



Caribbean Action Learning Group on Green Economy

Terms of Reference

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1. Background

- 1.1. The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) facilitated a regional dialogue on green economy in the Caribbean in early 2011. This involved a desk study, interviews with key stakeholders, and a regional workshop. A draft position paper on green economy was developed in March 2011, which was subsequently turned into a policy brief and widely disseminated via targeted mailings, posting on CANARI's website and Facebook, and presented at events around the region and internationally. This work was supported by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), with additional support for the regional workshop in February 2010 from the Commonwealth Foundation.
- 1.2. CANARI is continuing to facilitate a regional programme on green economy. This work will focus on:
 - a) broadening and deepening the discussion and analysis on what green economy means in the Caribbean context;
 - b) communicating to raise awareness, engage stakeholders, and influence policy (including into the Rio+20 process) via national and international meetings/processes;
 - c) implementation of a programme of action (how can this be implemented in sectors etc).
- 1.3. As part of this work, CANARI will establish and facilitate a Caribbean Green Economy Action Learning Group (GE ALG).

2. Purpose of the ALG

- 2.1 The overall purpose of the GE ALG is 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?

- 2.2 The objectives of the GE ALG are to:
- a) Build and share evidence-based knowledge to build understanding and capacity
 - b) Advocate to influence policy and build commitment
 - c) Act to deliver transformational results
- 2.3 The GE ALG achieves this purpose by:
- a) identifying gaps in knowledge and conducting research, including action research, on the opportunities and options for moving towards a green economy in a range of sectors (including agriculture, tourism and energy) and spaces (e.g., urban environments, government practices);
 - b) analysing emerging views, ideas, perspectives, and information on green economy in the Caribbean;
 - c) participating in meetings of the GE ALG called by CANARI to:
 - i. share information relevant to their country or sector;
 - ii. advise CANARI on priorities and strategies for shaping a Caribbean vision, position and action on green economy;
 - d) organising and participating in sectoral, national, and/or regional meetings and other processes to facilitate and/or contribute to discussions and action on green economy in the Caribbean;
 - e) sharing and promoting the Caribbean vision and position on green economy at sectoral, national, regional, and/or international meetings and other processes;
 - f) identifying potential areas for action on green economy and catalysing action by partners (which may include organisations with which GE ALG members are affiliated);
 - g) facilitating sharing of information among partners involved in action around green economy in the Caribbean;
 - h) using an action learning approach that includes mutual support among ALG members to reflect on lessons from action on green economy;
 - i) develop and build the capacity of the GE ALG membership to create a cadre of regional experts on and advocates for approaches that contribute towards achievement of a new vision of economic development in the Caribbean.

3. Membership of the ALG

- 3.1. The GE ALG includes a diversity of Caribbean perspectives.
- 3.2. The GE ALG is comprised of persons appointed in their individual capacity from government agencies, civil society organisations (national, regional and international and including community-based organisations [CBOs], non-governmental organisations [NGOs], academic institutes, media and labour), technical assistance agencies and donors from or actively working in the Caribbean.
- 3.3. The GE ALG consists of 20 to 30 members.

- 3.4. Important considerations for the composition of members include:
- a) expertise in one or more key sectors (e.g. tourism, agriculture, energy, mining, culture, services);
 - b) representation across government, CBOs, NGOs, academic institutes, media, labour, technical assistance agencies and donors;
 - c) representation across countries in the Caribbean;
 - d) involvement in green economy initiatives in their sector, country, regionally or internationally;
 - e) gender and ethnic diversity and a range of language skills (particularly English, French, Spanish and Creole).
- 3.5. Members of the ALG can identify additional expertise needed and propose new members.
- 3.6. A steering committee to coordinate development and implementation of the programme of work may be established from the membership of the GE ALG.
- 3.7. Other committees of the GE ALG may be established as needed.