



Building capacity for participatory forest management for good governance in the Caribbean region

## Concept note

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### 1. Project purpose

The purpose of the project is to strengthen existing strategies to improve forest law compliance and governance by building the capacity of forest managers in at least six small island developing states in the Caribbean region to facilitate effective participatory management of forests through training, mentoring, development of a tool kit, and documenting and communicating illustrative case studies.

### 2. Project focus

Four forest managers will be selected from each of the project countries. Project countries include Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago. However, additional countries may be considered.

Forest managers will be selected from forestry departments, other government agencies with responsibility for managing forests (e.g. environmental management departments, protected area departments), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and community-based organisations (CBOs) based on criteria such as:

- demonstrated interest in and commitment to stakeholder participation in forest governance;
- existing skills and knowledge in facilitation of participatory processes;
- opportunity to apply build capacity to facilitate participatory processes in his/her organisation;
- support for stakeholder participation in forest governance from his/her organisation;
- availability to participate in a 12-month capacity building and peer learning project;
- willingness and capacity to train and mentor others in his/her organisation and partners in facilitation of participatory processes;
- opportunity to catalyse stakeholder participation in forest governance in his/her country.

### 3. Project implementation

The project will be implemented by the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) in partnership with key organisations in the project countries who are mandated to manage forests, as well as, other civil society organisations, donor and technical assistance agencies, and the private sector who manage forests.

### 4. Project timeframe

The project will be implemented over a 12 month period from October 2010 to September 2011.

### 5. Project funding

Funding is provided by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization under its Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Support Programme for African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries (ACP-FLEGT Programme).

## 6. Project objectives and activities

**Objective 1:** Develop a tool-kit for forest managers to guide effective facilitation of participatory processes for forest management in the Caribbean islands.

Activities:

- 1.1 Develop draft tool-kit
- 1.2 Participatory review of draft tool-kit with project participants in workshop under Objective 2
- 1.3 Finalize tool-kit, including addition of case studies done under Objective 4
- 1.4 Graphic design, translate, print and disseminate

**Objective 2:** Train twenty-four forest managers in facilitation of participatory processes for management of forests.

Activities:

- 2.1 Select and invite project participants
- 2.2 Logistical arrangements, preparation of session plans and workshop materials for 5 day training workshop
- 2.3 Conduct a 5-day training workshop
- 2.4 Develop agreed work plan for case studies of participatory processes for management of forests
- 2.5 Provide in-country mentoring of participants applying skills in facilitation or co-facilitation of an actual process in their country
- 2.6 Prepare and disseminate training workshop report and information to stakeholders and participants

**Objective 3:** Provide an opportunity for forest managers in the region to share experiences and lessons learned on approaches to facilitating participatory forest governance

Activities:

- 3.1 Logistical arrangements, preparation of session plans and workshop materials for 3 day workshop
- 3.2 Conduct 3-day workshop for forest managers in the region to share experiences and lessons learned on approaches to facilitating participatory forest governance in case studies they facilitated or co-facilitated under Objective 4
- 3.3 Prepare and disseminate workshop report and information to stakeholders and participants
- 3.4 Prepare CANARI website to host online discussion
- 3.5 Host online discussion

**Objective 4:** Document case studies of the application of participatory forest law compliance and governance, and communicate lessons learned to stakeholders in the project countries.

Activities:

- 4.1 Identify, prioritise and select sites for case studies with participants in the training workshop
- 4.2 Support participants with facilitation or co-facilitation of participatory processes for forest management in their home countries
- 4.3 Assist participants to draft case studies and conduct validation meetings
- 4.4 Graphic design, translate, print and disseminate as part of toolkit under Objective 1
- 4.5 Draft policy brief
- 4.6 Graphic design, translate, print and disseminate

## 7. Project results

### **Outputs**

- Draft tool-kit
- First workshop report
- Workplan for facilitation of participatory process in project countries
- Webpage with discussion forum on project
- Second workshop report
- Final toolkit
- Policy Brief
- Final Project Report

### **Outcomes**

#### *In the medium term:*

1. A cadre of facilitators from government and civil society organisations in the project countries with the skills and knowledge to facilitate participatory processes in forest law compliance and governance
2. Availability of appropriate tools to facilitate participatory forest management in the Caribbean
3. Application of participatory techniques in specific forest management initiatives in the project countries
4. Enhanced awareness by forestry departments and other key stakeholders involved in the management of forests of case studies of participatory forest management in the Caribbean

#### *In the long term:*

1. Improved forest law compliance and governance in the Caribbean
2. Conservation and sustainable management of forest ecosystems in the Caribbean
3. Sustainable livelihoods based on the use of forest resources in the Caribbean