

## PRESS RELEASE

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### CARILED Hosts Local Economic Development (LED) Workshop



**Chaguana, Trinidad and Tobago:** THE Caribbean Local Economic Development Program (CARILED) held its second Caribbean based local economic development (LED) workshop on January 10 – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at the CARILED Headquarters, Chaguana, Trinidad and Tobago.

The two day workshop hosted participants from six Caribbean countries in Phase 1 of the CARILED program, and focused on tools and instruments that may be

used to perform Local Area Economic Profiles (LAEP) in communities. CARILED teams, in partnership with local governments, will apply the tools and instruments to gather and measure economic data in local communities over the next five years. The first missions began on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana and Saint Lucia. Additional economic profiling missions will take place in Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago in February 2013.

#### About CARILED

CARILED is a six year program launched in May 2012, with headquarters in Trinidad and Tobago, and sub-offices in Saint Lucia (OECS) and Ottawa, Canada. The program is being implemented by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), in partnership with the Caribbean Association of Local Government Authorities (CALGA), the Caribbean Forum of Local Government Ministers (CFLGM) and the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF). The program, focused on local economic development projects, will eventually work in fourteen Caribbean countries and will aim to partner with 50 local government authorities to support the growth and development of 500 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). CARILED is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

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