

To:

The Honourable Justice René Williams
High Court of Justice
Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court
St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda

Re: The Importance of the *Antigua and Barbuda Carbon Compliance Market Act (2025)* and the Regional Advancement of Economic Sovereignty

Your Lordship,

I respectfully write to this Honourable Court to underscore the profound national and regional importance of the *Antigua and Barbuda Carbon Compliance Market Act (2025)*, filed under Claim No. ANUHCv2025/0149.

For several years I have been engaged in developing this framework throughout the Eastern Caribbean, collaborating with public institutions, scientific advisers, and financial regulators to establish a lawful mechanism for a regional carbon market. The vision has always been to empower our small island nations to lawfully monetize environmental assets, build resilience, and secure true **economic independence** within the parameters of the Paris Agreement and international climate law.

The *Carbon Compliance Market Act* is the culmination of that effort. It provides Antigua and Barbuda with the statutory foundation to certify, verify, and trade carbon credits derived from national and community-based blue-carbon, green-carbon, and renewable-energy projects. These verified reductions in emissions now constitute a new sovereign asset class—transforming environmental stewardship into measurable wealth.

This initiative is no longer confined to Antigua and Barbuda. **The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, through Dr. Denzil Douglas, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Agriculture, has expressed its formal intent to join the platform**, linking its national climate projects to the same compliance-grade system governed by the Antigua and Barbuda Carbon Market Authority. This regional cooperation will integrate St. Kitts and Nevis into a shared carbon registry and trading platform—creating a collective climate-finance hub for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.

For Antigua and Barbuda and our sister islands, this development marks a turning point in history. By converting carbon sequestration and biochar innovation into a legitimate financial instrument, our nations are no longer dependent on external creditors or conditional aid. We are creating **self-sustaining wealth from our own natural capital**, thus achieving what may be properly described as *environmental and financial sovereignty*.

The judicial acknowledgment of this Act in the record of these proceedings would affirm Antigua and Barbuda's leadership in lawful innovation, signal to partner states the integrity of our institutions, and reinforce the independence of the Caribbean in the global climate economy.

With the highest respect and in service to the public interest,

Yours faithfully,

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St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda

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