



Development of a Change Policy, Strategy and Implementation Plan for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Background

PROJECT IN BRIEF

Goal: To develop a National Climate Change Policy, Strategy and Implementation Plan to mainstream climate change resilience into development planning in SVG

Lead: Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)

Contract value: \$75,000 US

Duration: July 2018 – May 2019

Project webpage:
www.canari.org/svgclimatepolicy

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) has identified the need to strengthen institutional frameworks to build resilience and address the impacts of climate change and related disasters. SVG currently lacks a comprehensive policy to guide national climate change efforts and has yet to identify priorities and appropriate strategies to address the impacts of climate change. Consequently, a suitable climate change policy, strategy and implementation plan are needed.

The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) has been contracted to provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology in SVG for the '**Development of a Climate Change Policy, Strategy and Implementation Plan**'. This technical assistance project is one component of the Organisation for Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project which aims to reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change. This project is funded by the World Bank and the Climate Investment Fund's Pilot Program for Climate Resilience.



Barrouallie, St. Vincent

Project objective

The objective is to develop a National Climate Change Policy, Strategy and Implementation Plan to mainstream climate change resilience into development planning in SVG.

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Project deliverables

Key project deliverables include:

- **Issues paper**, which outlines the policy context, gaps and needs, opportunities and challenges in addressing climate change in SVG, to serve as basis for discussion at stakeholder consultations
- **Climate Change Policy** to provide overarching guidance on national priorities, measures for climate change adaptation and mitigation and the institutional framework for climate change planning, implementation and financing.
- **Climate Change Strategy and Implementation Plan**, including a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan to enable identification of key lessons, outcomes, opportunities and barriers in implementation.

Project approach and activities

CANARI will use a participatory approach to ensure the meaningful engagement and input of a wide range of stakeholders into the project, including typically underrepresented groups from civil society and vulnerable communities, and a range of economic sectors. Key sectors to be engaged include agriculture, energy, environment, health, housing, tourism, transport, water and waste management.

CANARI will deliver the following activities to produce the deliverables:

- Conduct a comprehensive desk review and targeted interviews with key stakeholders to understand the policy and institutional context and analyse existing policies, plans and initiatives at the regional, national and sectoral levels and multilateral environmental agreements signed by SVG. This will identify key needs, gaps and opportunities and challenges relevant to climate change.
- Design and facilitate a series of stakeholder consultations in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology, including national workshops, targeted interviews and online/virtual meetings. This will enable input from government, civil society and the private sector into the Climate Change Policy, Strategy and Implementation Plan.
- Prepare drafts of the Climate Change Policy, Strategy and Implementation Plan based on desk review and stakeholder input.
- Finalise the Climate Change Policy, Strategy and Implementation Plan based on stakeholder review.
- Provide technical support to the Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology to facilitate the Cabinet's review and approval of the new Climate Change Policy.

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