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# Country Workshops on Forests & Livelihoods

## Draft Concept Note

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### 1. Background

This concept note briefly describes national training workshops to be implemented under the Forests and Livelihoods Programme of the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI).

The overall purpose of this programme is to enhance the contribution of forest goods and ecological services to sustainable livelihoods of the rural poor in the islands of the Caribbean. The programme encompasses research and analysis as well as building capacity at local, national and regional level for equitable participation and effective collaboration of stakeholders in the management of forest resources.

CANARI has developed two projects specifically to address this:

- a) ***“Practices and policies that improve forest management and the livelihoods of the rural poor in the insular Caribbean”*** funded by the Programme on Tropical Forests and other Forests in Developing Countries of the European Commission (EC) [2007-2009].
- b) ***“Participatory Forest Management: Improving policy and institutional capacity for development”*** funded by the under its National Forest Programme Facility (NFPF) of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) [2006-2008].

These two projects provide funding support for the implementation of training workshops on forests and livelihoods in each project country.

### 2. Project countries

A workshop will be held in each of the project countries (Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica), either at the national, regional or local level.

### 3. Approach

Reviews of the status of participatory forest management and links between forests and livelihoods in each of the countries were conducted under the FAO and EC projects in 2007. These suggest that, while forests could potentially provide livelihood benefits in Barbados and St. Kitts & Nevis, there is currently little in the way of policy or practice to support this. The other project countries all have policies and practice that to some degree are actively seeking to build sustainable livelihoods based on the use of forest resources. Different workshop objectives and content are therefore proposed for the two groupings.

The final workshop objectives, outline and content for each country will be refined based on the institutional context of the country (as identified in the ***national reviews*** conducted earlier) and an assessment of the specific capacity needs of the workshop participants.

#### 4. Key partners

Key partners include:

- **forestry or natural resource management departments** in each of the project countries;
- local trainers (based within the project countries) who are graduates of CANARI's "**Training of Trainers in Participatory Forest Management**" Workshop";
- members of the **Action Learning Group** of the Forests and Livelihoods Programme

#### 5. Workshop goal

The goal of the workshops is to build the capacity within each country for participatory forest management that enhances the contribution of forests to sustainable livelihoods.

#### 6. Target groups

The workshops will target Community-Based Organisations (CBOs) and other Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working at the local level who are already or potentially involved in forest use and management.

Groups will be selected based on the advice of the local trainers, members of the **Action Learning Group** of the Forests and Livelihoods Programme, and other partners working in the countries (e.g. FAO, United National Development Programme (UNDP) Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme (SGP), Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), Caribbean Environmental Health Institute (CEHI), and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Protected Areas and Associated Livelihoods Project (OPAAL)). Groups already involved in other programme components (e.g. groups implementing **Action Learning Projects**) will be considered.

Ten groups will be invited to each national workshop. Each group will be invited to send two representatives.

#### 7. How will participants benefit

Through participation in the national workshop, participants will:

- enhance their capacity to identify strategic opportunities for their group to implement projects that benefit forests and livelihoods;
- analyse the relevance and feasibility of specific project opportunities for their group;
- enhance their skills in project planning
- build partnerships with other CBOs and NGOs;
- identify potential partnerships with national and regional partners who can provide funding and technical assistance;
- identify relevant options for funding and assistance of their current or proposed projects.

A few groups will also further benefit if their selected projects are chosen as case studies for the sessions on project planning. Draft project plans will be developed for these case studies during the workshop.

## 8. Workshop duration

The workshops will each be 3 or 4 days in duration.

## 9. Workshop objectives and outline

Draft objectives and an outline for the two groups of countries are proposed in Table 1. These will be refined for each country.

Table 1: Draft workshop objectives and outlines

<b>Countries</b>	<b><i>Barbados and St. Kitts &amp; Nevis</i></b>	<b><i>Dominica, Trinidad &amp; Tobago, Saint Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Jamaica</i></b>
Workshop objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) To build understanding and appreciation of how forests can benefit livelihoods</li> <li>(b) To identify relevant and feasible potential opportunities for developing projects that can benefit livelihoods</li> <li>(c) To build capacity to effectively design projects on forests and livelihoods</li> <li>(d) To identify opportunities for funding and technical assistance for projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) To build understanding and appreciation of how forests can benefit livelihoods</li> <li>(b) To assess relevant and feasible potential opportunities for strengthening or developing projects that can benefit livelihoods</li> <li>(c) To build capacity to effectively design projects on forests and livelihoods</li> <li>(d) To identify opportunities for funding and technical assistance for projects</li> </ul>
Workshop outlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defining forests and livelihoods</li> <li>Sharing and analysing what each group is doing</li> <li>Analysing needs and opportunities for livelihood benefits from sustainable use of forests</li> <li>Analysing the capacity needed to conduct projects to address these needs and opportunities</li> <li>Conducting a SWOT analysis of participants' groups (including partnership opportunities and potential sources of funding)</li> <li>Selecting potential projects</li> <li>Planning projects (using selected case studies)</li> <li>Identifying next steps for implementing projects – funding, partnerships, capacity building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defining forests and livelihoods</li> <li>Sharing and analysing what each group is doing</li> <li>Assessing relevance to forests &amp; livelihoods needs and opportunities</li> <li>Assessing feasibility based on group's capacity.</li> <li>Planning projects (using selected case studies)</li> <li>Identifying next steps for implementing projects – funding, partnerships, capacity building</li> </ul>

## **10. Methodology**

The workshop will be participatory and interactive and use a combination of facilitation techniques, such as mini-lectures, plenary discussions, focus groups, small group work, field trip, and panel discussion. It will also seek to draw on participants' knowledge and experiences while introducing case studies, tools and methods from around the region.

## **11. Workshop facilitation**

The national workshops will be facilitated by CANARI with assistance from local trainers (based within the project countries) who participated in the ***“Training of Trainers in Participatory Forest Management” Workshop*** held in August 2007. Additional resource persons may be brought in as appropriate.

## **12. Timing**

The national workshops will be held from November 2007 to July 2008 as follows:

- Dominica, Barbados and St. Kitts & Nevis: November 2007 – January 2008
- Trinidad & Tobago, Saint Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Jamaica: February – July 2008

These will be scheduled in collaboration with national stakeholders.

## **13. Funding**

The workshops will be funded under the FAO and EC projects, with additional in-kind support provided by forestry or natural resource management departments and the local trainers.