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## **GREEN BUSINESS BARBADOS**

The Green Business Barbados programme created by the Future Centre Trust has now been officially supported and sponsored by the Ministry of the Environment, Water Resources and Drainage through the Community Environmental Organization Grant Fund. This sponsorship arose through an application for funding that the Future Centre Trust submitted in October 2009 to the Ministry of Environment, Water Resources and Drainage.

The funding presentation took place at Harrisons Cave the new local icon for sustainable tourism development on Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. The deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment, Water Resources and Drainage, Mrs. Gayle Francism-Vaughn, made the presentations to the grantees. On behalf of the Ministry, Mrs Francis-Vaughn stated that partnerships with community organizations really do work to propel the sustainability of our community forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Theses innovative, environmentally focused projects, help to engage the community and address its needs through these grass roots, "bottom up" initiatives.

The Green Business Barbados programme falls within the community-based climate adaptation and renewable energy categories for the grants. This project seeks to engage the business community by offering an option to go green and implementing change within their business/organization within five key areas; waste reduction & recycling, energy conservation & renewable energy, water conservation, pollution control & management and environmental education.

The inception of the project was initiated by members of the Future Centre Trust who saw the need for this type of programme in Barbados. In addition, the coordinator for the project, Ms Lani Edghill was approached by integral members of the business community (British High Commission & Business Barbados) who were interested in becoming partners to this initiative. Ms Edghill was able to report on the interest from the business community and the potential need of the community for the project concepts which assisted in the application process. The project was launched officially at the Green Reception on March 22, hosted by the British High Commissioner, Mr Paul Brummell. For more information or to register to the programme, visit <http://futurecentretrust.org/main/archives/447>.

### **About Future Centre Trust**

*The Future Centre Trust is an environmental Non Governmental Organization (NGO) and registered charity providing environmental education to the public of Barbados. Its mission is "To stimulate awareness and encourage responsible management of the vital relationship between people and nature leading to a sustainable future for all". This is achieved through various programmes, activities and presentations to the community which are included and highlighted at [www.futurecentretrust.org](http://www.futurecentretrust.org). **ENDS***