



# FLAGSHIP AREAS

Snapshot of Flagship areas to deliver our Strategic Plan

The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) advances equity, wellbeing and resilience across the Caribbean through inclusive, participatory approaches to sustainable development. Our [Strategic Plan 2021-2030](#) sets out Strategic Directions that reflect where we aim to make the greatest impact over the decade:



## RESILIENCE

Learning, advocating on and building capacity for approaches to resilience-building that work across sectors and scales to address diverse development challenges in a holistic way



## BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEMS

Facilitating the conservation, sustainable use and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems in support of Caribbean social, cultural and economic development



## EQUITY AND JUSTICE

Championing equity and justice in meeting the environmental and livelihood needs of poor and vulnerable people



## PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE

Informing, convening and empowering people and institutions for participatory governance of natural resources



## INNOVATION

Working together with stakeholders to introduce innovation in approaches, institutions and enterprises, which is needed to make the transformation to sustainable development in today's rapidly changing world

These Strategic Directions are operationalised through dedicated Programmes that shape our projects, partnerships and research. To deliver these programmes, CANARI focuses its work on cross-cutting **priority Flagship areas** which address key challenges and opportunities currently facing the Caribbean and deliver results relevant to all CANARI's programmes, ensuring an integrated approach to the Institute's work.

**CANARI's five Flagship areas are:**

- Nature-based Solutions
- Local Green-blue Enterprises
- Empowered Civil Society
- Local Ecosystem Stewardship
- Climate Justice

### NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NbS)

CANARI's Nature-based Solutions (NbS) Flagship aims to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural or modified ecosystems to enhance ecological and socio-economic resilience of local communities, particularly natural resource users and local community enterprises, prioritising the most-at risk and vulnerable groups.

The Flagship will deliver:

- **Increased focus on just NbS**, by leveraging local expertise and knowledge and involving local actors in design and delivery, ensuring positive impacts benefit marginalised communities and vulnerable groups.
- **Sustained and enhanced delivery of ecosystem goods and services** to support resilient local livelihoods, especially given the dependence on natural resource-based livelihoods in the Caribbean.
- **Enhanced climate change adaptation and mitigation co-benefits** as part of a multidimensional approach to resilience building by simultaneously addressing climate adaptation, disaster risk reduction, ecosystem health, social equity, and sustainable livelihoods.

### LOCAL GREEN-BLUE ENTERPRISES

CANARI's Local Green-Blue Enterprises (LGEs) Flagship aims to contribute to transformation to more inclusive, environmentally sustainable and climate resilient economic development through supporting rural nature-based and community-based small and micro-enterprises which deliver triple bottom line benefits (economic, environmental and social). These LGEs can drive inclusive local economic development, which is key in addressing poverty, discrimination and exclusion, inequalities and vulnerabilities in Caribbean rural communities, alongside stewardship of natural ecosystems which are key to supporting livelihoods and economies.

The Flagship will deliver:

- **Direct business incubation and capacity building** services to strengthen and diversify nature-based enterprises and rural nature-based livelihoods and increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change.
- **Enhanced stewardship of natural resources and more sustainable consumption and production** practices by LGEs.
- **Creation or strengthening of enabling policy and institutional frameworks** to support LGEs to develop and flourish, including reform of business support programmes, financing and markets to better address the unique needs of LGEs.
- **Knowledge sharing and collaboration** across LGE networks and among stakeholders supporting the LGE sector.

## LOCAL ECOSYSTEM STEWARDSHIP

CANARI's Local Ecosystem Stewardship Flagship aims to enable, empower and support local communities, nature-based enterprises and community-based organisations to conserve, restore and sustainably use the ecosystems that their livelihoods, health and wellbeing depend on.

The Flagship will deliver:

- **Healthy ecosystems** delivering ecosystem goods and services that support Caribbean people, their health and livelihoods.
- **Greater ownership, responsibility for, and action by** local community members, CBOs and SMEs to conserve and sustainably manage biodiversity and ecosystems in the Caribbean.
- **Increased recognition of the current and potential role and impact** of community members, CBOs and SMEs in stewardship for biodiversity conservation, protection, sustainable use and restoration.

## EMPOWERED CIVIL SOCIETY

CANARI's Empowered Civil Society Flagship aims to support Caribbean civil society to assert their right to be involved in decision-making related to natural resources governance and to play a meaningful role in advancing sustainable development progress in the region.

The Flagship will deliver:

- **Increased knowledge of civil society about their rights** and capacity to advocate for these rights and effective civil society space.
- **Enhanced organisational and technical capacity** of Caribbean CSOs and their networks to allow them to play key and diverse roles in delivering sustainable development in the region.
- **Strengthened civil society engagement in, and influence on, policy agendas and actions** related to natural resource governance and management, focusing on delivering equity, well-being and resilience of Caribbean populations and a whole-of-society approach to sustainable development.

## CLIMATE JUSTICE

CANARI's Climate Justice Flagship aims to address the disproportionate impacts of the climate crisis on human rights, particularly of vulnerable and marginalised communities. It centres and amplifies the voices of the vulnerable and adopts a rights-based, bottom-up and intersectional approach to address climate justice.

The Flagship will deliver:

- **Enhanced understanding of intersectional climate justice**, what it means for the Caribbean and particularly lived experiences and the needs and priorities for action among the most vulnerable and underrepresented groups.
- **Strengthened capacity and agency of CSOs, activists and communities in vulnerable situations** to advocate for their needs and priorities, and enable better positioning to engage with government, private sector, development partners and technical experts to contribute to local, national and regional efforts to achieve targets under key climate and human rights commitments.
- **Support for strong and cohesive civil society voice advocating on climate justice priorities** for the Caribbean, including amplifying the voices of the most vulnerable and marginalised, and shaping the development and implementation of national, regional and global policies and plans to deliver climate justice.