



CARICOM Education for Employment CAR-18

PROJECT/INITIATIVE

The CARICOM Education for Employment Program (C-EFE) was funded by the Government of Canada and managed by Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan). The purpose of this program was to support the economic development of the Caribbean region through the strengthening of its technical and vocational education and training (TVET) system. This was achieved by building the capacity of local TVET institutions that enabled them to attract, train, and graduate citizens with relevant gender and environmentally sensitive TVET skills that respond to labour market needs. Local institutions are able to create new or enhance existing programs focused on providing graduates with employability and entrepreneurship skills. As well, gender equality and environmental sustainability issues were integrated into programs and into TVET leadership and instructor training programs.

The CAR-18 Pre-technology Partnership with SSDA and DSC was part of the C-EFE Program. The goal of this project was to develop and deliver a competency based, pre-technology training program for youth that responds to the needs of local employers and industry. The project prepared out of school youth for future education and training in priority sectors such as tourism, construction and hospitality where the demand for skilled labor is predicted to place pressure on the labor market for competently trained staff. It also contributed to the transformation of the education systems from more traditional, academic and supply driven to more responsive, applied demand-driven systems that equips learners with skills required to obtain jobs.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Development and delivery of pre-technology and essential skills training to disadvantaged youth;
- Development of competency standards;
- Development of curriculum materials and lesson plans for the new program;
- Development of a PLAR tool and other ways to enhance access to the new program;
- Capacity building of instructors;
- Industry linkages and graduate employability/ self-employability/ further education.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

- Completed the inception stage resulting in the development of the partnership initiative implementation plan and budget.
- Completed activities in the areas of teacher training, curriculum development, PLAR, gender equality, mentorship, and industry linkages.

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CARICOM Education for Employment (C-EFE)
Youth Skills Development Program CAR-18
Pre-technology Partnership

LOCAL PARTNER

Sector Skills Development Agency (SSDA) &
Dominica State College (DSC)

LOCATION

St. Vincent & The Grenadines and Dominica

CLIENT(S) / PARTNER(S)

Ministries of Education in St. Vincent and the
Grenadines and Dominica

AMOUNT

\$330,000

START DATE

June 2015

END DATE

December 2016

OTHER PARTNERS INVOLVED IN

IMPLEMENTATION:

College of the Rockies (COTR) and Bow Valley
College (BVC)

