“The Green Economy and the Caribbean: Issues, Ideas and Initiatives”
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Risks
• “Green” but what about people?
• Green jobs for who?
• Trade protection and exclusion from economic markets?
• One size fits all?
What does “Green Economy” mean in the Caribbean context? How can we get our voice heard in international discussions?

Caribbean regional dialogue

Characteristics of a green economy in the Caribbean

- Equitable distribution of economic benefits and effective management of ecological resources
- Economically viable and resilient to both external and internal shocks
- Self-directed and self-reliant
- Pro-poor and generating decent jobs and working conditions for local people

Key principles for a green economy in the Caribbean

- Common vision
- Human security
- Good governance
- Well educated citizenry
- Involved young people
- Informed and mobilised civil society
- Commitment to pan-Caribbean cooperation
“We wish to thank the world for giving our model of development a name.”

**EMERGING CARIBBEAN INITIATIVES:**

**Regional policy, institutions and initiatives**

- CARICOM Single Market Policy Framework
- CARICOM Regional Framework and Implementation Plan for development that is resilient to climate change
- Caribbean Sea Commission
- Sectoral e.g. CARICOM Common Fisheries Policy
- CARILED CIDA funded project on local economic development in CARICOM countries
- UNEP green economy programme for the Caribbean

**National policy initiatives**

- Barbados Green Economy Policy Framework
- Guyana Low-Carbon Development Strategy
- Dominica Organic Development Policy Framework and low carbon climate resilient development strategy
- Saint Lucia developing a national vision
- Grenada Alternative Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy
- Dominican Republic Climate Compatible Development Strategy
- British Virgin Islands environmental mainstreaming
- Trinidad and Tobago valuation of ecosystem services into national accounting

**Sectoral initiatives**

- Sustainable rural livelihoods based on the use of natural resources
- Greening urban development: Caribbean Network for Urban Land Management (CNULM)
- Greening private sector: Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers Association, Green Business Barbados
- Renewable energy: Solar, wind, geothermal
- Organic agriculture
- Sustainable tourism, community-based tourism, natural and cultural heritage tourism
The Caribbean Green Economy Action Learning Group

Purpose: To identify and promote ways in which “green economy” can advance sustainable development in the Caribbean through shaping visions, perspectives, positions and actions. This will require examining:

- What are the opportunities?
- What are the potential threats?
- What could be a Caribbean vision of economic development?

Objectives

1. **Fleshing out the vision**: building and sharing evidence-based knowledge

2. **Promoting the vision**: communication to influence policy and build commitment

3. **Putting the vision into action**: action research carried out by ALG members and their partners

4. **Creating capacity to achieve the vision**: capacity building for ALG members
What do you think?

...are the questions?
...are the priority areas for action?
...are the opportunities?