



## **CANARI receives grant to help four rural communities develop sustainable livelihoods**

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**Laventille (CANARI) 20 January 2012** – The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) received a grant from the JB Fernandes Memorial Trust to continue to work with rural communities in Trinidad and Tobago to develop sustainable livelihoods. CANARI will work with Blanchisseuse, Brasso Seco, Heights of Aripo and Speyside in a one year project to continue to support the communities as they develop small businesses. This is a follow-up to an earlier JB Fernandes funded project that assisted six communities in rural Trinidad and Tobago to identify small businesses based on the sustainable use of natural resources.



**Photo 1** Communities networking with a funding agency at an earlier event

Several activities are planned for the one year project including workshops that train the community members in marketing, networking and communication. Each community will also receive a small grant to help with start-up costs for small businesses. Mentors will also be engaged to advise the communities as they establish their businesses. The project began on January 01, 2012 and will be completed by December 31, 2012.

### 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 equitable participation and effective collaboration in managing natural resources critical to development. Our programmes focus on research, sharing and dissemination of lessons learned, capacity building and fostering regional partnerships.

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