1. **Background**

1.1. Since 2010 the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) has been engaging Caribbean stakeholders in dialogues to explore ‘green economy’ in the Caribbean context and the pathways for transformation of our economic development models. This work has produced a definition of green economy in the Caribbean context1, identified key principles and priority areas of work, explored the potential for renewable energy and small and micro-enterprises as potential pathways to a green economy and documented emerging initiatives. As part of its work, in 2012 CANARI established a Caribbean Green Economy Action Learning Group (GE ALG). They drafted a collaborative research programme in 20122 and subsequently engaged in individual and collective work.3

1.2. CANARI is continuing to facilitate a regional programme of work on green economy focusing on:
   a) enhancing knowledge through documenting and sharing case studies and initiatives on green economy in the Caribbean;
   b) exploring pathways to a green economy in the Caribbean through facilitating action research and learning processes among peers in selected sectors;
   c) facilitating dialogue to deepen analysis and shared understanding of what is green economy in the Caribbean context;
   d) building coalitions of civil society, small businesses, policy makers and researchers working closely together to advocate for and implement changes to policies and practices supporting inclusive transitions to green economies in the Caribbean.

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1.3. CANARI is re-convening and expanding the GE ALG to input into implementation of the #GE4U: *Transformation towards an inclusive green economy in the Caribbean (#GE4U)*⁴ project as the Caribbean component of a 2016-2019 global project *Creating enabling policy conditions for the transformation towards an inclusive green economy* being funded by the European Commission and managed by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) on behalf of the Green Economy Coalition (GEC).

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) 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;

b) 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);

c) analysing emerging views, ideas, perspectives, and information on green economy in the Caribbean;

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.

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⁴ See [http://www.canari.org/ge4u](http://www.canari.org/ge4u) for more information on the project.
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 40 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 and sub-groups of the GE ALG may be established as needed, including action learning groups focusing on specific sectors or pathways (for example a Small and Micro-Enterprise Action Learning Group [SME ALG]).