

# **Caribbean Green Economy Action Learning Group**

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# **Green Economy**

This diagram emerges as a schematic and summarized way to explain the elements that are involved in generating and ensuring the development of our countries towards a green economy. The green economy factory "Technological diagram", shows the levels, the sequences and the moments of participation of each one of the topics and actions necessary to generate "Green Economy".

#### **Operational Manual**

This factory has the following stages and procedures, and each of them have as well its own operational specifications.

1-The tanks 1, 2, 3 are the ones that contain the raw materials for the process. These raw materials are determined by the individual relevance that these elements have (investments, Urban Planning and Capacity Building) in the integral and harmonious development of the economies of our countries. Furthermore, the raw materials content can be regulated by public policies, laws and regulations.

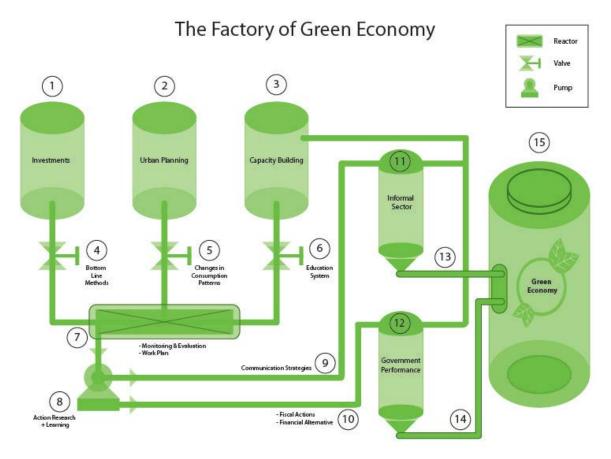
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### Figure 1 The Green Economy Factory

- 2-The valves 4, 5, 6 are the ones that controls the flow and volume of participation of each one of the raw materials in the processes that will take place in the Reactor. The good operation of these conceptual valves (Bottom lines methods, changes in consumptions patterns, education system) are what guaranties the continuation of the production process of a "green economy" under stable and secure conditions.
- 3-The Reactor (7), is the fundamental element in the production of Green Economy, since there is where all the components are mix, and strategies are establish for the future work and work plans of each of the participating social groups, research and development subgroups. The process of "continuous reactions" that takes place in element "7" is determined by the monitoring and evaluations of what should by occurring in the process itself.
- 4- "The Pump" as element 8 of the process, is which pumps "the resulting substances" to the other stages. "Actions, research + learning" it is where the emission's power of the results starts varying towards the main sectors from the implementation of the strategies.
- 5-"The pipe lines" 9 and 10, are the ways and/or conducting lines were the interim results are pumped by "the pump" 8 to the decanters 11 and 12. The conducting lines (communication strategies, fiscal actions) are the ones that prepare and strengthen the results from the

REACTOR, directed to the two sectors and main structures of the society that take part in the production of a green economy: "Informal sector" and "Government performance".

6-In the decanters 11 and 12, the separation between the concrete results obtained take place and sediments to its conical bottom, to then, be directed by the conductors 13 and 14 to the storage tanks of "Green Economy" (15). The supernatant substance of the decanters 11 and 12, those are the part of the processes that were not possible to concretize and become results in a first production, after the "reactions" which took place in the reactor, and conducted by 9 and 10, will be pass back to the beginning of the "Green economy" process, specifically to tank 3 (Capacity Building) as part of the action "lessons learned" to be part of other cycles and productions stages, with new characteristics and conditions.

7-If the Green Economy factory's operation is maintained as the way described before, controlling each one of its stages and cycles, giving each part of the process the necessary time and securing the quality of the raw materials, we will obtain in tank 15 a well implemented Green Economy in our Caribbean countries and a high level of consistent happiness among it habitants.

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