



## Civil Society Organizations for Good Governance Project

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for Good Governance is a three-year project managed by United Way Trinidad and Tobago (UWTT) with a core group of twenty-three (23) leading Civil Society Organizations, referred to as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Catalysts Network (listed below). The project's focus is to advocate for improved governance in Trinidad and Tobago using the UNDP's Sustainable Development Goals as the framework for engagement.

The project, funded by the European Union Delegation to Trinidad and Tobago, empowers civil society to become more effective advocates and actively engage an inclusive and holistic approach to national development. The CSOs For Good Governance is United Way Trinidad and Tobago's (UWTT) first development funded project. It also promotes advocacy for an improved Legal, Fiscal and Funding Framework for Non-Profit to operate in Trinidad and Tobago. In 2018, the second year in, several developments were made under the project including producing a CSO Advocacy Paper, building on Veni Apwann's CSO Policy Brief.

**Under this project, the SDGs Catalysts Network benefitted from:**

Communication, and Advocacy Capacity Building clinics and workshops; clinics under the guidance of Veni Apwann and the Capacity Building Working Group

Access to small grants, issued by UWTT, to catalyze small scale advocacy actions in their respective fields, (listed below)

Consultation on the updated Civil Society Organization's Advocacy Paper aimed to promote an improved legislative regulatory framework for Civil Society led by UWTT

Collaborative working to champion core national issues using the Sustainable Development Goals framework

Engagement in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Trinidad and Tobago and contributions towards the Vision 2030 Development Agenda.

Stakeholder engagement with the Ministry of Planning and Development, and United Nations Development Programme, and Attorney General's Office

Development of a Knowledge Platform to showcase case studies, lessons learnt, videos, and social media posts on advocacy to share with the wider Civil Society Networks

Legal and Fiscal Working Group, with UWTT as the secretariat, submitting comments on the draft 2018 Non-Profit Organization (NPO) Bill that addresses financial requirements for NPOs around Counter Terrorism Financing and Anti-Money Laundering based on the Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) recommendations.



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Until the project completion in March 2020, the CSOs For Good Governance project aims to continue supporting the SDGs Catalysts Network Members to engage their respective networks towards increased advocacy actions around the National Development priorities that they work. This will be in addition to, advocating for an improved Legal, Fiscal and Funding Framework for NPOs in Trinidad and Tobago with the implementation of the four recommendations below developed until the Civil Society Organization Advocacy Paper:

- I Create an electronic integrated registration process with the Companies Registry and Revenue Authority (and regulator, if independent).
- II Introduce a new company status, Social Enterprise.
- III Revisit the tax provisions that affect CSOs.
- IV Establish a Civil Society Organization regulator with authority for significantly greater scrutiny and compliance.

### Small Grant Facility for Advocacy Actions

ROUND 1		
Organization Name	Project Title	Project Objective
<b>Women's Institute for Alternative Development (WINAD)</b>	Building A Sustainable Governance Model: Collaborative Planning	To deliver an implementable template for how structured engagement may be operationalized in order to strengthen governance and citizen participation in public policy decision making that results in lasting impact
<b>University of the West Indies-Institute for Gender and Development Studies</b>	Advancing Partnerships Toward Gender Responsive Budgeting in Trinidad and Tobago	To provide a gendered analysis of the national budget process and its implications for peace, security and empowerment within households, highlighting how the national budget process and budgetary allocations have differential and inequitable impact on women, men, girls and boys.

## CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE

### Small Grant Facility for Advocacy Actions

ROUND 2		
Organization Name	Project Title	Project Objective
<b>Association of Civil Society Organizations of Trinidad and Tobago (ACSOTT)</b>	Governing our sector & ease of doing business: Voices & Stories from T&T's CSOs	To capture case and experiential data that will drive and ground analysis and advocacy related to state and self-governance of the social sector
<b>CAISO sex &amp; gender justice</b>	Human Rights & State Accountability: CSO Action Learning on Strategy, Collaboration & Impact	To increase state accountability for human rights in T&T and CSO efficacy at governance activity related to human rights. 2-day workshop with Civil Society Organizations and UN Human Rights Institutions in the region on CSO's role towards fulfilment of a national Human Rights Institution.
<b>Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute</b>	Integrity Clubs: Planting seeds of purpose, compassion, honesty and integrity in our future leaders	To test and refine I-Clubs before their widespread introduction in secondary schools and to demonstrate the value and benefit of I-Clubs to secondary school students.
<b>Caribbean Kids and Families Therapy Organization (CKFTO)</b>	Disabilities Awareness Campaign: CKFTO's Count Me In Puppet Program	To implement an ongoing Advocacy Programs promoting inclusion and equal opportunity for all, targeted at school age children through the 'Count Me In Puppet Programme.' 3,800 viewers reached.
<b>IAMovement</b>	Organic Garden School Programme (OGSP):Expansion, Awareness and Outreach	To expand and grow the sustainability of the Organic Garden School Program (OGSP) in SERVOL Junior Life Centre, The Cotton Tree Foundation and St. Dominic's Home.

## Small Grant Facility for Advocacy Actions

ROUND 3		
Organization Name	Project Title	Project Objective
<b>CAISO sex &amp; gender justice</b>	Add All 3: Champions Campaign in Coalition for Equal Opportunity and Stronger Institutions	To mobilize a coalition of civil society champions to secure the enactment of changes to the Equal Opportunity Act recommended to Government by the Equal Opportunity Commission since 2011, which would extend the opportunity that its existing machinery (EOF) provides to seek redress to persons who experience discrimination by non-state and state actors based on age, health conditions (such as HIV), and LGBTI/heterosexual status.
<b>Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute</b>	Integrity Clubs: Planting seeds of purpose, compassion, honesty and integrity in our future leaders	Launch of integrity clubs in 6 secondary schools between Trinidad and Tobago
<b>Habitat for Humanity Trinidad and Tobago</b>	A Public Awareness Campaign to promote Hurricane Resilient Housing Practices and Healthy Housing Habits	To create and implement a structured legacy media and social media information campaign to empower members of the Autistic and Deaf & Hard of Hearing communities by promoting resilient construction techniques and healthy housing habits ahead of the 2019 Hurricane season.
<b>IAMovement</b>	REthinking Energy Video Series Completion + Launch	To promote widespread education and awareness across the public and all sectors on the great economic implications and opportunities available through taking action on key Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy measures and projects in Trinidad & Tobago, both at the private/commercial level and importantly as well at the national scale and policy level.
<b>Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN)</b>	Youth Initiative for Empowering Leadership and Development (YIELD)	Capacity Building to empowers young persons to advocate for the awareness and action on the Sustainable Development in Trinidad and Tobago through media, education, volunteerism and artistic expression.

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### Small Grant Facility for Advocacy Actions

ROUND 4		
Organization Name	Project Title	Project Objective
<b>Families in Action</b>	The Girls Stand Up Project	To implement The Girls Stand Up project which provides a forum for youth education
<b>and empowerment with respect to Gender Based Violence and equips them to advocate</b>	Human Rights & State Accountability: CSO Action Learning on Strategy, Collaboration & Impact	To increase state accountability for human rights in T&T and CSO efficacy at governance activity related to human rights. 2-day workshop with Civil Society Organizations and UN Human Rights Institutions in the region on CSO's role towards fulfilment of a national Human Rights Institution.

What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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## List of SDGs Catalysts Network

- Agricultural Society of Trinidad & Tobago
- Adult Literacy Tutors Association (ALTA)
- Association of Civil Society Organisations of TT (ACSOTT)
- Caribbean Kids and Families Therapy Organisation (CKFTO)
- Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI)
- Caribbean Youth Environment Network Trinidad and Tobago (CYENTT)
- Energy Chamber of Trinidad & Tobago
- Environment Tobago (ET)
- Families in Action
- Family Planning Association
- Habitat for Humanity
- IAMovement
- National Centre for Persons With Disabilities (NCPD)
- Network of NGOs for the Advancement of Women
- SERVOL
- The Coalition Advocating for Inclusion of Sexual Orientation (CAISO)
- Trinidad & Tobago Transparency Institute (TTTI)
- Trinidad & Tobago Unified Fisherfolk (TUFF)
- United Way Trinidad & Tobago (UWTT)
- UWI Institute for Gender & Development Studies (UWI-IGDS)
- Veni Apwawn (VA)
- Women's Institute for Alternative Development (WINAD)
- Youth Business Trinidad & Tobago (YBTT)



Capacity Building Workshop to SDG Catalysts Network Members



Caribbean Kids and Families Therapy Organizations Small Grant Project



CSO Advocacy Paper Consultation with SDG Catalysts Network Members



SDG Catalysts Network Members Quarterly Meeting