



Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Caribbean Strategy for Climate Resilience in the Forestry Sector and Associated Livelihoods.

Introduction

Substantial work has been done by the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) and others to gather scientific and local knowledge, pilot innovative methodologies, build capacities, assess results and document lessons and recommendations from numerous Caribbean forest resources management projects. However, these efforts have been scattered across countries and there is therefore tremendous potential for sharing knowledge and scaling up of initiatives within and across countries. There is also growing national, regional and international commitment to building the resilience of small island natural resources and livelihoods to the devastating impacts of climate change (both disasters and slow onset events).



Given the above, FAO and CANARI have entered into a Strategic Alliance **to build the climate resilience of the Caribbean sub-region's forest resources and associated rural livelihoods by developing a FAO sub-regional strategy that would identify priority forest management initiatives for scaling up along with proposals to mobilise resources and enhance the readiness of sub-regional and national stakeholders.** The initiative's target countries are Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The project runs from December 2017 to November 2018.

Project Components



1. Mapping and assessment of initiatives, programmes or public policies in the sub-region to determine suitability and priority for scaling up.
2. Mapping and assessment of available funding streams for prioritised initiatives.
3. Development of the FAO sub-regional scaling up and resource mobilisation strategy and workplan for climate resilience of Caribbean forest resources and associated rural livelihoods.
4. Capacity building to enhance national and sub-regional enabling conditions for prioritised funded initiatives.
5. Development a FAO concept note for funding, based on prioritised initiatives.



CANARI is developing the "Sub-Regional Strategy for Climate Resilience in the Forestry Sector and Associated Livelihoods in the Caribbean" on behalf of the FAO. For more information please email the project manager Dr. Natalie Boodram at natalie@canari.org or visit the CANARI project webpage at http://www.canari.org/fao_strategic_alliance.