Suriname is preparing its Second National Communication (SNC) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and as part of the implementation of the Mitigation Assessment (MA) the Long-range Energy Alternatives Planning System (LEAP) training was held from the 28th of February to the 4th March to strengthen capacities in the country for the MA. The MA will generate information on the potential costs, benefits and impacts of implementing technologies and practices to mitigate climate change. The MA will provide policymakers with the basis for the formulation and prioritization of mitigation programs and strengthen national sustainable development policies.

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Several participants indicated at the end of the training that they were very much satisfied with the training and have increased their knowledge for Energy planning and Mitigation Assessment, but that the use of up to date national data would have enhanced the result even more.