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Global Climate Change Expedition Arrives in Barbados

The TOPtoTOP Global Climate Change Expedition, under the leadership of Dario and Sabine Schwörer landed in Bridgetown on Wednesday this week aboard the sailboat Pachamama. “Pachamama” is an Inca word that means much more than "Mother Earth". It suggests a lifestyle in harmony with nature.

This expedition is the first one of its kind, in that it travels to the seven (7) summits to connect global climate zones in seven (7) continents around the world using only human power.

This team of environmentalist have crossed the Atlantic Ocean to raise awareness among young people in the Caribbean region on environmental issues, particularly climate change. The philosophy of this initiative which is implemented under the aegis of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is to motivate people to “Act Now”.

Their work includes activities that fall under the themes of “Climate solutions” and “Youth engagement”. Whilst on the island, Sabine and Dario will visit working examples of sustainable living through the use of renewable energy, as well as give a one-hour presentation at one the Ministry of the Environment’s adopted primary schools on Tuesday next week. School visits are made by crew members at each destination throughout the expedition. They teach children about the importance of nature and give them various fun projects to learn all about sustainability. The children are then encouraged to express their own ideas about how we can care more for our environment and climate through painting and drawing.

For more information on this initiative, please visit the website www.toptotop.org. To arrange for interviews with the team, kindly contact Judi Clarke at the CARICOM Adapting to Climate Change in the Caribbean (ACCC) project at 429-6064 or email clarkecpacc@sunbeach.net, or reach Dario and Sabine at 236-8185.