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CLASP

Forging a Resilient Caribbean through Climate Philanthropy
and Strategic Partnerships

Host for #philanthropyforclimate collaboration with WINGS & global funders



The CLASP Project is a transformative effort that unites funders and multi-sector stakeholders to commit to climate action and drives innovative solutions to build a resilient Caribbean.

CARIBBEAN CLIMATE CHALLENGES & REALITIES

CLASP recognizes that Climate change is not just an environmental concern - it affects health, equality, education, culture, and economics. It threatens every aspect of society, demanding that philanthropy engage across sectors to drive meaningful solutions.

The Caribbean, despite contributing minimally to global greenhouse gas emissions, faces a staggering climate crisis. Hurricanes, rising sea levels, and other extreme weather events - such as Hurricanes Dorian and Beryl - have left deep scars on vulnerable communities, underscoring the urgent need for unified action.



Less than 2% of global philanthropy is dedicated to climate action.



Limited funding, capacity, and data hinder effective climate resilience efforts.

(Climate Works, 2021)

Recognizing the urgent challenges posed by climate change, the Caribbean Philanthropic Alliance launched CLASP - Climate Philanthropy and Strategic Partnerships - as a platform to mobilize funders and multisector stakeholders. Grounded in both a sense of responsibility and a recognition of opportunity, CLASP fosters collective commitment to climate action and drives strategic collaboration toward a more resilient and sustainable Caribbean future.

CLASP IS A CALL TO ACTION THROUGH FUNDER COMMITMENT

It is a **CALL TO ACTION** that joins #philanthropyforclimate, a global movement of foundations committed to taking urgent action on climate change.

Caribbean Philanthropic Alliance through CLASP will host philanthropyforclimate movement in the Caribbean, and will align philanthropyforclimate global movement made up of hundreds of funders who have signed on the dotted line and demonstrated their commitment to climate action.

Currently, the countries below are signing funder commitments, including the Caribbean through CLASP.



CLASP serves as a platform to galvanize funders in the Caribbean, whether large and small community foundations, donors or traditional funders to share their historical and current commitment to addressing the climate change crisis in the region.

QUICK FACTS:

- ✔ Philanthropy For Climate started in 2019, initially led by UK- based funders that collectively made a public commitment to tackle climate change.
- ✔ In response through the International Commitment led by WINGS, with 800 + funders in more than twenty-two countries.
- ✔ WINGS & stakeholders created a seven-pillar framework to help funders, regardless of mission, integrate a climate lens across their work and have created an implementation guide with resources and tools to guide funders to measure and implement their climate actions.
- ✔ Caribbean Philanthropic Alliance is a Philanthropy Serving Organization (PSO), and is part of the WINGS PSO international community that leads on transforming philanthropy across all thematic areas and geographies.

CLASP, an initiative of Caribbean Philanthropic Alliance (CariPhil), spotlights climate philanthropy, and hosts the convening of Caribbean Funder Commitments for Climate.

Funder commitments represent the diversity of funders in the region - corporate foundations, private sector, international and regional funders, community foundations, donors and institutions with funding portfolios. These commitments will work to amplify Caribbean unified funder leadership, foster climate-aligned giving, and ensure their voice is central in shaping global climate solution.

CLASP through philanthropyforclimate:

- ✔ recognizes that every funder has a role to play in climate solutions, not just environmental organizations.
- ✔ provides a structured framework for funders to align their grantmaking, governance, and operations with climate action.

CLASP is the recognized Caribbean's entry point into this movement, ensuring that regional funders are part of the #philanthropyforclimate global conversation and have the tools to take meaningful action.

CLASP ACTIVITIES - SIMPLE AND STREAMLINED

CLASP as a platform for #philanthropyforclimate funder commitment will:

- ✔ **Host Podcasts** - collaborate with the Climate Conscious Podcast that brings awareness to issues of environmental sustainability and climate action relevant to the Caribbean region and Small Island Developing States. Podcasts will engage funders and multi-sector stakeholders who will share their best practices and innovations in addressing climate change through dynamic podcasts.
- ✔ **Facilitate Climate Briefings** - review funders' commitment language for the region, participate in climate journey and progress surveys, gather a collective understanding of climate philanthropy's role in the region and identify collaborative potential projects to demonstrate commitments.
- ✔ **Conduct High-Impact Technical Assistance** - explore the seven pillars of climate action, learn from case studies, gain how to use implementation guides and how to start or amplify climate journey and access capacity-building resources for climate action.
- ✔ **Create a Digital Space** - through knowledge hub to share data, success stories, philanthropy trends, and best practices to amplify climate philanthropy initiatives.

WHY PARTICIPATE AND TUNE IN TO DYNAMIC PODCAST SERIES?

Be part of dynamic 30-minute podcasts featuring expert insights and inspiring stories. continue to address climate challenges head-on while advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDGs.



Listeners will learn about:

- ✔ What is Climate Philanthropy, Its Importance & role of Caribbean Philanthropic Alliance.
- ✔ The role of grantmaking using community-led and entrepreneurship strategies to support climate resilience
- ✔ The role of key institutions such as national development banks & others in supporting climate action and resilience.
- ✔ Building climate resilience through Community-Led Action using an intersectional lens featuring organisations addressing gender equity and/or related issues.

WHY PARTICIPATE IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANT WORKSHOPS?

CLASP will introduce Funders to the Seven-Pillar Framework and organizations can pledge to take meaningful steps under seven key pillars.

What are the Seven Pillars?

1 **Education and Learning:** Enhance understanding of climate change within the organization and among stakeholders.

2 **Commitment of Resources:** Allocate funding and resources to initiatives that mitigate or adapt to climate change.

3 **Integration:** Embed climate considerations into existing programs and operations.

4 **Transparency:** Publicly share progress and challenges in implementing climate-related initiatives.

5 **Operations:** Reduce the organization's carbon footprint through sustainable practices.

6 **Influencing and Advocacy:** Use influence to advocate for broader climate action within the sector and beyond.

7 **Transparency:** Publicly share progress and challenges in implementing climate-related initiatives.



WHY JOIN CLIMATE BRIEFINGS, SHARE YOUR CLIMATE STORY AND PARTICIPATE IN SURVEYS?

Sharing your climate story and participating in surveys helps build a more representative picture of climate philanthropy in the Caribbean. These insights are vital to shaping global strategies and informing the international commitment community about regional priorities, challenges, and innovations.

By contributing your voice, you help ensure that the Caribbean's unique experiences and solutions are recognized, valued, and integrated into global climate funding agendas—amplifying impact through collective learning and collaboration.

WHY SHOULD FUNDERS COMMIT?

By signing this commitment, funders and philanthropic organizations demonstrate their leadership and shared responsibility in addressing the climate crisis. This demonstration will set a precedent for others to follow.

The Caribbean needs YOU to invest in climate resilience.

Here's why:

Catalyze Change: Your funding can unlock millions in additional climate resources.

Build Partnerships: Join a network of leaders driving multi-sector collaboration.

Drive Innovation & Economic Stability: Support cutting-edge solutions that protect communities, ecosystems, and economic stability.

Achieve the SDGs: Align investments with global sustainability goals.

Join the #philanthropyforclimatemovement!

The Caribbean is resilient, but we cannot do it alone.

Join us in forging an equitable future through climate philanthropy and strategic partnerships. From hurricane recovery to renewable energy, CLASP empowers communities to thrive in the face of climate challenges while ensuring tangible philanthropic impact.

Visit <http://cariphilalliance.org> to learn more

CLASP: Uniting for a Resilient Caribbean.

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#CaribbeanResilience**