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VETIVER GRASS

AN ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION STRATEGY



GARD Center Engages Clarehall Secondary Students in Climate Adaptation Through Vetiver Grass

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The **GARD Center**, through the **CCRIF Project,** conducted an engaging and educational workshop for Agricultural Science students of Clarehall Secondary School on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, under the theme **"Vetiver Grass as an Ecosystem-Based Adaptation Strategy."**







The workshop aimed to increase students' awareness and understanding of the important role Vetiver grass can play in protecting the environment, reducing soil erosion, conserving soil and supporting climate change adaptation.

As part of this hands-on initiative, the school received **30 potted Vetiver grass slips,** which students will nurture and manage before transplanting them onto the school premises. Gloves were also provided to support the practical activities, while each participating student and teacher received an educational manual outlining the use and benefits of Vetiver grass as an ecosystem-based adaptation strategy.

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Meet Patricia, The Vetiver Plant



Students displaying their potted Vetiver plants

The students demonstrated great enthusiasm and excitement throughout the activity. In a creative and memorable gesture, they even gave their individual potted plants names, making them easier to identify and encouraging a sense of ownership and responsibility for their care.

This initiative reflects GARD Center's continued commitment to promoting environmental education, climate resilience and sustainable land management among young people. By combining classroom learning with practical experience, the Center is helping to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards.

Through initiatives such as these, GARD Center continues to plant the seeds of knowledge, responsibility and environmental sustainability, empowering young people to become active participants in building a greener and more climate-resilient Antigua and Barbuda.