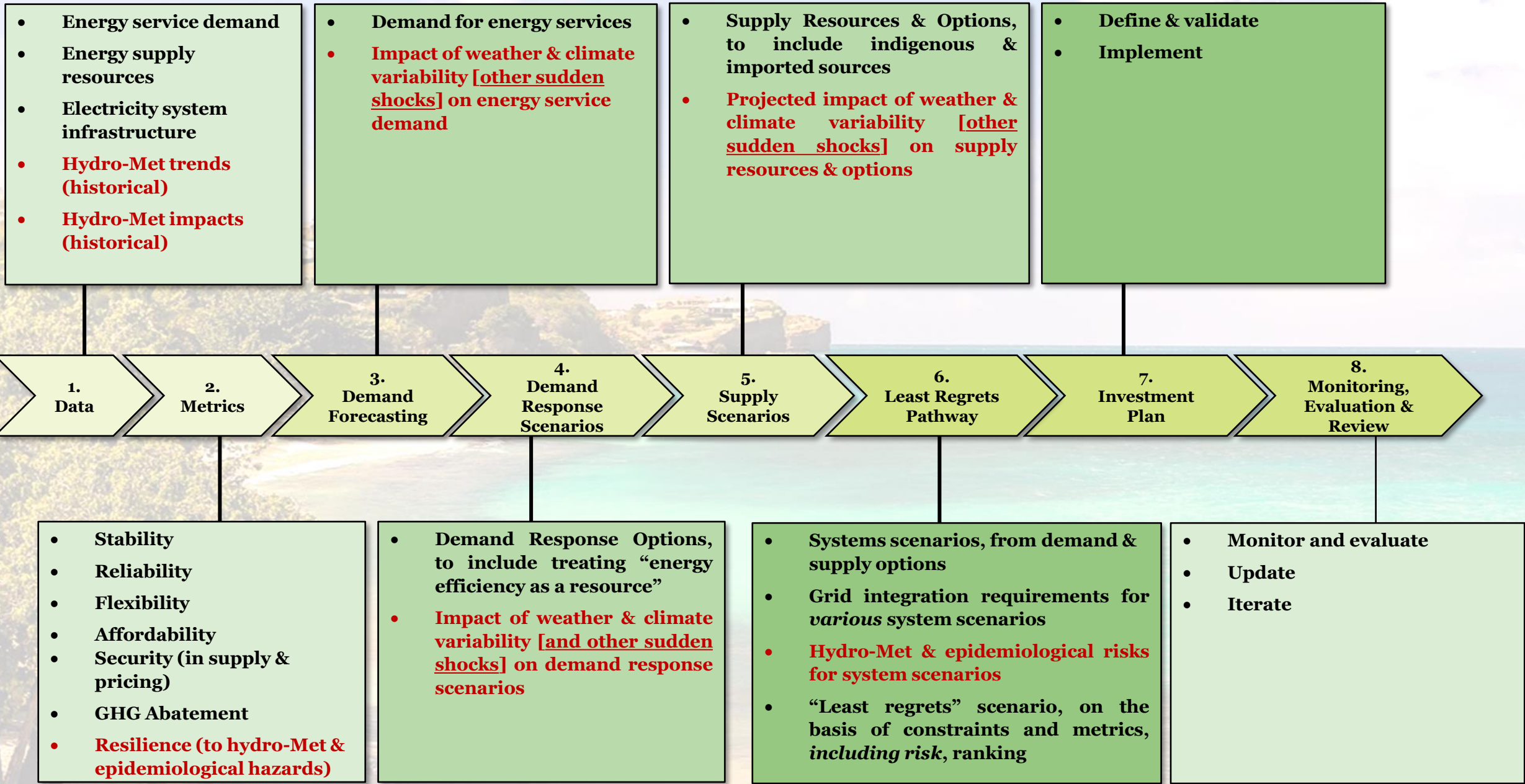
- Develop an “appropriate mechanism” for systematically addressing the weaknesses in the energy system designs within the Region, to include Integrated Resource and Resilience Planning (IRRP), such that climate and disaster risk are captured within existing sustainable energy policies, strategies and action plans, at national and regional levels
- Address the identification of appropriate disaster resilience measures that can provide a judicious balance between: (a) Full recovery of the energy networks; and (b) Quick restoration of a minimum level of energy services, in the aftermath of disasters.

FRAMEWORK FOR ENHANCING ENERGY RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE RISKS





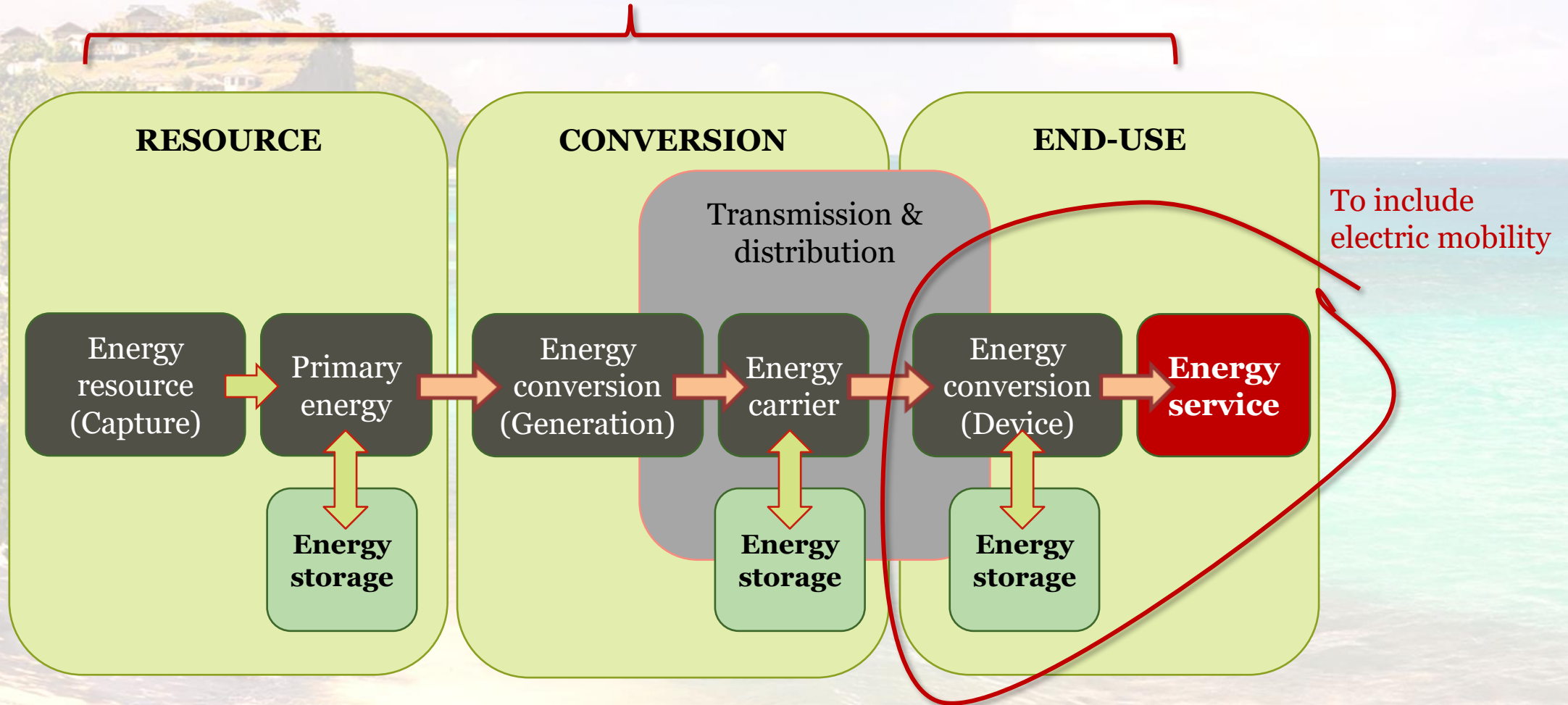
STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES



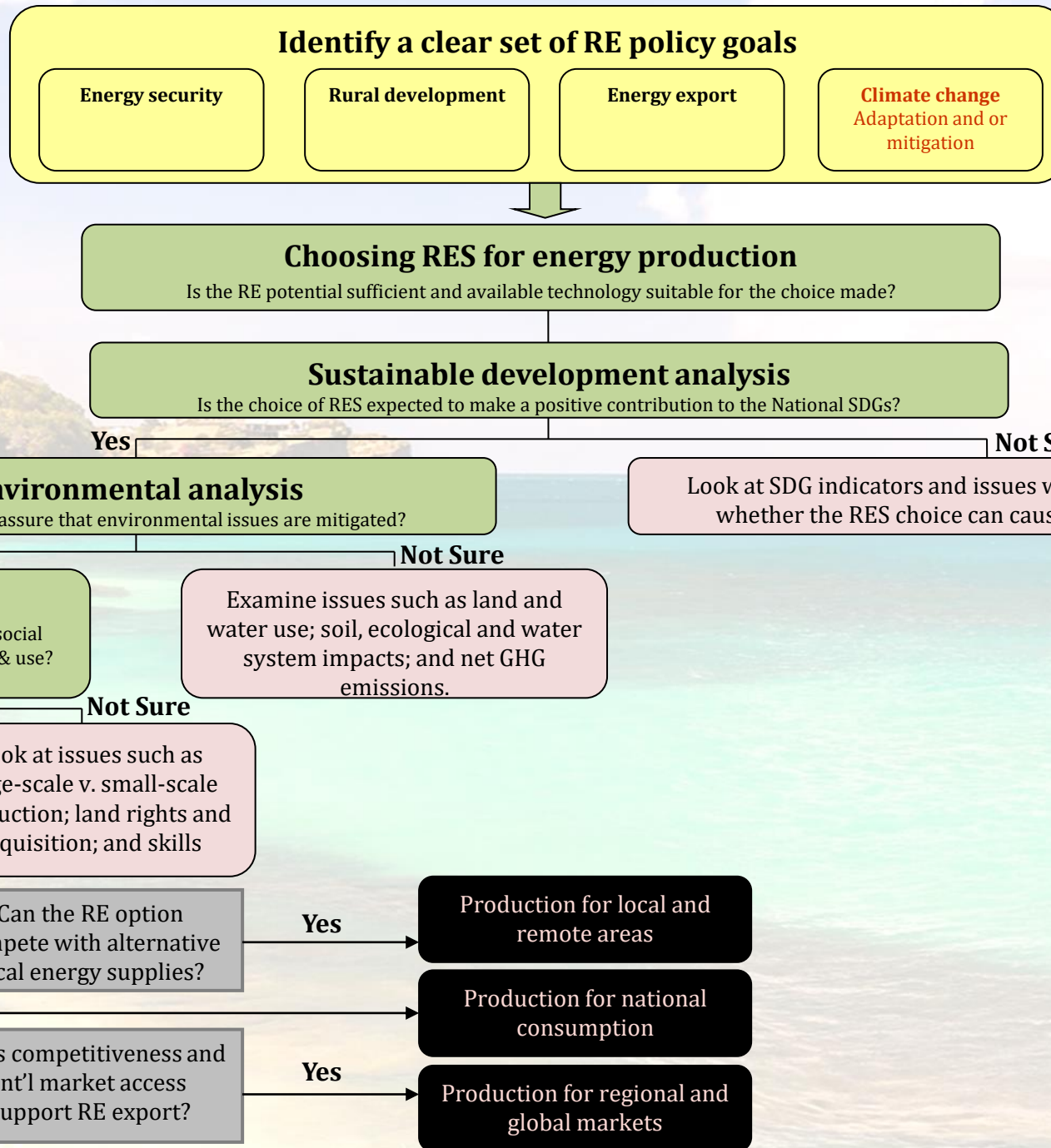
INTEGRATED RESOURCE & RESILIENCE PLANNING (IRRP)

THE OPPORTUNITY

The Multi-actor **DEMAND-DRIVEN APPROACH**



MULTI-CRITERIA DECISION ANALYSIS FOR RENEWABLE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT



THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PATHWAY

Situation regarding energy use and energy efficiency within the Region is baselined

Energy efficiency potentials in selected productive sectors and subsectors identified

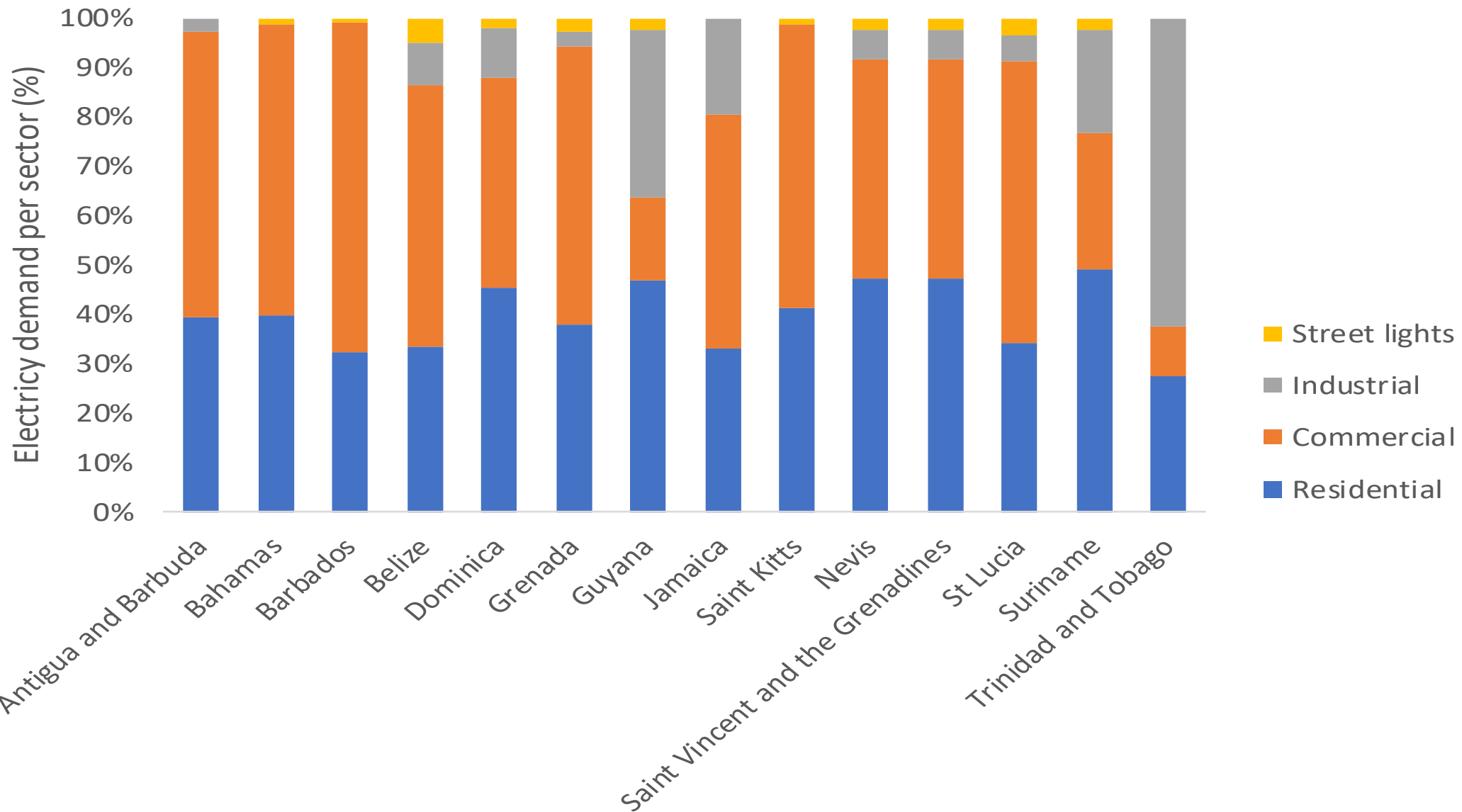
Regional and National EE targets, as well as disaggregated targets for key sectors, established

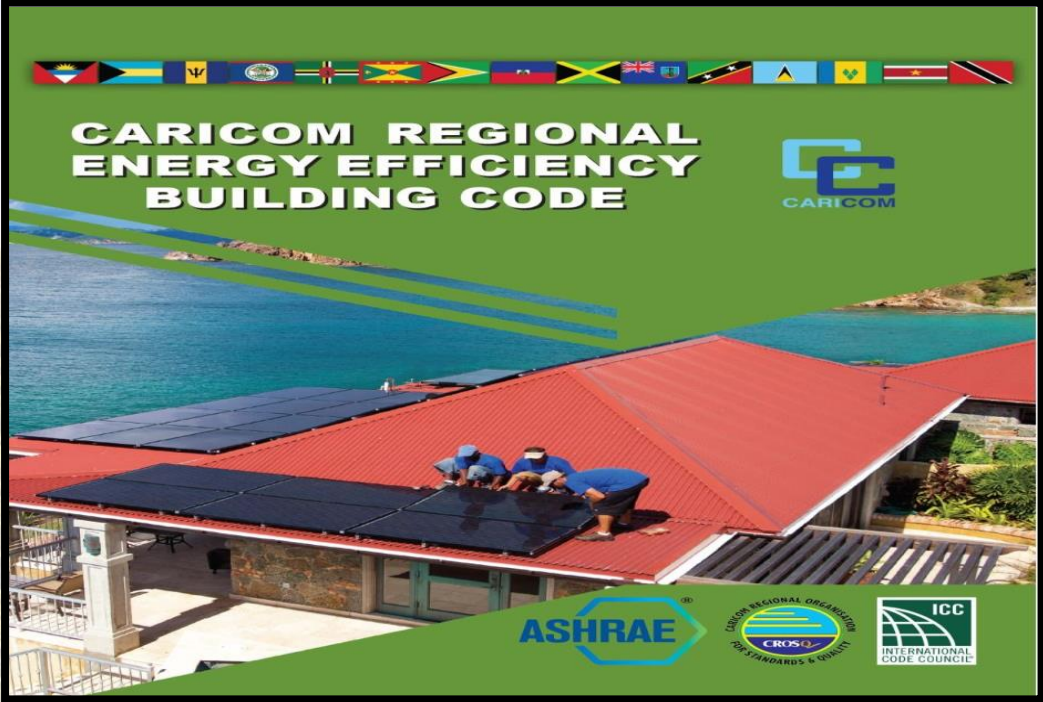
Implementation **support** for the action plan is provided

Action plan, which identifies a core set of policies, regulations, and market promotion mechanisms required to achieve targets, is developed



ELECTRICITY DEMAND BY CUSTOMER CATEGORY [2019]





RQI for Sustainable Energy



Energy Efficiency Building Code, and MEPS for Non-residential Buildings



MEPS for select appliances, equipment, rooftop SWH and Solar PV systems

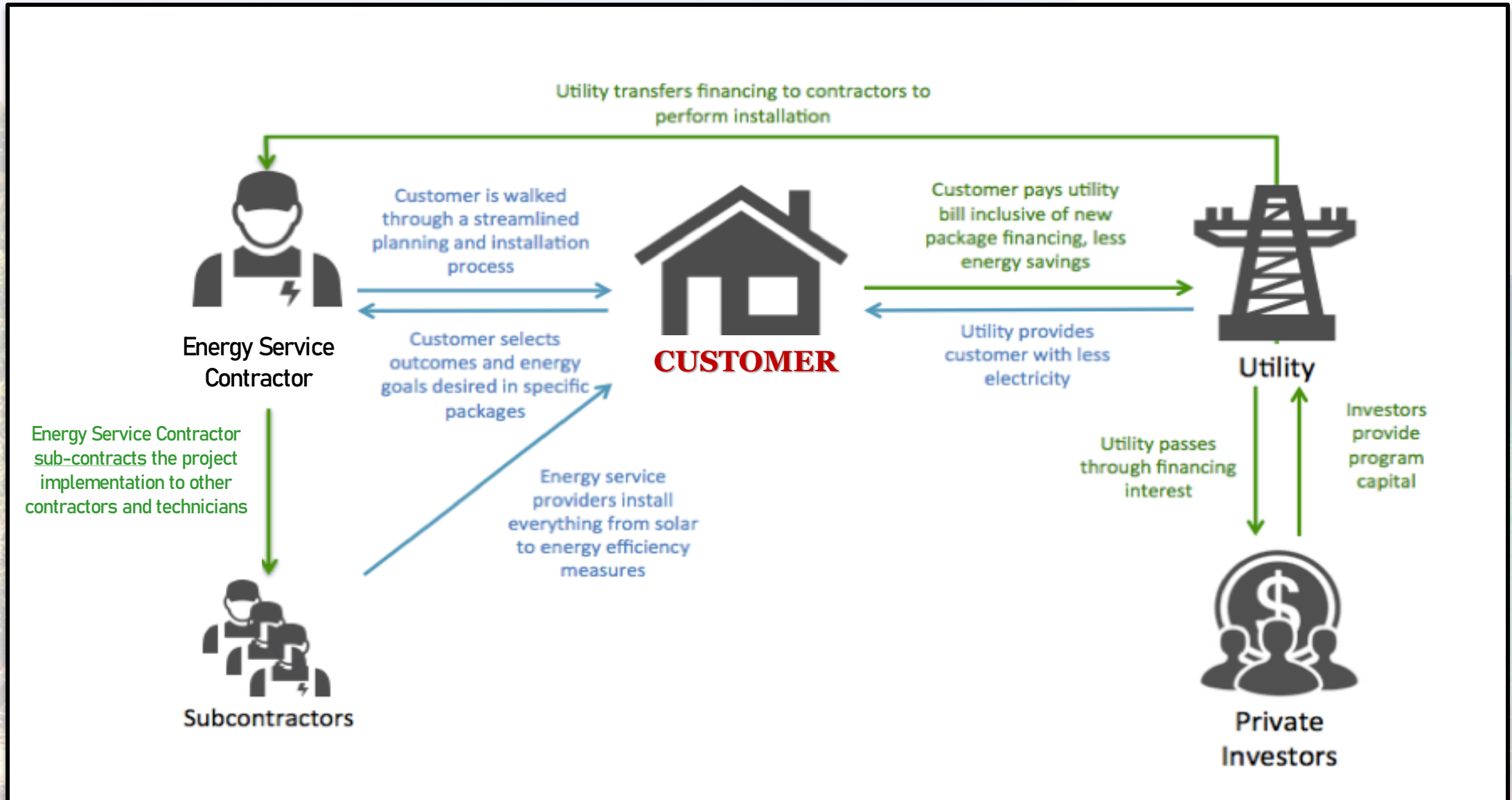


Energy labelling standards for household electrical appliances



Metrology, Accreditation and Conformity Assessments

INTEGRATED UTILITY SERVICES (IUS)



CARICOM ENERGY ACCESS PARTNERSHIP (CEAP)

- 1. Hinterland Areas and Riverine Islands in Belize, Guyana, and Suriname**
- 2. Island Communities of The Bahamas, Belize and the Grenadines**
- 3. Rural Communities in Dominica, Jamaica, and St. Vincent**
- 4. Unserved and Underserved Areas Haiti**



KEY PERSPECTIVES & MESSAGES

Size Matters

**Scale of
Available
Commercial
Technology**

**Scale of the
Available
Market**

**Cost &
Investment
Risk**

Site Matters

**Data &
Information**

**Adapt
Technology to
Market**

**Opportunities
for Sector
Coupling**

Cost Matters

**Economics &
Finance**

**Public Service
Obligations**

**Affordability
& Access**

THE FUNDAMENTALS

“Energy is no longer simply an economic issue but, for the Community, energy is part of a longer-term sustainable development and resiliency strategy”

THE STRATEGIC GUIDE

CARICOM Member States are prioritizing projects that enhance the resilience of the energy sector to climate change and other external impacts, while simultaneously providing opportunities for climate abatement co-benefits.

The CARICOM Energy Revolution should endear the sector with systems that are able to “survive, adapt and grow” in response to the myriad of hydro-meteorological, epidemiological, economical and other *disruptions* that could occur.

Global public financing is required to help to pay for the differential cost of resilience within our energy systems, so as not to burden rate-payers, who are already paying some of the highest costs, globally, for electricity and fuels.

The differential cost of resilience should be treated as public service obligations within a global climate context

*“For the things we have to learn
before we can do them,
we learn by doing them”*

-Aristotle

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