

Market Access & Rural Enterprise Development Programme



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MAREP OPENING CEREMONY FOR ITS FIRST ESSENTIAL OIL PRODUCTION TRAINING

The Market Access and Rural Enterprise Development Programme (MAREP) through its Memorandum of Understanding with Grenada Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) has embarked on its first **Essential Oil Production Training** commencing from **Monday November 28th, 2016 to Friday December 9th, 2016**.

The main objective of the training is to provide participants with a comprehensive foundation in the chemistry and properties of essential oils commonly found and sold in this region. Other objectives include to create products and market the oils, as well as, understand the benefits and uses for skin care, hair care and general natural health. This is in keeping with MAREP's development commitment of increasing the income of rural unemployed or self-employed men and women throughout Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

The ten (10) day training facilitated by Mr. Timothy Prescott from Barbados will target nineteen (19) youth and adults from different communities throughout the tri-island to develop viable and sustainable rural businesses.

During the Opening Ceremony, on **Monday, November 28th, 2016** the trainees which range from diverse backgrounds; herbalist and those with little or no prior knowledge of essential oils production were encouraged to utilise and expand the skills learnt to produce essential oils and hydrosols from local raw materials such as guava leaves, grapefruit, bay leaves, cinnamon leaves, limes, nutmeg, mace among others.

On successful completion the participants will receive Certificate of Participation from GIDC, new skill-set on producing and using essential oils and hydrosols along with samples of products produced during the training. The participants would also be given the opportunity to access a Line of Credit service facilitated by MAREP through the Grenada Development Bank; other entrepreneurial trainings and access to grant funding through MAREP's Small Scale Revenue Generating Window for cluster production.

MAREP is therefore proud to reaffirm its commitment in delivering business development skills to rural young men and women throughout Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique. This in turn will translate to development, employment and sustainable livelihoods.

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