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### **CARICOM Leaders Urged to Seize on Global Climate Change Agenda**

*(City of Belmopan, Belize)* On the heels of a new report released by the IPCC, Heads of Government of CARICOM converged on Ambergris Caye, Belize for the Thirty-Third Inter-sessional Meeting of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). High on the meeting agenda was the issue of climate change and the recently concluded Twenty-sixth meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP26) and the next steps for COP27.

In a presentation to Heads, Dr. Young, the Executive Director of the CCCCC, discussed the outcomes of the Glasgow Climate Pact relative to the CARICOM expectations. He indicated that while COP26 resulted in progress in a number of key areas of importance to CARICOM and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), the overall Glasgow Climate Pact package for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) failed to close the ambition gap in line with the science of 1.5°C and failed to deliver the USD 100 billion annually by 2020 that was promised by developed countries to developing countries. The Glasgow Climate Pact did not result in the establishing of a loss and damage facility in line with the expectations of SIDS.

Leading up to COP27, Dr. Young encouraged CARICOM Member States to be fully engaged by having early and meaningful engagements both at the political and technical levels to ensure that the region's priorities are reflected in the Work Programmes and processes established to bridge the ambition gaps at COP26, namely:

- A work programme to accelerate pre-2030 emissions reductions for 1.5°C;
- The Glasgow–Sharm el-Sheikh work programme on the global goal on adaptation;
- Ad hoc work programme for the post-2025 collective quantified goal on climate finance; and,
- The Glasgow Dialogue on loss and damage.

Dr. Young also updated the Heads of the Government of the damning findings of the recently released IPCC Sixth Assessment Report “Climate Change 2022: Impacts,

Adaptation and Vulnerability for SIDS and encouraged Heads to rely on the broad body of undeniable facts presented in the report to continue urgent calls for increase access, speed and scale to climate finance to fund climate adaptation initiatives in Member States.

CARICOM leaders took note of the Glasgow Climate Pact, the 2022 priorities of the UK COP26 Presidency, endorsed the COP27 Road Map and issued the Ambergris Caye Declaration on COP26 Outcomes and CARICOM expectations in the lead up to COP27: A pathway from Ambition to Action.”

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*The Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre is an inter-governmental Caribbean Community (CARICOM) institution that is mandated by the CARICOM Heads of Government to coordinate the Region’s response to climate change. We maintain the Caribbean’s most extensive repository of information and data on climate change specific to the region, which in part enables us to provide climate change-related policy advice and guidelines to CARICOM Member States. In this role, the Centre is recognized by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the United Nations Environment Programme, and other international agencies as the focal point for climate change issues in the Caribbean. The Centre is also one of the few institutions recognized as a Centre of Excellence by United Nations Institute for Training and Research. CCCCC is empowering the Caribbean Community to act on climate change.*