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CANARI co-hosts global meeting on transforming economic development through green enterprises

Port of Spain, October 2, 2017 - The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) is co-hosting a global meeting on transforming economic development so that it is more environmentally sustainable, benefits the poor, is resilient and follows good governance practices.

The Green Economy Coalition (GEC) is holding its annual global meeting in Trinidad this year in partnership with CANARI, a long-standing member of the Coalition. The theme of the meeting is “Green enterprises: driving the transition from local to global” to focus on the potential of small and micro enterprises to drive new approaches to economic development.

The meeting will be held November 1-3 at the Hilton Hotel and Conference Centre. Participants will include members of the Caribbean Green Economy Action Learning Group and the Trinidad and Tobago Small and Micro Enterprise Action Learning Group convened by CANARI to lead analysis and catalyse changes in policy and practice across the Caribbean. Green economy leaders from India, Mongolia, Peru, Senegal, South Africa and Uganda and key global agencies will also attend.

The entire first day of the meeting will be a field visit to the Green Market in the Santa Cruz valley, where participants will work with community micro entrepreneurs from Trinidad and Tobago to explore how they are delivering economic, environmental and social benefits. Understanding how to better support entrepreneurs to deliver ‘triple-bottom line’ benefits will be the focus of the second day of the meeting. Lessons and recommendations will be shared by support agencies from Trinidad and Tobago, across the Caribbean and other
GEC members (for example from India and South Africa business incubators). A Green Enterprise Declaration will be launched on the final morning to share a collective vision of how green enterprises can drive economic transformation.

The meeting is being held as part of a global GEC project *Creating enabling policy conditions for the transformation towards an inclusive green economy* funded by the European Commission. The project has established seven national/regional hubs in the global south, including one in the Caribbean which CANARI is managing under the #GE4U: Transformation towards an inclusive green economy in the Caribbean project.

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About the #GE4U project: For more information see [http://www.canari.org/ge4u](http://www.canari.org/ge4u)


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