



## Reviewing Climate Change Adaptation Investments

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**Port of Spain (CANARI) 27 April 2012.** Chairperson of the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI), Dr. LaVerne Ragster, represented the organisation at an international workshop on climate change adaptation investment, which took place in Villa de Leyva, Colombia, March 20th - 23rd 2012. This workshop - "Lessons Learned and Future Directions in Climate Change Adaptation Investment" - brought together some 29 representatives of organisations which have worked on climate change adaptation projects in the Americas, Africa and Asia as grantees of the MacArthur Foundation, an investment which totalled over US \$6.5 million since 2007.

CANARI's utilised US\$ 250,000 of this sum to fund a research programme: *An assessment of the impact of climate change on biodiversity in the Caribbean (2007-2009)*. The project was characterised by in-depth studies of three working groups and a regional conference that undertook analysis of the studies' findings to identify research priorities. This MacArthur Foundation funded project, was marked by high levels of partnership and networking, and facilitated the progress of CANARI's own Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Programme in climate change communication, community adaptation and participatory development of climate change policy and plans.

The discussions at the workshop sought to distill the lessons learned and best practices from the projects, in order to formulate a framework for climate vulnerability assessment and biodiversity adaptation planning in the Caribbean islands and globally. Dr. Ragster presented some of the gaps in knowledge and policy implications which were identified by CANARI's project for future work. Future investment by MacArthur is expected to be guided by the outputs of this workshop, specifically the framework developed as an output of the exercise.

The workshop was co-organised by Nature Serve, Birdlife International and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The outputs will form part of a side-meeting discussion at the upcoming 16th Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 16) of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which is being held 30 April 30th - May 5th 2012 in Montreal, Canada.



Participants in the MacArthur Climate Change Adaptation Investment workshop - Colombia, March 2012

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### **About CANARI**

The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute is a regional technical non-profit organisation which has been working in the islands of the Caribbean for more than 20 years. Our mission is to promote and facilitate equitable participation and effective collaboration in the management of natural resources critical to development in the Caribbean islands, so that people will have a better quality of life and natural resources will be conserved, through action learning and research, capacity building, communication and fostering partnerships.

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