

Innovating for equity, resilience and sustainability: CANARI's Strategic Plan (2021-2030)



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Port of Spain, January 11, 2022 – In confronting the contemporary challenges of poverty and inequality, biodiversity collapse and the climate crisis, we have opportunities to radically change the way we manage the environment, pursue economic development and seek a more just and equitable society. The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute's new [10-year strategic plan](#) (2021-2030) sets out our response to these challenges' cumulative and individual impacts and outlines how we intend to work with our partners to create a more equitable, resilient and sustainable Caribbean.

For more than 30 years, CANARI has championed participatory governance and management of natural resources in the Caribbean through research, policy influence and capacity building. The new strategic plan demonstrates our continued commitment to the region's sustainable and equitable development, particularly as our societies grapple with recovering from the impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic.

Building on CANARI's expertise and experience, the new plan focuses on five strategic directions where we can make a difference: resilience, biodiversity and ecosystems, equity and justice, participatory governance and innovation. The first four strategic directions align to programme areas, while innovation is cross-cutting. Our success over time has been grounded in an understanding that the purpose of innovation is not simply to do things differently but to effect positive change. Through these strategic directions, we aim to address the challenges faced by Caribbean nations and seize new opportunities to enhance sustainable development policy and governance, strengthen civil society engagement, and transform economic development models.

Our role in developing new approaches, methods and tools is less to lead and more to facilitate the work of stakeholders on the ground. Together with our partners, we will use a mixed set of mutually reinforcing implementation methods to achieve our goals. These include capacity strengthening, network and coalition building, facilitation of multi-stakeholder processes, the testing and development of innovative tools, knowledge creation, collective action and advocacy.

Over the strategy period, we will expand our geographic scope to include the continental Caribbean and continue to advocate for Caribbean development in international fora.

The change we want to bring about between 2021 and 2030 includes more participatory institutions for natural resource management; more engaged and empowered social actors (individuals, communities, organisations); robust ecosystem goods, services and biodiversity; and inclusive, just development models. We look forward to working with our partners to tackle our region's urgent challenges and achieve clear results for change.

Access CANARI's Strategic Plan (2021-2030) at: <https://bit.ly/3GUywEw>

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