

# SMALL GRANT FACILITY PUBLICATION

## CSOS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE: ENHANCING CIVIL SOCIETY'S CONTRIBUTION TO GOVERNANCE & DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO MARCH 2020

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# OVERVIEW

## CSOS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE

### BACKGROUND

The purpose of this publication is to highlight the achievements of the Small Grant Advocacy Project completed under the CSOs For Good Governance project between 2018-2020.

The “CSOs For Good Governance: Enhancing civil society’s contribution to governance and development processes in Trinidad and Tobago (CSOs4GoodGov)” is a three-year project managed by UWTT and implemented by a consortium of seven leading civil society organisations (CSOs) to enhance civil society’s contribution to governance and development processes in Trinidad and Tobago (T&T) and specifically, to support the effective involvement of CSOs in national implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. The Seven CSOs: United Way Trinidad and Tobago (UWTT), Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI), Environment Tobago (ET), Network of NGOs for the Advancement of Women, University of the West Indies-Institute for Gender and Development Studies (UWI-IGDS), Veni Apwann (VA), Women’s Institute for Alternative Development (WINAD). The CSOs For Good Governance Project is funded by The European Union.

One of the primary outputs of the CSOs4GG project is the SDGs Catalysts Network, which comprises Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) that collectively encompass the full range of development priorities addressed in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with some CSOs working across several goals. This diverse group together aims to break down traditional sectoral barriers and facilitate integrated thinking and action by civil society following the principles laid out in the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Trinidad and Tobago. Supporting this component of the action is the provision of resources to CSOs and CSO networks (via small grants) to pilot practical advocacy actions by individually or collectively innovative approaches for promoting and evaluating Government transparency and accountability in implementation of the SDGs in selected priority areas. 19 grants were awarded to 13 SDG Catalysts Network member organizations, totaling \$515,676 TT.

A Technical Advisory Panel (of five persons from across various sectors and disciplines) was established comprising independent experts who will volunteer to review applications to the facility, recommend award of grants for advocacy action projects, and contribute to the monitoring of implementation.

More details about the project activities can be found:

UWTT's website <http://uwtt.com/csos-for-good-governance-project/>

Facebook page: CSOs4GoodGov or on social media via the hashtag #CSOs4GoodGov.

All SGF Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLG-QecAnB1ChV3kx4qiTMEJYp5bCTJym1>



### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



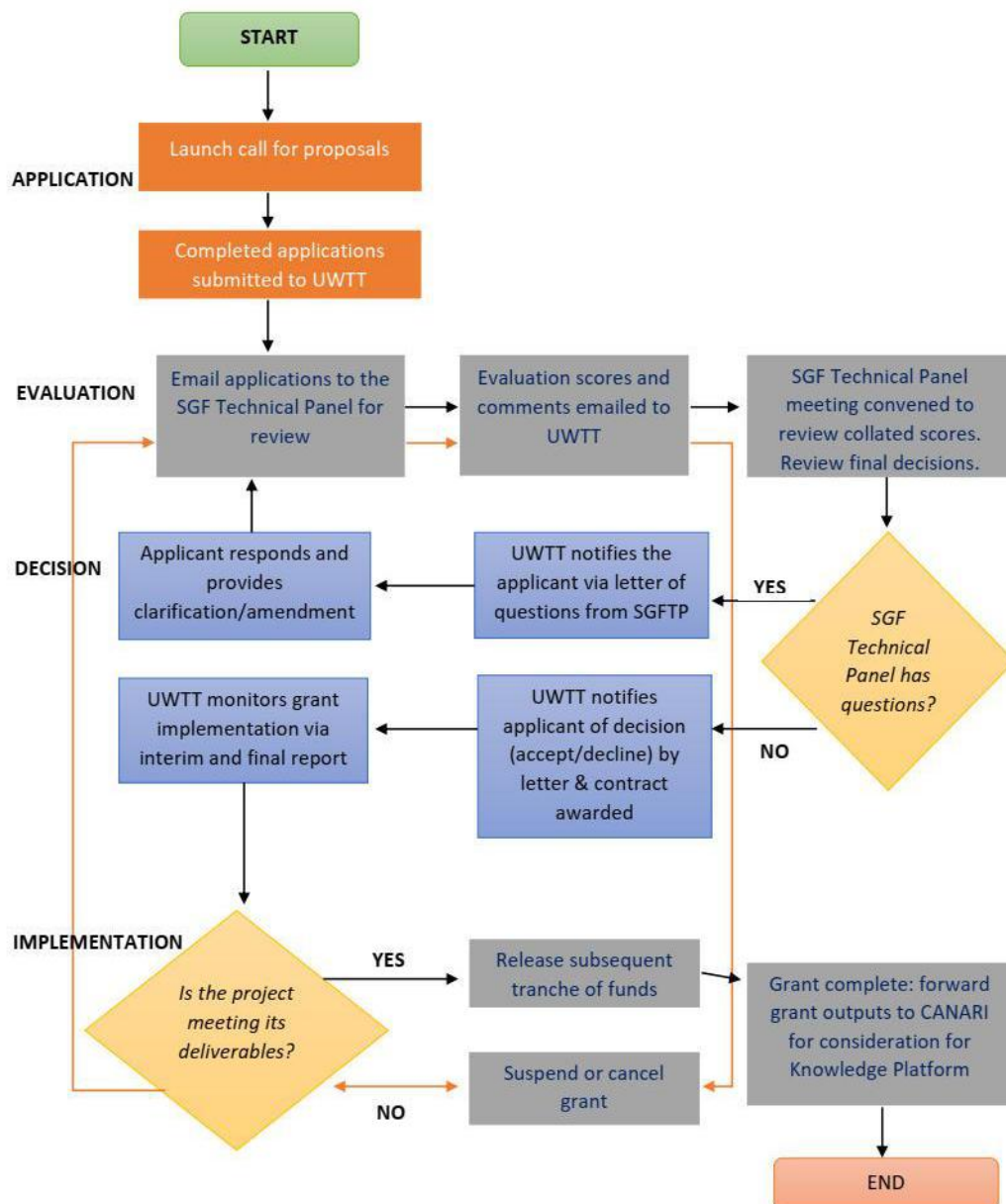
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# PROCESS MAP

## ABOUT THE PROCESS

The diagram below details the process map from invitation to submit applications to completion of project grants under the Small Grant Facility of the CSOs for Good Governance project. A total of 19 grants were awarded over 5 rounds of assessments.

CSOs For Good Governance Project: Small Grant Advocacy Action Facility Process Map



# LESSONS LEARNT ON MANAGING SGF

## MANAGING LESSONS LEARNT

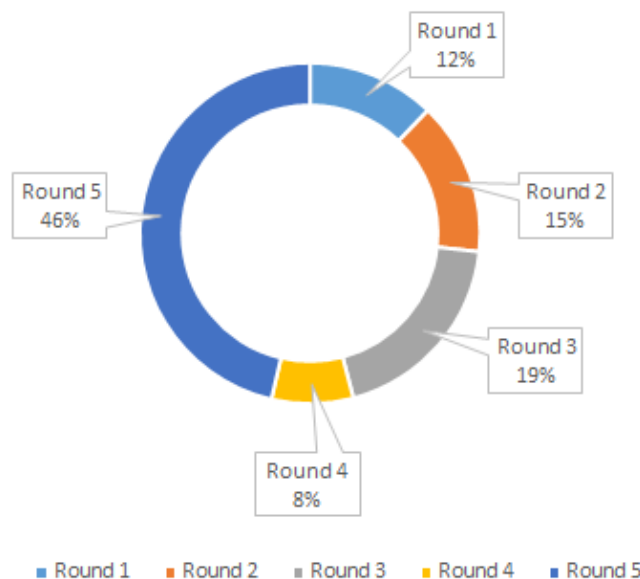
During the management of the Small Grant Facility three key observations were made and mitigation measures were put in place for subsequent rounds of applications based on advice from the Small Grant Facility Technical Panel.

Approximately 50% of projects experienced delays due to organizational challenges or external environmental issues. General feedback from the Technical Panel on the quality of proposals submitted was addressed by a Grant Proposal Write-shop hosted by Veni Apwann as well as the SHIFT Caribbean mentorship programme.

Overall projects were diverse and were completed by 18 of the 19 grant recipients. One CSO was unable to complete the project within one year and unable to provide sufficient evidence that deliverables would be met with a further deadline extension.

Improvements were made after each Round of applications based on feedback from the Technical Panel. Grants ranged from \$15,000 TT to \$50,000 TT. UWTT provided co-finance of 20,000 EUROS in year 3 of the project.

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# JOINT ADVOCACY ACTIONS IN CROSS CUTTING THEMES

## CROSS CUTTING ISSUES ADDRESSED

The fundamental approach of the Action in establishing a mechanism for civil society action around the 17 SDGs and Vision 2030 opened conversations and actions across key cross cutting issues of human rights, gender equality, good governance, and environmental sustainability and food stability. In convening the SDGsCN, a broad cross section of CSOs working at national level were invited to ensure a strong representation of interest and leadership across the 17 SDGs. Table 4 identifies the Catalyst core focus by SDG. Over the course of the Project, through the work on improving advocacy skills, all Catalysts begun to recognize the cross-cutting nature of their work and the longer-term benefits of aligning their work to SDGs and how this facilitated collaboration with others.

In addition, SDGsCN access to the Small Grant Facility further supported Catalysts to place alignment actions into practice and in the later rounds, a greater appreciation of the value of collaboration was noted in all applications.



University of the West Indies - Institute for Gender  
and Development Studies (UWI-IGDS)

### OBJECTIVE

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.



### ACHIEVEMENTS

UWI-IGDs contributed to National Budget Statement, Visibility around responsive budgeting, media package on Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) to National Budget in October 2018 . An opening ceremony and a 2 day Gender Responsive Budgeting workshop was also held with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development on ways to mainstream GRB and preparation for the 2020 budget. IGDS staff gained insight into the budgetary process and strengthened the IGDS's contribution to the fiscal year 2020 national budget discussion for sustainability of the project after completion. 10 meetings were held with the core team at Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, 2 meetings with the Ministry of Planning and 14 meetings with the consultant.

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A Perspective on GRB Budget 2019: <https://tinyurl.com/y7lnje63>

GRB Capacity Building for Ministry of Housing TT: <https://tinyurl.com/y7es52ne>



# HUMAN RIGHTS & STATE ACCOUNTABILITY: CSO ACTION LEARNING ON STRATEGY, COLLABORATION & IMPACT

ROUND 2

CAISO sex & gender justice

## OBJECTIVE

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 fulfillment of a national Human Rights Institution.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

The 2-day workshop was held on 17th & 18th October 2018. 18 individuals from 15 CSOs participated, including one from Guyana. Organizations include: disability, environment, food, gender, faith, human rights, migration, organizational development and social justice sectors. Among quasi-autonomous national government organizations (QUANGOs) identified as prospective candidates for reform into a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI), the Equal Opportunity Commission sent six staff including its CEO and legal director. Participants and the UN presenter praised the training. They said it was ambitious in scope, but well structured. Participants closed the second day agreeing to 12 action steps, including keeping the issues covered in the training visible in the runup to Human Rights Day, pushing the knowledge acquired through it into their networks, and convening community forums together to do so. An action plan was developed to collectively engage the Equal Opportunity Commission further and to meet with the NHRI-candidate QUANGOs that did not participate, as well as with the Office of the Prime Minister, the Attorney General's human rights unit, and Parliament's human rights oversight committee.

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Workshop agenda: <https://tinyurl.com/yawhqxrd>

Agreements Developed from Workshop: <https://tinyurl.com/yabs6fnx>





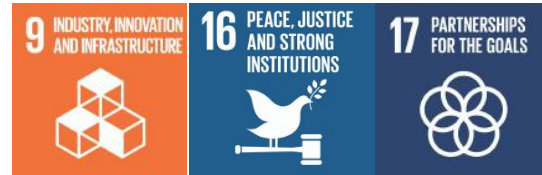
# THE ACSOTT STORY AND THE WAY FORWARD

ROUND 2

Association of Civil Society Organizations of Trinidad and Tobago (ACSOTT)

## OBJECTIVE

To capture case and experiential data that will drive and ground analysis and advocacy related to state and self-governance of the social sector.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Two focus groups were completed (one in Port of Spain and one in San Fernando). Through one of ACSOTT's member's involvement with the Inter-American Bank's (IDB) Next Gen Board, ACSOTT conducted a focus group with representatives from the Public, Private Sector and International Organisations. The Story of ACSOTT comprehensively captures the context for the formation of ACSOTT and its history to date inclusive of its vision, achievements to date and challenges. The focus group revealed that people still believe in the potential of ACSOTT. This feedback was incorporated into the 'Story of ACSOTT.'

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Story of ACSOTT: <https://tinyurl.com/y8u7k36j>  
Consultation Report: <https://tinyurl.com/yaqeu3jn>



# INTEGRITY CLUBS: PLANTING SEEDS OF PURPOSE, COMPASSION, HONESTY AND INTEGRITY IN OUR FUTURE LEADERS

ROUND 2

Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute

## OBJECTIVE

Launch of the School Integrity Club project in six (6) secondary schools in Trinidad and Tobago



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute (TTTI) in collaboration with the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago and the National Parent Teacher Association (NPTA) launched integrity clubs in the six secondary schools involved in the project and conducted a series of trainings and meetings with the principals, teachers and the Integrity Ambassadors (students). Three training sessions were held with the Integrity Ambassadors, one with the Integrity Champion teachers as well as a breakfast meeting with principals. The students received training on interview techniques, strategies for implementing Integrity Clubs, understanding integrity and corruption, public speaking, communication skills as well as an understanding the global picture of corruption and its impact on the nation.

The School Integrity Club Project which was launched on September 28th, 2018 at the Yara Auditorium, Arthur Lok Jack Global School of Business, Mt. Hope. In delivering the keynote address, the Honourable Anthony Garcia, Minister of Education noted that the launch of the Integrity Clubs in schools another dimension to the Ministry's offerings of inclusion, quality and access to our education system and also to the essential ingredients of integrity, honour and how we interact with each other. Minister Garcia also stated that the Ministry of Education endorses and supports the School Integrity Club Project.

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**Code of Conduct for Integrity Ambassador:** <https://tinyurl.com/y9n55km9>  
**Teacher Handbook I-Club Champion Teachers:** <https://tinyurl.com/yddakgmw>  
**List of Integrity Ambassadors:** <https://tinyurl.com/y6ufyat2>



# DISABILITIES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN: CKFTO'S COUNT ME IN PUPPET PROGRAM

ROUND 2

Caribbean Kids and Families Therapy  
Organization (CKFTO)

## OBJECTIVE

To implement an ongoing Advocacy Program promoting inclusion and equal opportunity for all, targeted at school age children through the Count Me In Puppet Programme.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Twenty Four (24) "Count Me In" Puppet shows were performed. Through these actions CKFTO advocated to reduce inequality and also mainstream cross-cutting issues such as children's rights and human rights by dispelling fears and misconceptions about people with disabilities. SDG material was also presented and posted in each school. 3,800 viewers reached.

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## OBJECTIVE

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.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

The Organic Gardening School Program (OGSP) was expanded in SERVOL Junior Life Centre and The Cotton Tree Foundation pre-school in addition to increasing public awareness of organic gardening and food security through a social media campaign. The student activities included planting corn, ochro seedlings, and seed setting. They also learned how to prepare soil by weeding, addition of organic nutrition and fresh soil, how to install seedlings and how to set seeds and overall caring for plants; that they were educated soil nutrition and eating healthy by having a balanced meal that included fruits and vegetables.

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# ADD ALL 3: CHAMPIONS CAMPAIGN IN COALITION FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND STRONGER INSTITUTIONS

ROUND 3

CAISO sex & gender justice

## OBJECTIVE

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.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Under this project, 26 SDG Catalysts Network members were enrolled and other diverse organisations as champions, implementing 3 monthly social exchanges about the campaign among champions between March and May 2019, hosting a workshop on equal opportunities frameworks with support from the Equal Opportunities Commission, producing 6-9 minutes of broadcast-quality messages promoting support for Add All 3/its three amendments, broadcasting these messages via radio and social media videos to 100,000 persons which have been shared 1,000 times and attracting coverage in 10 news interviews/stories.

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- Video link: <https://youtu.be/qWX6oWmaV7A>
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- Webb, Yvonne. “AMCHAM CEO: End LGBTQI discrimination.” Trinidad and Tobago Newsday 14 January 2019 <https://newsday.co.tt/2019/01/14/amcham-ceo-end-lgbtqi-discrimination/>



# INTEGRITY CLUBS: PLANTING SEEDS OF PURPOSE, COMPASSION, HONESTY AND INTEGRITY IN OUR FUTURE LEADERS

ROUND 3

Trinidad and Tobago Transparency Institute

## OBJECTIVE

To test and refine the School Integrity Club project before its widespread introduction in secondary schools and to demonstrate the value and benefit of I-Clubs to secondary school students.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Baseline survey was conducted in six (6) schools to determine the goals the I-Clubs and to determine the school's climate in terms of students' perception of safety; culture of behavior towards each other; personal issues such as conflict and anger management and students' choices as it pertained to drug use and honesty. The Trinidad & Tobago Transparency Institute supervised the twenty-four (24) Integrity Ambassadors (4 per pilot school) as they established the I-Clubs

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### Habitat for Humanity Trinidad and Tobago

## OBJECTIVE

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.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Empowered people within the disability communities to take proactive action to prepare for incidents arising from both man-made and natural hazards. The general and disability publics enthusiastically received the guidance and support on Healthy Housing Habits and Disaster Mitigation and Response. Seven workshops were held for vulnerable groups (persons with disabilities), 72 radio advertisements, 4,253 reached through social media, 15 disability groups engaged, and 217 persons engaged.

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Radio and Video Scripts: <https://tinyurl.com/y93pvkra>

Key Messages for presenters: <https://tinyurl.com/yad5dzek>



## OBJECTIVE

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.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

The IAMovement Climate Talk 2018 promotional materials and 'Did you Know' posters developed and distributed to partners and schools. The RE-Thinking Energy ESSAY COMPETITION and RETHinking Energy Social Media Online Scavenger Hunt was completed. The Rethinking Energy Video Series was also scripted and launched which included: • Video 1: T&T's natural gas shortage, and our Opportunity Cost (which can also be thought of as Our Opportunity Lost) • Video 2: The Electricity Subsidy • Video 3: Solutions for T&T, guided in part by roadmap studies carried out by the EU Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) working with the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries (MEEI) in Trinidad & Tobago.

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Video 2 - T&T Electricity Subsidy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d77v9n0e-I4>

Video 3 - Solutions for T&T: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siqDwR\\_JLX4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siqDwR_JLX4)





### Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN)

## OBJECTIVE

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.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

CYEN's Youth Initiative Empowering Leadership and Development (Y.I.E.L.D.) promoted education, advocacy and awareness of the SDGs. Persons were encouraged to identify with individual goals, understand how all 17 goals interconnect and appreciate how the goals align with existing national and sub-national plans and actions. The project also empowered young persons to collaborate to design and implement advocacy strategies in the form of social media, education drives, volunteerism and artistic expression. CYEN-TT will hosted several planning and training sessions in Education for the SDGS and various advocacy tools, 5 workshops conducted in schools to educate participants on the Sustainable Development Goals and introduce how they can work together to strengthen their advocacy at the community level; Created innovative media products that can be used to impact positive change through SDGs; an Institutional Strengthening Workshop' completed on Climate Change and Dynamic Ecosystems.

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## OBJECTIVE

To implement The Girls Stand Up project which provides a forum for youth education and empowerment with respect to Gender Based Violence and equips the youth to advocate within their communities for the eradication of same.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

There was an increase in knowledge of gender-based violence in the GSU participants, the student body of the participating schools and their immediate communities. This was made evident by the pre/post-test administered among the GSU participants, and their GBV awareness campaigns within their schools and their community where 1 community based campaign was launched. In addition to this, tolerance for GBV has decreased as a direct result of increased GBV activism within the participating schools. Students along with their liaison teachers have designated areas for GSU meetings, have created posters and conducted awareness sessions both within and outside of the school. All participants have directly shared GBV content and resource information with at least two persons outside of the school. The GSU members of both participating schools are planning to continue their action groups beyond the funding period.

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# DISABILITIES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WITH CKFTO COUNT ME IN PUPPET PROGRAM

ROUND 4

Caribbean Kids and Families Therapy Organization  
(CKFTO)

## OBJECTIVE

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.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

The CKFTO Count Me In® puppets, were created as an innovative teaching tool to educate children about their peers with disabilities and assist schools in efforts to implement programs of inclusion. It is broad based disability awareness campaign targeted to pre-school and primary school children. Sustainable Development Goal posters were left behind for the schools as well as ABC sign language posters.

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### Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN)

## OBJECTIVE

To raise awareness of 100 youth on national environmental and developmental issues through the use of advocacy tools such as videos and presentations by introducing the public to national stakeholders, ongoing activities and opportunities to participate in national development. Develop a video series to promote awareness and advocacy.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

An online video series was developed comprised of interviews with key, multidisciplinary stakeholders involved in the environmental and developmental related sectors in Trinidad and Tobago. Interviews with key stakeholders in governmental, non-governmental, private, small/medium enterprises and members of the CSOs for Good Governance, Catalyst Network was the basis of the video series. It focused on specific topics such as climate change, waste management and biodiversity. These topics have been identified as pertinent to environmental awareness in Trinidad and Tobago and are aligned to Vision 2030, the Global Goals 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), 13 (Climate Action), 14 (Life below water) and 15 (Life on Land) and Trinidad and Tobago's participation in multilateral environmental agreements. A workshop was hosted with CYEN members in collaboration with UWI and UTT students to promote environmental awareness on the thematic areas. 2 secondary schools in Trinidad and 1 in Tobago engaged through the video launch workshop.

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# MEASURING THE ECONOMIC COSTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

ROUND 5

Network of NGOs for the Advancement of Women  
Trinidad and Tobago

## OBJECTIVE

To develop a methodology to be used for measuring the economic cost of violence against women and girls in Trinidad and Tobago as a forerunner to the actual measurement project.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

A desk review was completed of the local, regional and international literature on measuring the economic cost of violence against women and girls. In addition, a soft launch was held, which brought stakeholders together to share the concept of the project, the objectives and the expected outcomes.

Overall four workshops were held to engage with stakeholders to glean what data needed to be collected and how, in order to come up with the methodology. The workshops were held in Port of Spain, Chaguanas, San Fernando and Tobago, reaching approximately eighty-five (86) persons. Based on the literature review, it is suggested that VAWG include IPV, sexual violence (partner or non-partner), and harassment (sexual and non).

In order to construct a framework, the objective of the study must be clarified, categories of costs must be selected, and a profile of individuals studied (e.g. women and girls ages 5-80) must be detailed and explained. A Methodological Resource Guide that is dually informed by the review of literature and workshops is provided and proposed as a starting point in building a nationally specific research design for MECVAWG in Trinidad and Tobago.

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## OBJECTIVE

To promote and encourage a sustainable agricultural sector through education, training and sensitization of farmers, consumers and agricultural input suppliers.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

The project emphasized the use of good quality water in agricultural production. Five agricultural workshops were conducted throughout Trinidad, in which 171 participants were educated, trained and sensitized in strategies to improve the quality of agricultural water supply through several Integrated Pest Management practices.

These strategies provided information on hazardous and safe agricultural pesticides, including recommendations to use biological pesticides and the proper disposal of used pesticide containers. Samples of biological pesticides were given to the farmers for implementation.

The project also tested the water quality of two rivers that are used in agricultural production and started the widespread distribution of posters and flyers promoting safer water quality for agriculture.

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### Environment Tobago

## OBJECTIVE

To enhance knowledge to key stakeholders for application in climate resilient and sustainable development for policies, planning and practice in Tobago.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

The two-day conference was successfully held on 13-14 May 2019 at the Mount Irvine Bay Resort with 183 participants. The rapporteurs captured the key messages and actions that emerged from the conference. Immediately before the conference a website was launched (which can also be used for the next conference with the potential for a reprise in 2021). The small grant funded website <https://partnersconference.net> initially provided a registration [application for registering] page which linked a database to collect background information - which will be used as a resource going forward with the Sustainable Partnerships initiative.

An outcome of the conference therefore is a formal accord – The Tobago Environmental Partnership signed by key stakeholders: Environmental Research Institute Charlotteville (ERIC), Environment Tobago, and the Tobago House of Assembly. The Declaration was made on on behalf of stakeholders participating in the Tobago Environmental Partnership Conference in May 2019 as ASKED FOR during this conference.

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Organizations of Trinidad and Tobago (ACSOTT), CAISO sex & gender justice, UWI-Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS)

## OBJECTIVE

To strengthen the critical role of civil society in national development and governance, and to ensure an inclusive, enabling, coherent and framework for CSO regulation and operation, against a general backdrop of shrinking space for civil society, and the particular threats that national security measures and international financial regulation pose in this regard.



## ACHIEVEMENTS

Following the hurried introduction of the Non Profits Organisation Bill by the Attorney General, civil society organically mobilized itself to undertake advocacy actions to counter elements of the then proposed Bill that would have posed significant negative implications for the functioning of NPOs and the shrinking of civil society space.

This advocacy resulted in the informal creation of the Civil Society Alliance (CSA): Laws for Us whose teamwork resulted in the drafting of amendments to the Bill. These amendments sought to make the legislation better reflect the capacity and reality of NPOs, while highlighting that the overarching drivers of the Bill were Anti-Terrorism Financing and Anti-Money Laundering compliance through the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). These amendments were adopted in the NPO Bill as the NPO Act (2019). The CSA was invited to present at the day one of the two-day NPO Act Sensitization sessions. Members of both the LRG and the CEG attended these informative sessions. Participated in the Webinar for ICNL and FATF 6. The members of the CSA attended the Multi-Sector Collaboration to Improve Compliance with FATF Standards on Non-Profit Organizations. Submitted a Survey – Participant Survey on Current Country Practices in Implementing FATF Recommendations 8. Members of the LRG participated in a webinar hosted by the ICNL in preparation for the Caribbean Regional Workshop that focuses on the Multi-Sector Collaboration to Improve Compliance with FATF Standards on Non-Profit Organizations held on December 11th – 13th, POS, T&T. The CEG and the LRG conducted to a joint strategy meeting. The CSA has created an open dialogue with the AG's office and conducted two face-to-face meetings with the AGs office. The maximum number of persons reached on one of the Facebook page's post was 2584 people. The most engaging post had a maximum of 263 engagements while the average post had approximately 57 persons engaging. The Facebook account that was temporarily created executed a 'Did you Know?' campaign which maintained a following that built awareness for the relevant NPO groups. Parliament was engaged regarding use of physical space by the public and NPOs.



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