Background

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. One of the needs recognised is to engage local stakeholders, including civil society and resource users in communities, in movements to shape and create the green economy policies that respond to local realities. The Green Economy Coalition (GEC), of which CANARI is a member, responded to this need with a global project Creating enabling policy conditions for the transformation towards an inclusive green economy being 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.

Project in brief

Results:

a. Inclusive civil society movements supporting the development and implementation of green economy policies – one at national and one at regional level
b. Civil society, small businesses, policy makers and researchers working closely together to implement inclusive transitions to green economies through changes to policies, practice and legislation
c. Evidence, inventions and recommendations being employed within national, regional and international processes

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“In the context of the Caribbean, a Green Economy is one that aims for long-term prosperity, rather than solely for growth, through equitable distribution of economic benefits and effective management of ecological resources. It is economically viable and resilient to both external and internal shocks; self-directed and not driven by external agendas or funding opportunities, and self-reliant by being based predominantly on domestic production and investment. A Caribbean Green Economy is pro-poor and generates decent jobs and working conditions that offer opportunities for self-advancement for local people.”

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| Inclusive civil society movements supporting the development and implementation of green economy policies – one at national and one at regional level | • Regional Caribbean Green Economy Action Learning Group (GE ALG) recognised as the leading independent and credible multi-stakeholder network on green economy in the Caribbean.  
• National Small and Micro Enterprise Action Learning Group (SME ALG) convened in Trinidad and Tobago.  
• Policy makers and practitioners in government, civil society, private sector, small business and researcher have enhanced awareness and media tools to promote inclusive green economy transitions. | Work package 1 - Building Caribbean knowledge and networks for green economy transformations:  
• Regional multi-stakeholder green economy network convened and conducting action learning and advocacy.  
• Online Caribbean Green Economy Knowledge Platform established.  
• Case studies on green economy initiatives in the Caribbean documented and communicated to key target audiences.  
• One global GEC event hosted in the Caribbean. |
| Civil society, small businesses, policy makers and researchers working closely together to implement inclusive transitions to green economies through changes to policies, practice and legislation | • Better understanding of realities and practical options for generating inclusive green economy transitions by at least 20 key national stakeholders in Trinidad and Tobago and the Eastern Caribbean.  
• Effective coordination of key green economy stakeholders.  
• Recommendations for green economy transformations considered in development of sub-regional economic policy in the Eastern Caribbean to shape future development planning processes, plans and institutions that are needed to deliver a greener economy. | Work package 2 - Exploring opportunities for green economy transformation in the Eastern Caribbean small islands:  
• Diagnostic study conducted and sub-regional dialogue held with policy makers to explore potential pathways to green economy transitions in the Eastern Caribbean.  
• One regional report and a policy brief produced identifying potential opportunities, blocks, catalysts and capacities needed for green economy transitions in the Eastern Caribbean. |
| Evidence, inventions and recommendations being employed within national, regional and international processes | • Connections are made between green economy measures and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in discussions of policy and practice for green economy transformations in Trinidad and Tobago and the Eastern Caribbean. | Work package 3 - Building knowledge and readiness for green enterprises in Trinidad and Tobago:  
• National multi-stakeholder SME network convened and acting as leaders, change agents and innovators for promoting green enterprises as a pathway to a green economy in Trinidad and Tobago.  
• Diagnostic study conducted and national green economy dialogue held in Trinidad and Tobago to raise awareness and build readiness for using SMEs as a pathway to a green economy transition with recommendations made for policy and practice.  
• Documentation of case studies on SMEs as green and social enterprises from across the Caribbean. |