
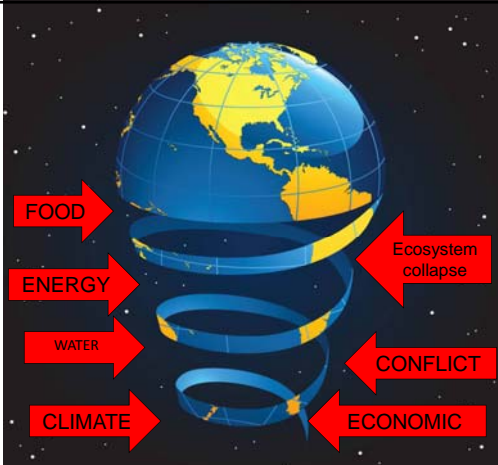








“The Green Economy and the Caribbean: Issues, Ideas and Initiatives”  
 Launch of the Caribbean Green Economy Action Learning Group

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The three pillars of sustainable development

## Risks

- “Green” but what about people?
- Green jobs for who?
- Trade protection and exclusion from economic markets?
- One size fits all?



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What does “Green Economy” mean in the Caribbean context?

How can we get our voice heard in international discussions?



## Caribbean regional dialogue



## Characteristics of a green economy in the Caribbean



- Equitable distribution of economic benefits and effective management of ecological resources
- Economically viable and resilient to both external and internal shocks
- Self-directed and self-reliant
- Pro-poor and generating decent jobs and working conditions for local people



## Key principles for a green economy in the Caribbean

- Common vision
- Human security
- Good governance
- Well educated citizenry
- Involved young people
- Informed and mobilised civil society
- Commitment to pan-Caribbean cooperation



*"We wish to thank the world for giving our model of development a name."*

## EMERGING CARIBBEAN INITIATIVES:



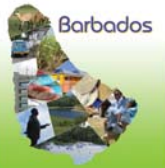
## Regional policy, institutions and initiatives



- CARICOM Single Market Policy Framework
- CARICOM Regional Framework and Implementation Plan for development that is resilient to climate change
- Caribbean Sea Commission
- Sectoral e.g. CARICOM Common Fisheries Policy
- CARILED CIDA funded project on local economic development in CARICOM countries
- UNEP green economy programme for the Caribbean



## National policy initiatives



- Barbados Green Economy Policy Framework
- Guyana Low-Carbon Development Strategy
- Dominica Organic Development Policy Framework and low carbon climate resilient development strategy
- Saint Lucia developing a national vision
- Grenada Alternative Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy
- Dominican Republic Climate Compatible Development Strategy
- British Virgin Islands environmental mainstreaming
- Trinidad and Tobago valuation of ecosystem services into national accounting



## Sectoral initiatives



- Sustainable rural livelihoods based on the use of natural resources
- Greening urban development: Caribbean Network for Urban Land Management (CNULM)
- Greening private sector: Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers Association, Green Business Barbados
- Renewable energy: Solar, wind, geothermal
- Organic agriculture
- Sustainable tourism, community-based tourism, natural and cultural heritage tourism





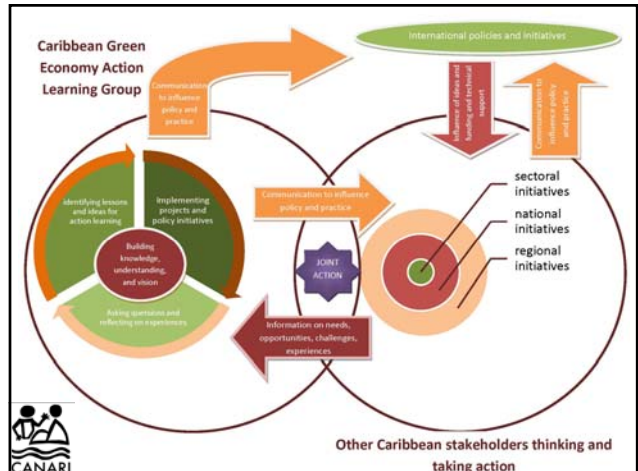
### The Caribbean Green Economy Action Learning Group

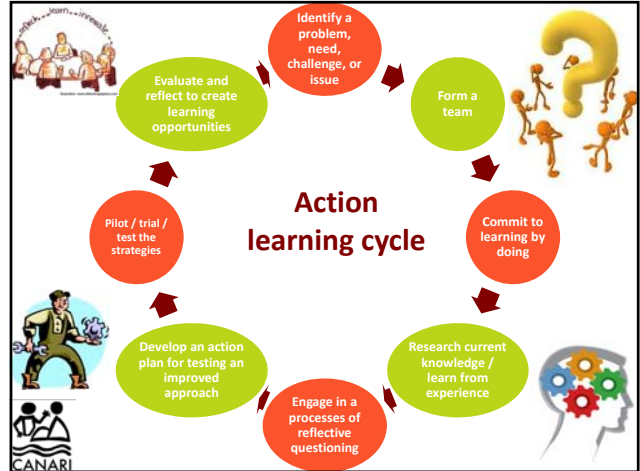
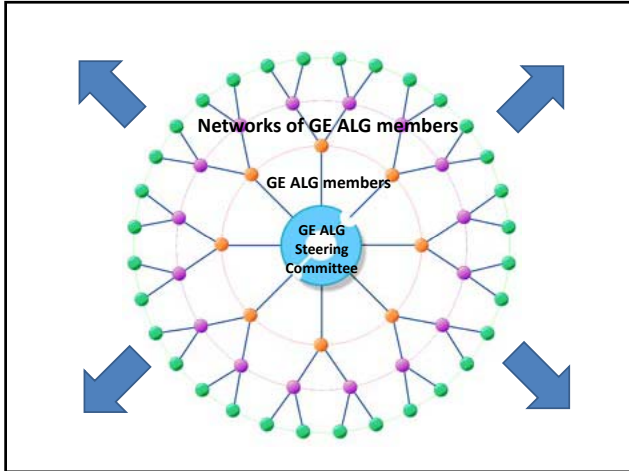
- Purpose: To identify and promote ways in which “green economy” can advance sustainable development in the Caribbean through shaping visions, perspectives, positions and actions. This will require examining:
  - What are the opportunities?
  - What are the potential threats?
  - What could be a Caribbean vision of economic development?




### Objectives

- 1. *Fleshing out the vision:*** building and sharing evidence-based knowledge 
- 2. *Promoting the vision:*** communication to influence policy and build commitment 
- 3. *Putting the vision into action:*** action research carried out by ALG members and their partners 
- 4. *Creating capacity to achieve the vision:*** capacity building for ALG members 



What do you think?

...are the questions?

...are the priority areas for action?

...are the opportunities?

