Background

The COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted Caribbean development, as it has across the world. However, initiatives to support recovery are an important opportunity to rethink and reform the region’s approach to development so that it is more environmentally sustainable, inclusive and resilient to the impacts of climate change and other hazards. There is a clear need for independent, transparent and open dialogue processes on Caribbean COVID-19 recovery priorities, implementation approaches and partnerships.

Against this backdrop, CANARI will raise awareness and facilitate dialogue on what public sector national and regional initiatives are planned or in the pipeline and to what extent these either support or hinder a shift to more inclusive, green and resilient development. The results of the analysis will be packaged into digestible communication products that can inform dialogue. Key stakeholders will be engaged to review, validate and share information and recommendations. Perspectives of Caribbean stakeholder on what they envision and recommend for COVID-19 recovery will be documented and communicated to amplify diverse and marginalised voices. Recommendations from the dialogues will be communicated to policymakers, development partners, private sector associations and civil society. This work was initiated in 2021 and is ongoing with support from the MAVA Foundation’s Economics for Nature Programme through the Green Economy Coalition, the Open Society Foundations and the European Union (DCI/ENV/2020/417-985).

Activities

1. Research
   - CANARI will develop an analytical framework to assess COVID-19 recovery responses in the Caribbean.
   - CANARI’s analytical framework will be used to assess over COVID-19 recovery responses in at least six Caribbean countries and at the regional level.
   - CANARI will develop a policy brief series to present the findings of this research.

2. Dialogues
   - CANARI will hold a series of dialogues to present and get stakeholder input into analysis of the findings of the research.

3. Scorecards for monitoring implementation
   - Based on CANARI’s analytical framework, a scorecard will be developed which Caribbean stakeholders can use to identify and monitor implementation of COVID-19 recovery initiatives.
   - Civil society and community organisations will apply the scorecards and conduct national advocacy campaigns, with small grants and technical support.

4. Influence and action
   - CANARI will collaborate with Caribbean stakeholders to raise awareness of and advocate for adoption of recommendations emerging from the research and dialogues on Caribbean COVID-19 recovery priorities.

For more information please see [https://canari.org/green-economy/covid-19-recovery-dialogues/](https://canari.org/green-economy/covid-19-recovery-dialogues/) or contact Nicole Leotaud at nicole@canari.org.