Climate adaptation in the Caribbean: National government

## CDKN funded research in the Caribbean shows that national policy and institutions are vital for climate adaptation because:



They access, stimulate and direct finance flows from public and private sources.



They provide overall strategic oversight, setting adaptation and development priorities.



They provide the regulatory and legal certainty needed to stimulate action.



They provide the authority and institutional capacity to drive climate action at different scales.

To build climate resilience effectively governments need to ensure that they provide a good enabling environment for climate change action to flourish at the local level. This can be done by:



## Integrating climate change into national policies and planning



Climate risks should be addressed by policy and planning across multiple sectors



A wide range of views should be taken into account when forming national plans including from civil society



Climate change considerations can be integrated into existing decision-making processes without adding bureaucracy



The Caribbean Climate Online Risk and Adaptation tooL (CCORAL) is a web-based tool designed to help integrate climate change into policy and practice

http://ccoral.caribbeanclimate.bz/



Assessing and building institutional capacity



Government institutions are powerful actors that drive climate action across scales



Transparency and accountability of practices is important to promote institutional learning



Establish close links between institutions to facilitate census, comanagement and information sharing



The ARIA toolkit was developed by WRI and applied in Trinidad and Tobago, and Saint Lucia. It helps assess and build institutional capacity for climate adaptation



Translating national policy into local action



Local networks often rely on state institutions to drive action, especially when they are newly formed



Government bodies are vital for linking actors at the local level; eg. connecting civil society to the private sector



Respected local champions should be identified who can promote climate action at the local level





Local actor networks in Jamaica helped national policies to become local realities



## To learn more and access the Caribbean research on which this infographic is based visit: www.CDKN.org/caribbean

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