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Project summary

Since the Escazú Agreement came into effect, various stakeholders, including governments, elected representatives, and civil society organisations, have been actively working to integrate its principles into national legal frameworks. Civil society organisations are also advocating for states to sign and ratify the Agreement aiming for all party states to implement and align their legal systems with its standards.

Despite these efforts, a critical gap remains in connecting the principles of the Escazú Agreement with the advancement of environmental litigation. Environmental litigation is a crucial tool for addressing climate change impacts in the Caribbean, as it holds stakeholders accountable for actions that exacerbate vulnerabilities, protects ecosystems vital for climate resilience, and ensures justice for communities disproportionately affected by environmental harm. Strengthening the link between the Escazú Agreement and climate change is essential to address the challenges of environmental litigation in the region.

Expected outcomes:

The specific objectives of the project are the following:

- raise awareness of Caribbean civil society about the Escazú Agreement and its potential to contribute to enhanced environmental governance and climate action.
- strengthen the capacities of environmental lawyers in the Caribbean regarding climate litigation and the Escazú Agreement implementation.
- facilitate the convening of a collaborative network with regional organizations and key stakeholders to actively promote the implementation of the Escazú Agreement in the Caribbean.

Project in brief

Objective:

This project aims to promote enabling conditions for the implementation of the Escazú Agreement in the Caribbean, and to facilitate the implementation of environmental litigation within the region.

Lead: Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)

Funder: FIMA ONG

Project country: Caribbean Region

Budget: \$120,000 USD

Duration: April 1 - November 30 2024

Project webpage: <https://canari.org/fima/>



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Powering Innovations in Civil Society and Enterprises for Sustainability in the Caribbean (PISCES)
#IfwehadEscazú - An online environmental justice campaign for the people

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Key Stakeholders:

To deliver enhanced environmental governance, the project will target:

- Environmental defenders and advocates
- Lawyers and legal experts
- Civil society organisations (CSOs) working on environment and development issues

Activities:

- Co-design and implement a regional in-person workshop for Caribbean environmental lawyers ***“CANARI and FIMA Caribbean Climate Litigation and Escazú Agreement Workshop”***
- Design and implement an advocacy strategy targeting key stakeholders and decision-makers.
- Engage Caribbean civil society in an awareness-raising campaign to:
 - Highlight positive impacts of the Escazú Agreement and climate action on Caribbean livelihoods, communities, and ecosystems.



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FIMA & CANARI Caribbean Climate Litigation and Escazú Agreement Workshop,
Kingston Jamaica, 25/06/2024 - 28/06/2024

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Component A

CANARI and FIMA ONG will co-design and implement an in-person workshop on the Escazú Agreement and climate litigation, which aims to strengthen the capacities of environmental lawyers in the Caribbean regarding climate litigation and the implementation of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The overall objective of the workshop is to strengthen the capacities of environmental lawyers in the Caribbean regarding climate litigation and implementation of the Escazú Agreement as a means to close the 'access to climate justice gap'.

Component B

This will focus on the design and implementation of an advocacy strategy to engage key stakeholders and decision makers related with the implementation of the Escazú Agreement for the achievement of other climate and environmental goals within the region. The strategy will engage civil society in an awareness raising campaign that emphasises the positive impacts of the Escazú Agreement and climate action on livelihoods, communities, and ecosystems in the Caribbean. This strategy would generate enabling conditions for climate and Escazú related litigation while promoting the accession or implementation of the Escazú Agreement within Caribbean countries.



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Group Photo - Field Visit to Rio Cobre, Jamaica with workshop participants



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