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Sparkling and sustaining grassroots advocacy for climate justice in the Caribbean

Port of Spain, September 2, 2026 – The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) and Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance are very pleased to support climate justice advocacy led by six civil society organisations (CSOs) via small grants awarded for 2026-2027 under the Caribbean Sea Innovation Fund’s Climate Action Facility.

This round of small grants is enabling grassroots and national CSOs to roll out advocacy projects across several Caribbean countries, including the Alliance for Rural Communities of Trinidad and Tobago (ARC), Equals Inc., Island City Lab, Jamaica Environment Trust (JET), The Crystal Clear Initiative for Trinidad and Tobago, and The University of West Indies – Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (UWI-CERMES) and its Voices from the Shore Theatre Collective.

These advocacy initiatives span a wide range of climate justice priorities, from advancing climate litigation to empowering and recognising the role of women in the agriculture and fisheries sectors as well as documenting the impacts of Hurricane Beryl and Melissa and advocating for equitable climate resilience solutions. Developing practical tools to support inclusive emergency shelter access for the vulnerable and marginalised such as persons with disabilities and LGBTQ+ persons is also a priority, along with raising public awareness of human rights and enhancing citizen participation in climate and environmental decision-making and governance across the Caribbean.



Caption: ARC hosting the Festival of Collectives to foster collaboration and shared learning on climate and environmental justice at the community level, including a Climate Maze, talks and other activities, Trinidad.

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These practical advocacy actions will help advance the work of the Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance. The Alliance currently brings together over 80 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. It is co-chaired and convened by CANARI. Its work centres around implementing the Caribbean Climate Justice and Resilience Agenda 2023-2030 that sets out priority needs and actions for promoting climate justice and building local resilience.

Funding for these advocacy projects ranged from US\$1,500 to \$8,000 and was made possible through generous support from the Open Society Foundations (OSF) to CANARI and the Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance. Stay tuned to CANARI's social media platforms for updates on these advocacy projects and their impacts throughout the region.

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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 across Caribbean islands. It was launched in March 2022 and currently engages over 80 allies. For more information, see: <https://canari.org/projects/caribbean-climate-justice-alliance/>

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