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Deadline Approaching for Applications to The Bahamas Climate Change Youth Ambassadors Program

Nassau, The Bahamas – April 4, 2025 – The Climate Change & Environmental Advisory Unit (CCEAU) in the Office of the Prime Minister is pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for the 2025-2026 Bahamas Climate Change Youth Ambassadors Program. This initiative provides two young leaders, one male and one female - aged 18-25, with a platform to advocate for climate action and represent the voices of Bahamian youth at national and international levels.

The role of a Climate Change Youth Ambassador is dynamic and impactful. Ambassadors participate in policy discussions, develop and engage with community initiatives, and represent The Bahamas at climate-related forums. Additionally, Ambassadors collaborate with policymakers, climate experts, and community leaders to advance climate resilience while raising awareness and mobilizing their peers.

During his term as a 2024-2025 Climate Change Youth Ambassador, Jervon Sands highlighted his exposure to the breadth of work being done locally, regionally, and globally to safeguard small island developing states, like The Bahamas, from the impacts of climate change: "Through those experiences, I connected and engaged with young people both at home and abroad who are committed to this work. The role has also allowed me to gain critical knowledge and skills while representing The Bahamas internationally at crucial conferences for the future of our nation, such as SIDS4 (Antigua and Barbuda) and COP29 (Azerbaijan)".

The CCEAU encourages motivated young Bahamians who are passionate about national development, sustainability and climate advocacy to apply. N. Charles Hamilton, Climate Advisor in the CCEAU noted, "Climate change is a multidisciplinary field, therefore, a degree or studies in environmental or climate sciences is not required. Ambassadors simply need to be passionate, hardworking, willing to learn and be able to collaborate as a team member."

Applicants will benefit from enhanced leadership skills, expanded professional networks, and contributing to shaping The Bahamas' response to climate challenges. Additionally, they will have an opportunity to participate at COP30 in Brazil in November 2025.

The application deadline is <u>April 22, 2025 at 1pm</u>. For full details on eligibility criteria, responsibilities, and application instructions, please refer to *@CCEAUBahamas* (Instagram) and *@C2EAU* (Facebook) on social media and to apply, visit <u>rb.gy/lxzj9b</u> or scan the QR code.

Should you have questions or require further information, please email <u>youthclimatecompetition@bahamas.gov.bs</u> or call the CCEAU at 702-5500.



About the CCEAU

Established in January 2022, the Climate Change & Environmental Advisory Unit (CCEAU) is the technical advisory arm of the Office of the Prime Minister (The Bahamas), tasked with addressing matters related to Climate Change and the Environment.