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Barbados is set to launch its inaugural Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project, a significant step towards enhancing the country's renewable energy infrastructure. This initiative aims to bolster the electricity grid and facilitate the connection of previously stalled solar photovoltaic (PV) systems.

The Ministry of Energy and Business is spearheading a three-day Procurement Design Workshop, bringing together stakeholders from organizations such as Renewables for All, the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet, the Inter-American Development Bank, Deloitte, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and the International Finance Corporation. The primary goal of the workshop is to finalize the procurement details for the BESS project.

The consortium of experts supporting Barbados began their efforts in early 2024, conducting a grid characterization study that informed the project's design. Their work, including market sounding sessions, aims to develop a cost-effective and competitive BESS tailored to Barbados' needs. Local agencies involved in the collaboration include the Fair Trading Commission, the Central Bank, Government Procurement, GEED, and the Bankers' Association.

In addition to the BESS project, Barbados is planning a 50MW photovoltaic plant combined with 128MWh of long-term green hydrogen storage and batteries in St. Philip. This facility aims to replace heavy fuel oil and kerosene consumption, aligning with the country's goal of achieving 100% renewable energy by 2030.

As the BESS project approaches completion, Barbadians awaiting grid connections can anticipate accessing solar energy, allowing new projects to move forward. The successful implementation of these initiatives underscores Barbados' commitment to sustainable energy solutions and its role as a regional leader in renewable energy adoption.

The complex will combine a 50MW photovoltaic plant with 128MWh of long-term green hydrogen storage and batteries. The solar part is described by the company as an agrivoltaic plant that will host a herd of 1,830 sheep.

French hydrogen specialist Hydrogène de France (HDF) has announced it has secured further financing for what it claims to be the largest hydrogen production complex in the Caribbean - the Renewable Barbados (RSB) project.

HDF said it is also in talks with the renewable energy cooperative Barbados Sustainable Energy Cooperative Society, for a 30% share that the latter could acquire in the project before the start of construction.

Located in St Philip, in the southeast of the island, the RSB facility is aimed at replacing heavy fuel oil and



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kerosene consumption to help the state reach its goal of 100% renewable energy by 2030.

The US\$100 million Renewstable Barbados project is a replica of the Centrale Electrique de l'Ouest Guyanais (CEOG) project - a PV park and 128MWh, hydrogen-based storage station in Saint-Laurent-du-Maroni, in northwestern French Guiana. It was launched by HDF in May 2018.

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