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CANARI supports climate justice advocacy actions by Caribbean civil society

Port of Spain, December 4, 2024 – The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) is very pleased to support practical advocacy actions from 2024-2025 by five civil society organisations (CSOs) and consortia to promote climate justice across the Caribbean region via small grants awarded under the project, “A Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance for Advocacy, Action and Accountability”.

The Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance brings together over 50 CSOs, grassroots activists, academics, creatives, the media and other non-state actors across the region to amplify voices from the frontlines of the climate crisis and enhance their influence on policy and practice. This includes developing and implementing an Agenda that sets out priority needs and actions by 2030 for climate justice and building local resilience.

Advocacy action projects are being rolled out from November 2024 to April 2025 by grassroots and national CSOs and activists in several Caribbean countries that are part of the Alliance, including Grenada Land Actors, Kopounoule Inc., Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination (SASOD Guyana), The Breadfruit Collective, The Crystal Clear Initiative for Trinidad and Tobago and The Climate Conscious Podcast.

These small grant-funded projects range from research and documenting of non-economic losses from climate change in the Indigenous Kalinago Territory in Dominica, to engaging the LGBTQIA+ movement in climate justice and advocacy on gender-responsive and inclusive climate finance for Caribbean small island developing states at the recent global United Nations Climate Change Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan (COP29) and beyond. They also include a focus on raising public awareness of environmental rights and enhancing citizen participation in environmental and climate decision-making and governance across the Caribbean.



Caption: Kopounoule Inc. supporting an indigenous Kalinago Craft Initiative with students at the Castle Bruce Secondary school, Dominica . Credit: Kopounoule Inc.

It is hoped that these practical advocacy actions will help deliver the Caribbean Climate Justice and Resilience Agenda 2023-2030, and advance the work of the Alliance to promote climate justice through policy influence and engagement at national, regional and global levels.

The overall project is being implemented by CANARI, with funding from the Open Society Foundations (OSF). The expected outcome is to enhance mechanisms for advocacy, action and accountability through the work of the Alliance and promote transformative development that delivers fair, equitable and just outcomes in the Caribbean in the face of the climate crisis.

To learn more about the advocacy grants and project, visit: <https://canari.org/climate-justice-advocacy-action-and-accountability/>.

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About CANARI: The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) is a regional technical non-profit institute which has been working across the Caribbean islands for 35 years. Our mission is to promote and facilitate stakeholder participation in the stewardship of natural resources in the Caribbean. Our work focuses on Biodiversity and Ecosystems, Equity and Justice, Participatory Governance, and Resilience. See here for more information: <http://www.canari.org/>

About the Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance: The Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance brings together civil society organisations, grassroots leaders and activists, academics, creatives, the media and other non-state actors to amplify the voices of those on the frontlines of the climate crisis, especially the most vulnerable communities and groups, and catalyse actions for climate justice and local resilience in Caribbean SIDS. It was launched in March 2022 and currently engages over 50 allies. For more information, see: <https://canari.org/caribbean-climate-justice-alliance/>

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