

Dear Members of the Media,

The Caribbean Local Economic Development Project (CARILED) is now in its Fourth Year of operation (April 2015 – March 2016). This year continues the Roll Out of Phase I activities and will also include the launch of Phase II of Operations, where we will assess outcomes and pilot initiatives, document and share lessons-learned and good practices and assist national governments and organizations to scale up LED approaches to more communities. CARILED will focus its support on strengthening capacity within local government and local governance bodies in seven Caribbean countries during this year and will continue to engage public, private and civil society organizations that support business start-ups, growth and development.

Background

CARILED was launched in May 2012 and became operational in the Caribbean in June 2012. CARILED is a decentralized program implemented by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The Headquarters (Regional Head Office) are based in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, with country offices in Belize, Guyana and Jamaica, and a sub-regional office for Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) countries in Saint Lucia. CARILED also has a team in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities office in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Structure

CARILED falls under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities International (FCMI) Department that is led by Director Sebastien Hamel. CARILED Headquarters and Country Teams are managed by CARILED Program Director Marion Villanueva.

CARILED also supports mentorship and training of Local Economic Development Officers in Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago.

Visit our Contact Us page for more details on our offices.

Objective

The Caribbean Local Economic Development Project (CARILED) works with Canadian and Caribbean partners to help local governance bodies to support new and existing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, and develop services, plans and strategies for sustainable and equitable local economic development.

Initiatives developed under the CARILED umbrella will support government authorities as they work with private sector and civil society partners to:

- Encourage existing businesses
- Attract new ventures
- Provide services that assist entrepreneurs

For more information on Local Economic Development or CARILED, check out the CARILED Brochure (English) (Spanish).

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