

Post 2015 Sustainable Development Goals process – Caribbean Webinar on Marine resources, oceans and seas

The international community is working to develop a set of post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which will replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as the overarching global development framework after 2015. As part of this, CARICOM Member States are seeking to identify regional priorities and effectively negotiate these in the post-2015 SDGs process. This work is intimately linked with preparations for the Third International Conference of SIDS being held in Samoa in September 2014. SIDS have agreed that sustainable development priorities identified for Samoa should be reflected in the post-2015 agenda.

CANARI has been working to provide technical assistance and independent input and analysis to support development and negotiation of a strong and coherent regional perspective, reflecting priorities of Caribbean stakeholders across countries, in the post-2015 SDG and SIDS processes. As part of this work, CANARI will be facilitating a series of webinars to reach out to Caribbean stakeholders to elicit opinions on key issues drawn from the 19 topic areas already identified in the post-2015 process, as well as Caribbean priorities identified in the preparatory process for the SIDS 2014 conference.

CANARI would like to invite you participate in the webinar on the thematic area of **CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF MARINE RESOURCES, OCEANS AND SEAS**, to be held on **Friday 9th May 2014 from 3:00pm – 4:30 pm (EST)**.

The specific objective of the webinars is to refine sustainable development priorities for the Caribbean and provide technical input to contribute to the identification of potential targets which can help to inform CARICOM negotiation in the SDGs and SIDS processes.

Webinars will be held using GoToMeeting software, as structured discussions chaired by CANARI, with 2-4 expert presenters providing technical input to stimulate discussion. Presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion.

Participants are required to register in advance, using the log in information below. Please allow a few minutes to log on before the start of the meeting.

The thematic area, summary of issues and suggested question to be discussed are outlined in the table below.

Thematic area and summary of issues (as identified by the UN Open Working Group drafting the preliminary SDG agenda)	Question to be discussed	Date and time
<u>Conservation and sustainable use of marine resources, oceans and seas:</u> Priorities areas to be considered include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reducing marine pollution and debris including from land-based activities;• halting destruction of marine habitat including ocean acidification;	What are the priorities for marine resources and ocean governance in the Caribbean?	Friday 9th May 2014 – 3:00pm

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promoting sustainable exploitation of marine resources; • regulating harvesting of straddling fish stocks; • addressing illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and destructive fishing practices; • eliminating harmful subsidies; • ensuring full implementation of regional and international regimes governing oceans and seas, and establishing Marine Protected Areas. <p>Interlinkages to other focus areas include: food security, water, employment, economic growth, climate change, ecosystems and biodiversity.</p>		

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