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"Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees." Is. 35:3



Strengthening Coastal and Marine Climate Resilience through Upland and Coastal Ecosystem-Based Adaptation and Community Engagement



Project Partners:



VETIVER PLANTING TRAINING SESSION

Gilbert Agricultural and Rural Development Center (GARD Center) through Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) local office on Antigua partnered with the IICA-CBF EbA Project to support the implementation of Vetiver solutions through the development of nurseries in Antigua and Barbuda. Planting of the Vetiver grass at identified sites requires stabilization and further joint interventions to support the development of green-nature based businesses and enterprises, such as handicraft, nursery operations and engineering solutions.

On Tuesday 8th, June 2021 a virtual Inception Capacity Building session was facilitated by Jonathan Barcant- IAMovement NGO which is partnering with IICA to execute the CBF-EbA project. Present at the session was the ECS Representative Mr. Gregg Rawlins who gave brief remarks on the project overview and IICA's commitments to continuous support to priority actions for member states. Remarks were given by Jamine Romany from the PMU in Trinidad who gave remarks on behalf of the Project Coordinator Karen Lee Klum as well as brief comments from June Jackson, Executive Director- GARD Center which is the beneficiary NGO in Antigua and Barbuda that will be coordinating selective activities under the project.

The training was divided into four parts which showed the participants the following:

- History
- Morphological Characterization
- Agronomical management practices
- Value Addition

Twelve participated volunteers who are involved in the ongoing project activities attended the session.

The agenda activities included the brief ceremony outlined below:

Welcome	Craig Thomas	National Specialist IICA Delegation in Antigua and Barbuda
Opening Remarks	Karen Lee Lum	Project Coordinator IICA-CBF EbA Project Team, IICA
Remarks	Gregg Rawlins	ECS Representative, IICA
Remarks	June Jackson	Executive Director GARD Center
Remarks	Jonathan Barcant	Facilitator IAMovement
Vote-of-Thanks	Karen James	Participant GARD Center

