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**CREATION OF CRIWT POSITIONS CFBC AS A REGIONAL LEADER IN
RENEWABLE ENERGY EDUCATION AND INNOVATION**

Basseterre, St. Kitts, 17th April, 2024 (CFBC): The creation of the Caribbean Center of Excellence in Research, Innovation, and Workforce Training (CRIWT) at the Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC) has positioned the sole indigenous tertiary-level institution in St. Kitts & Nevis as a “regional leader in renewable energy education and innovation”, according to CFBC’s President, Mr. Andrew Abraham.

Through the CRIWT, the CFBC will become the regional hub for training in solar PV installation and electronic vehicles (EV) maintenance and repairs and fill a significant gap in the region as there are no other institutions nearby that offer similar comprehensive training and services.

Speaking at the recent launch ceremony (April 9, 2024) of the CRIWT, President Abraham said that the College is living up to its motto “Always Striving for Excellence”.

“At CFBC, we have always strived to be at the forefront of innovation, anticipating the needs of our community and region. The launch of this center of excellence is deeply aligned with our institution's short, medium, and long-term goals, as well as our commitment to the core pillars of the CFBC Board,” he said.

“The latest statistics from the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) region reveal a growing demand for skilled professionals in this field, with a significant increase in solar PV installations in recent years. For example, in 2023 alone, the OECS recorded a 20% increase in solar PV installations compared to the previous year,” Mr. Abraham added.