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CARILED supports Local Economic Development in Jamaica



Westmoreland LEDO, Jermaine Saunders addresses participants at a two-day Business Initiation and Management Workshop.

Kingston, Jamaica: The Caribbean Local Economic Development (CARILED) kicked off its third year of operation with the approval of nine new projects in three countries. Six of the projects are in four regions in Jamaica, ranging from green technology to agriculture and tourism.

Funded by the Government of Canada through the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development,

Canada, this six year project aims to promote economic development, community empowerment and developmental local governance.

After much engagement with stakeholders, the first set of CARILED approved projects includes three projects in the Parish of Westmoreland and one project each in Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation and the Parishes of St. Catherine and Manchester. Additional local development projects that promote micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) were identified in the Parish of Clarendon and the Municipality of Portmore. The approved projects include the Beeston Spring Organic Farming and Agro Processing Project, Cecil Charlton Park Redevelopment, New Roads Rest Stop and Agro-Processing Project, Riverton Recycling Project, Spanish Town Heritage Tourism Project and Water Wheel Agricultural Council Greenhouse and Seedling Project.

About CARILED

CARILED was 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, currently works in seven Caribbean countries to develop models of LED that can be shared throughout the region. It aims to partner with 50 local government authorities to support MSMEs. For more information on CARILED, please contact cariled@fcm.ca. FOR MEDIA ENQUIRIES ONLY, please contact ledo.mpc@gmail.com