

Saint Lucia citizens agenda for climate change

The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) is implementing a project in Saint Lucia that will catalyse action by civil society to counteract the negative impacts of climate change. This is being done in partnership with the Saint Lucia National Trust.

The project will help stakeholders from civil society to understand more completely how climate change will impact the forest, coastal and marine ecosystems examine impact on the livelihoods of the many Saint Lucians who depend on these ecosystems for goods and services, including coastal protection and erosion control on hillsides. The project will also help civil society to identify what they can do to participate in decision-making and action to adapt to climate change.

A national civil society consultation will be held in October-November 2011 in Castries, Saint Lucia with various stakeholders engaged in natural resource management and livelihood activities. This will be based on the various policies and plans of the Saint Lucian Government, but will emphasise the role of civil society in identifying and dealing with climate change impacts. A civil society plan of action to address climate change in Saint Lucia will be developed.

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Fig. 1: Senior Technical Officer, Neila Bobb-Prescott, and CANARI's Executive Director, Nicole Leotaud, signed the agreement with Stefan Schlüter, Ambassador and Ulrich Kinne, Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission at their office in Port of Spain, Trinidad

About CANARI

The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute is a regional technical non-profit organisation which has been working in the islands of the Caribbean for more than 20 years. Our mission is to promote equitable participation and effective collaboration in managing natural resources critical to development. Our programmes focus on research, sharing and dissemination of lessons learned, capacity building and fostering regional partnerships.