

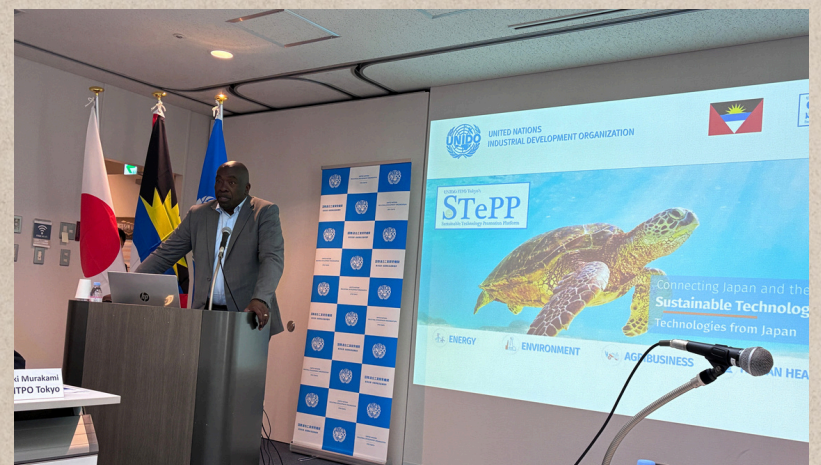
Discussion Meeting Held Between Minister Nicholas of Antigua and Barbuda and STePP Registered Companies



On August 6, 2026, the Honourable Melford Nicholas, Minister of Information, Communication Technologies (ICTs), Utilities and Energy of Antigua and Barbuda, who was visiting Japan at the invitation of the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), visited the United Nations Industrial Development Organization Investment and Technology Promotion Office in Tokyo (UNIDO ITPO Tokyo). During the visit, an exchange meeting was held with Japanese companies registered on UNIDO's Sustainable Technology Promotion Platform (STePP).

The participating companies delivered presentations highlighting their innovative products, technologies, and areas of expertise, as well as their potential to contribute to new business opportunities in Antigua and Barbuda. Minister Nicholas, in turn, shared valuable insights into the country's business environment, development prospects, and current challenges. The meeting provided a meaningful opportunity for both sides to exchange information, explore potential areas of collaboration, and identify opportunities for future partnerships.

Reflecting on the potential for continued collaboration, Minister Nicholas concluded with the inspiring message, "This is where it begins." Building on the momentum generated by the meeting, the Embassy of Japan will continue to support efforts to foster partnerships between Antigua and Barbuda and Japanese companies, with a view to leveraging Japanese expertise and technology to address development challenges and promote sustainable development in both countries.



Visitor

Hon. Melford Nicholas, Minister of Information
Communication Technologies (ICTs), Utilities and Energy
of Antigua and Barbuda

Destination

United Nations Industrial Development Organization
Investment and Technology Promotion Office, Tokyo
(UNIDO ITPO Tokyo)

Participating Companies

- FREE Co., Ltd.
- Kaiho Industry Co., Ltd.
- Nippon Mikuniya Corporation
- Totetsu Co., Ltd.
- Waqua Inc.