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Central Bank Cuts Carbon Footprint

Greenhouse gas emissions fall 13.8% as sustainability initiatives deliver measurable results across operations.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. September 30, 2026, | The Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT) has reduced its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 13.8 per cent since 2019, marking a significant milestone in the Bank's efforts to improve environmental sustainability and strengthen responsible corporate stewardship. The reduction, achieved over a six-year period, underscores the Bank's commitment to measuring, managing and reducing its environmental impact.

According to the Bank's **2025 Carbon Footprint Assessment**, total estimated GHG emissions decreased from 9,591.1 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e) in 2019 to 8,264.9 tCO₂e in 2025. The assessment forms part of the Bank's broader efforts to measure and manage its environmental impact, inform evidence-based sustainability initiatives, and contribute to national and regional discussions on climate resilience and environmental responsibility.

The assessment evaluates emissions across three categories, or "scopes". Scope 1 includes direct emissions from sources owned or controlled by the Bank, such as fuel used in vehicles and generators, refrigerant leaks, and natural gas consumption. Scope 2 captures indirect emissions associated with purchased electricity, while Scope 3 covers selected value-chain emissions, including business travel and employee commuting.

The findings point to meaningful progress in reducing emissions across the Bank's operations. Notably, Scope 2 emissions declined by 11.9 per cent, largely reflecting lower electricity consumption during the assessment period. Scope 3 emissions recorded the largest reduction, falling by 27.7 per cent, while Scope 1 emissions increased modestly by 10.5 per cent, underscoring opportunities for further emissions management in direct operations.

To place the results in context, the Bank's 2025 emissions are equivalent to:

- The annual emissions produced by approximately 22,836 diesel-driven passenger vehicles;
- The annual emissions from 2,283 gasoline-powered sport utility vehicles;
- The electricity consumption of about 25 average wind turbines operating for one year; or
- The carbon absorbed by approximately 158,590 tree seedlings grown for ten years.

Dr. Dorian Noel, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, noted that measuring and managing the Bank's carbon footprint is an important part of strengthening institutional sustainability.

"The results of our 2025 carbon footprint assessment demonstrate that deliberate operational changes can lead to measurable environmental benefits. The reduction in emissions since our 2019 baseline reflects CBTT's commitment to continuous improvement and responsible stewardship of resources. As we move forward, we will continue to identify opportunities to enhance energy efficiency and further reduce emissions through sustainable waste management, less paper use, and greening procurement activity. Moreover, we hope to accelerate and scale climate change considerations across our operations and through our network of influence for improved climate performance."

"The Bank will continue to disclose the results of our carbon footprint measurement, and activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen climate resilience. The Bank fully understands that this level of transparency is crucial to obtaining the much-needed credibility for our future work on greening the financial system and to demonstrate our commitment to net zero central banking, in line with our partners in the Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS)".