



CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL
DEFENDERS NETWORK



OFFICIAL SIDE EVENT

VIRTUAL SIDE EVENT

Recognising, supporting and promoting Environmental Defenders in the Caribbean

Be part of the conversation!

Join us for an official sideeventat the FourthMeetingof theConferenceofthe Parties to the Escazú Agreement (COP4), hosted by CANARI and the Caribbean Environmental Defenders Network.

Across the Caribbean, environmental defenders are on the frontlines - protecting land, water and communities, often while facing threats, intimidation and attacks simply for speaking up. This session centers their voices and real experiences.

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Session details

- Date: **Monday 20 April 2026**
- Time: **12:00 – 1:30 PM (AST)**
- Format: **Virtual session**
- **Registration required**

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Voices from the frontline

At the heart of this session is a powerful dialogue groundedin livedexperience. We will hear directly from Caribbean environmental defenders who continue to advocate for climate and environmental justice in the face of real risks.

Through their testimonies, we will explore patterns of threats and attacks facing defenders in Caribbean contexts, alongside good practices and recommendations for protection, support and institutional strengthening.

FEATURING:



Dr Therese Rodriguez-Moodie
Jamaica Environment Trust,
Jamaica



John Mussington
Barbuda Land Rights & Resources
Committee,
Antigua and Barbuda



Samunda Tutufolo Jabini
Association of Saamaka
Communities,
Suriname



Janelle Brisbane
Wild Dominique,
Dominica

What to expect

This session is designed as more than a panel — it is a space for dialogue, reflection and collective analysis, bringing together defenders, civil society, policymakers and legal experts.

You can expect:

- Contributions from the Caribbean Elected Representatives of the Public under the Escazú Agreement
- Firsthand testimonies highlighting the realities of defending environmental and human rights in Caribbean contexts
- Insights from emerging regional research on protection mechanisms and institutional responses
- Opportunities to contribute to ongoing regional processes, including inputs to the People's Report and broader advocacy under the Escazú Agreement

This session will directly inform efforts to advance implementation of the Escazú Agreement across the Caribbean.

Who should attend?

We welcome civil society organisations, community leaders, environmental defenders, legal professionals and all partners committed to advancing environmental justice in the Caribbean.

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For more information on COP4, including the agenda, key themes and event details you can visit the official Escazú Agreement page here:

<https://acuerdodeescazu.cepal.org/cop4/en>.

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