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Participants at the stakeholder workshops, hosted by UNDP and the Ministry of Planning and Development at the Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business.

Building Trinidad and Tobago's Low Emission Capacity

2015 was a hallmark year for global climate change initiatives with the Paris Agreement being developed December 12th in response to worldwide demands for reducing carbon emissions. Simultaneously, the global oil and gas markets were in the middle of a historical crash, heralding a new era for carbon reduction initiatives while reiterating the necessity for collaborative, cooperative and unified action. [Continue reading](#)

Celebrating Volunteerism

In 1985, the UN General Assembly designated 5th December – International Volunteer Day (IVD), as a day towards the annual celebration of voluntary actions by people, communities and governments of the world. On this day volunteers of all walks of life, working in communities around the globe promote the value of volunteerism. The UN Volunteers Caribbean Regional Sub-Hub, had the opportunity to partner with various organisations to celebrate volunteerism through its national and international UN volunteers. [Continue reading](#)



Staff from Nature Seekers assist a leatherback turtle amidst beached Sargassum at Matura Beach.

Responding to Sargassum

A series of key stakeholder consultation meetings were conducted to find and expedite effective ways of dealing with the Sargassum crisis that has affected many coastal communities in T&T. These discussions focused on the possible development of a National Sargassum Response Plan and an Emergency Agency/Committee. The meetings were held in October and November 2015 and were facilitated by the GEF SFP through UNDP, in partnership with the Institute of Marine Affairs (IMA). [Continue reading](#)

National Dialogue on Mainstreaming the SDGs

On September 25, 2015, world leaders heeded the call of the Secretary General and adopted the seventeen (17) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to shape the Post-2015 Development Agenda until the year 2030. The success of the SDGs depend heavily on local prioritisation of the Goals; inclusive and participatory mechanisms to achieve them; local, regional and global partnerships; and effective Monitoring and Evaluation systems to measure the impact. In its efforts to promote the SDGs at the national level, UNDP organised a National Dialogue. [Continue reading](#)