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Region 3 NDC hosts LED Knowledge Sharing Workshop



Region 3 – Regional Democratic Council (RDC) Boardroom, Vreed-en-hoop, W.C.D., Guyana

Georgetown, Guyana: On July 30, 2014, the Caribbean Local Economic Development Project (CARILED) in collaboration with the Ministry of Regional Local Government and Development (MGLRD) and Region 3 Regional Democratic Council successfully concluded Neighborhood Democratic Councils (NDCs) Knowledge Sharing Workshop at the Region Three (3) Regional Democratic Council Boardroom, Vreed-en-hoop, West Coast Demerara, Guyana.

Eight (8) NDCs participated in the one-day workshop that aimed at strengthening and building the institutional capacity of the local government authorities towards supporting the growth and development of the private sector, with particular focus on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

The workshop focused on Local Economic Development (LED) and the role of the Neighborhood Democratic Council in LED, with extensive focus on increasing revenue generation for NDCs. Assistant Overseer of the Canal Polders Interim Management Committee (IMC) – Mr. Shahab Shakur, and Overseer of the Stewartville/ Cornelia Ida Neighborhood Democratic Council – Ms. Savitri Gopaul delivered presentations on revenue generation and LED. Other NDC participants included representatives from La Jalousie/ Nouvelle Flanders, La Grange/ Nismes, Wakenaam, Leguan, Malgre Tout/ Meerzorgen and Hydronie/ Good Hope took advantage of the exchange where the facilitators enabled a productive discussion session on various issues on LED and increasing revenue collection.

Local Economic Development Officers from Region 3 - Ms. Shivana Persaud and Region 4 - Mr. Clevroy Thomas, facilitated the workshop, assisted by Region 3 Assistant Regional Executive Officer (AREO) - Mr. Hardat Harduwar. This LED workshop, along with other CARILED supported initiatives is undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada.

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