



## **Virtual launch of the Participatory budgeting and financial management for the forest sector in Jamaica project**

**Port-of-Spain, May 10, 2022** – You are invited to the May 26, 2022 virtual launch of the project, *Participatory budgeting and financial management for the forest sector in Jamaica*, which is being funded by the European Union (FED/2021/428-620).

Join us at 10.00 a.m. EST (local time in Jamaica) on Zoom as the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) and its co-executing partners, the Caribbean Coastal Area Management (C-CAM) Foundation, and the Jamaica Conservation Development Trust (JCDT), formally launch this important project, which focuses on essential forest governance and management issues, including advocating for forest sustainable management, conservation and restoration of Jamaica's forests.

The project is part of the European Union's support for the Government of Jamaica's Public Finance Management Reform programme, that seeks to enhance awareness and capacity of Jamaican civil society to play a role in the budgetary cycle and delivery public finance management for the forest sector.

Launch participants will include civil society organisations, as well as key government agencies, other partners and the media that have interests, rights, and responsibilities in forest research, conservation and management, including the co-management of forested protected areas, or advocate for forest sustainable management, conservation and restoration. Ambassador Marianne Van Steen, Head of the European Union Delegation will share how the European Union's programme is promoting the participation of civil society in the forest sector, notably in forestry management and conservation service, and Jamaica's budgetary processes and public finance management. This will be followed by remarks from the project partners and government agencies, such as the Ministry of Finance and Public Service and the Forestry Department, and will conclude with an **interactive discussion** with participants.

We look forward to your participation on May 26 as we continue our collaboration towards inclusive governance and environmental sustainability in the Caribbean.

### **PROJECT LAUNCH EVENT**

**Date:** Thursday, May 26, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. E.S.T. (local time in Jamaica)

**Venue:** Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84218020311?pwd=MG9DZ1dNRkNXOFBkTWJFWWtXdTdzUT09>

For more information about this project, visit: <https://canari.org/green-economy/jamaica-participatory-budgeting/>