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Caribbean civil society takes advocacy actions for climate justice and a just transition

Port of Spain, February 9, 2023 – The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) is very pleased to be supporting practical advocacy actions by four civil society consortia to promote climate justice and a just transition across the Caribbean region via small grants awarded under the project, “Amplifying local voices for a just and climate resilient COVID-19 recovery”.

The project aims to enhance the voices of the most vulnerable in calling for a pro-poor, inclusive, environmentally sustainable and climate resilient approach to COVID-19 economic recovery and development in the Caribbean. A key focus is the creation of a Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance and the development and implementation of a collective advocacy agenda. This Alliance will foster partnerships among civil society organisations (CSOs), community enterprises and resource users, academics, creatives and other non-state actors to amplify the voices of rights holders and enhance their influence on policy and practice. The project is being implemented by CANARI in collaboration with Panos Caribbean from 2021-2023, with funding from the Open Society Foundations.



iDERA's video on what's at stake for Caribbean small islands at COP27 and need for solidarity to ensure our priorities are met

Advocacy action projects are being rolled out from September 2022 to March 2023 by grassroots to regional civil society organisations, including Climate Analytics Caribbean, Institute for Small Islands, International Development Empowerment and Representation Agency (iDERA), The Cropper Foundation, Caris-Bois Environmental News Network, Climate Tracker, GirlsCARE, Young People for Action on Climate Change- Jamaica and Women's Empowerment for Change.

These small grant-funded projects range from documenting indigenous and traditional agricultural practices for climate adaptation and resilience building to policy advocacy on the priorities of Caribbean small island developing states at the recent global United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP27). They also include training and supporting citizen journalists across Guyana, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago to tell their own stories of the climate crisis, its impacts and justice issues, and capacity building and mobilising of LGBTQ+

persons and their allies in Jamaica and the wider region to raise awareness of their unique challenges and better advocate for climate justice.

It is hoped that these practical advocacy actions will further the work of the Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance to promote climate justice and a just transition through policy influencing and engagement at national, regional and global levels.

To learn more about the advocacy grants and regional project, visit: <https://canari.org/voices-for-just-resilient-covid-recovery/>. Stay tuned to CANARI's social media for updates.

About CANARI: The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) is a regional technical non-profit institute which has been working across the Caribbean islands for 30 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 Panos Caribbean: Panos Caribbean is a regional non-profit organisation that works to amplify the voices of the vulnerable, marginalised and excluded, using the media as an advocacy tool. See here for more information: <https://panoscaribbean.org/>

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