



Caribbean Local Economic Development Project (CARILED) June 2016 Update

CARILED Begins Wrap Up in 5th Year



Mara, Region 6, Guyana

The Caribbean Local Economic Development Project launched into its fifth year of implementation on April 01, 2016. The fifth year will focus on wrap up of programming in the field, collation and sharing of lessons learned, and support to partners and stakeholders and ongoing local economic development programs. A significant emphasis will be placed on the revision, implementation and marketing of LED strategic plans, as well as programs and structures that support Ease of Doing Business for micro, small and medium enterprises.

The Annual Work Plan for 2016 – 2017 was approved by the Project Steering Committee (PSC) in May 2016. The PSC meeting, held in Guyana from May 3-4, included a site visit to Mara in Region 6 (East Berbice/Corentyne). The site visit allowed the PSC members to view the successes and good practices of the Mara Agricultural Enhancement Project, and to hold discussions with members of the Mara Farmers' Association.



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PSC members also toured farms that benefitted from the enhancements supported by the Association. His Excellency Pierre Giroux, High Commissioner of Canada to Guyana, and Mr. Daniel Joly, Councillor and Head of Aid for Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana, accompanied the PSC on this site visit.

The PSC meeting was co-chaired by *pro tem* Chair the Honorable Ronald Bulkan, Minister of the Ministry of Communities (Guyana), representing the Caribbean Forum of Local Government Ministers, and Mr. Marlon Thompson, Development Officer at the Trinidad and Tobago Canadian High Commission. The Committee discussed CARILED's activities for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, projected activities for 2016-2017 and CARILED's close-out phase.



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The Caribbean Association of Local Government Authorities (CALGA), the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF), the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Secretariat, and the Caribbean Association of Small and Medium Enterprises (CASME) were also represented within the PSC meeting.

For further information on the PSC meeting, visit <http://cariled.org/download/Press-Releases/PRL-PSC-MARA-Visit-1605.pdf>

FCM International engages with Caribbean Partners



Paramaribo, Suriname

The Ministry of Regional Development of Suriname hosted representatives from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities International at a pre-conference meeting in Paramaribo, Suriname. Mrs. Odette Gauthier, Director of Programs, FCM International, and Mrs. Marion Villanueva, Program Director, CARILED, met with Mrs. Jennyfer Jozefoon – Wachter, Deputy Director for Local Governance and Decentralization, Mayors and other representatives from the Ministry, District Councils and community on April 25, 2016.

Suriname, a member of the Caribbean Community, is in the process of local government reform towards decentralization. The meeting learned about potential synergies between the Government of Canada's work in the Caribbean, and the sharing of lessons learned under the CARILED program. The CARILED team extends a special thank you to Ms. Peggy Panka and her team for their assistance and support for the hosting of the Caribbean Urban Forum and the Technical Working Group meetings.

Launch of CARILED Knowledge Products



CARILED completed and launched its first good practice guides and a success story in Q1. The publications, based on the project's work in Belize, are focused on the successes of local economic development initiatives in Belize City, Belmopan and San Ignacio Santa Elena.

The three publications examine cases of how local authorities facilitate job creation through supporting a project for female entrepreneurship, approaches to employable skills training for at-risk youth, and open space public private partnerships. Local economic development as a means of fostering growth, community empowerment and skills building, are illustrated in the three stories.

To access the guides and success story, or to learn more about local economic development in the Caribbean, visit <http://cariled.org/publications/all/>.

Caribbean Events and Conferences



Paramaribo, Suriname

The Fourth Meeting of the Technical Working Group was held in Paramaribo, Suriname on April 27, 2016. Representatives from Belize, Dominica, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago were in attendance.

The meeting reviewed the CARILED Annual Work Plan for 2016 – 2017 and Annual Report 2015 – 2016 and gave recommendations for sustainable approaches to maintain the momentum gained in the area of local economic development, community engagement, and institutional improvements within local government.

Technical Working Group members also participated in the Sixth Caribbean Urban Forum (CUF 2016), with three members delivering presentations under the themes Local Government and Decentralization, and Local Economic Development.



Paramaribo, Suriname

The Caribbean Urban Forum (CUF) 2016 was hosted by the Anton De Kom University, in collaboration with Blue Space Secretariat and the Caribbean Local Economic Development Project (CARILED), as well as other partners, was held from April 27 – 30, 2016. Just shy of 200 delegates from over 22 countries, including 14 Caribbean countries, took part in the two day conference on a range of topics that included local economic development, local government and decentralization and sustainable urban development. CARILED supported the attendance of eleven presenters, two moderators and several general attendees from nine countries. To learn more about the Caribbean Urban Forum, visit <http://bluespacecaribbean.com/cuf/>.



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Delegates from nine Caribbean countries deliberated the role of local government and local economic development in supporting growth and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at a workshop on Friday, April 29, 2016 during the Caribbean Urban Forum 2016. Thirty – six participants took part in the half-day regional policy workshop on why LED was key in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, the key factors necessary for effective local economic development from a Caribbean context and discussed possible next steps to address common policy concerns. The workshop was co-facilitated by Mrs. Odette Gauthier, Director of Programs, Federation of Canadian Municipalities International, and Mrs. Marion Villanueva, Program Director, CARILED. Participants including representatives from CALGA, CLGF, UWI and CNULM, discussed a range of approaches to local, national and regional achievement of local economic development and, as a consequence, meeting the SDGs. For further information on the policy dialogue, visit <http://cariled.org/download/Press-Releases/PRL-PolicyDialoguePressRelease-1605.pdf>.

International Events and Conferences



Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), held its Annual Conference and Trade Show, from June 02-June 05th 2016. This year's conference theme was titled, "*Municipalities: The Heart of Canada*" and hosted municipalities from across Canada, as well as international delegates from FCMI development programmes in West Africa, Ukraine, South America and the Caribbean based CARILED programme. The conference opened with a feature address by The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, who laid out a 5-year funding engagement with FCM for its national and international programs.

CARILED supported the attendance of three elected local government officials from Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago and three staff. The delegates were able to engage with Canadian peers, and share experiences in LED and municipal governance practices and enhance their understanding of local government's role in development. The conference also featured study programs that gave delegates an opportunity to see the Winnipeg municipality in action.



Vulcan, Alberta, Canada

From June 5-12, 2016, 13 elected and administrative officials and CARILED staff participated in a study tour of the municipalities of Lethbridge and Vulcan in Alberta, Canada. The participants came from Belize, Guyana, Dominica, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago and Ottawa.

The participants toured innovative small businesses and business incubators, in both Lethbridge and Vulcan, that capitalized on unique natural talents and resources to develop businesses that benefitted both business owners and small communities.

The delegates also toured municipal offices to learn firsthand from elected officials and local developers who plan and develop their communities to attract and maintain economic development. The participants all agreed that the tour included elements that were extremely beneficial to them and that can be adopted by their own communities within the Caribbean.



Ottawa, Canada

Three CARILED representatives also took part in a Knowledge Management Summit in Ottawa, Canada from June 19 – 21, 2016. The Summit, designed and hosted by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities International, brought together participants from four active FCM International programs from Haiti, Ukraine, Colombia / Peru and the Caribbean, as well as upcoming programs for the Americas, Asia and Africa. Participants also included representatives from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Green Municipal Fund, the City of Fredericton, and Global Affairs Canada.

The three day event included a local government panel, a knowledge fair and an introductory session on Lean Six Sigma. Participants shared ideas and experiences on effective program management and capacity building. Knowledge based approaches to sustainable programming, such as sharing of lessons learned, and fostering synergies and partnerships within local government and local government associations, was another key area of discussion.

Local Development Project (LDP) Updates

At the close of Q1, CARILED has 18 active LDPs in 7 countries. The LDPs are related to Agro-Processing, Tourism, Skills Training for Empowerment, Urban Revitalization, Primary Agriculture, Hospitality and Other Services.

One new LDP was approved in Q1. The Clarendon Parish Council's Youth in Business Project (Clarendon, Jamaica) was approved on June 1, 2016. This project seeks to train, mentor and guide a group of 15 young people across the parish of Clarendon to develop and expand their business operations. The 15 selected business owners will be trained in bookkeeping, marketing, product and service standards and other areas of business development. CARILED will support the provision of basic equipment for 6 of the 15 participants. This project is being supported by the Clarendon Parish Council, the Jamaica National Building Society, HEART Trust, the Jamaica Business Development Corporation along with CARILED.

Farewell to Franklyn Harvey



CARILED celebrates the life of Franklyn Harvey, Canadian Consultant who passed away in May 2016. Franklyn contributed to CARILED's efforts by serving as a Technical Expert on multiple Ease of Doing Business assignments with local authorities in Belize and Guyana, over the past two years. Franklyn was always listening and visibly attentive, before he imparted his impeccable knowledge and expertise wrapped in love and understanding. Then came the wave of the Grenadian in him, reminding one of the simple things in life. With his wit and humour and that burst of laughter - Franklyn Harvey was a great man who impacted the lives of many and quietly left his indelible mark on the communities that he worked with for so many years.

CARILED Staff Updates

The CARILED Program bade farewell to Ms. Sheena Balkaran, Program and Administrative Assistant (Trinidad and Tobago) and Ms. Natalie Johnson, Program Assistant (Ottawa). Ms. Petronila Michael, Program Assistant (Ottawa) will return from maternity leave in July 2016. CARILED wishes both Sheena and Natalie the best as they move forward to new opportunities and career growth.

Upcoming Activities

Activity	Location	Date(s)
Knowledge Management Working Group Meeting	Virtual	TBD (Q2)
Meeting of the Technical Working Group	Trinidad and Tobago	September 1-2

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