



# Community-Based Adaptation

## LOCAL VOICES

### CBA Jamaica: Interviews with local community members



Clockwise from left: Tamara Pinnock, Teacher; Roogae Kirlew, Principal; and Shania Lawrence, Student

Photo: Michelle Curling-Ludford/UNDP-GEF CBA

Shania Lawrence, 12, from the Cassava River Primary and Infant School, was the first place winner of the CBA poster competition: "Adapting to Climate Change: We're Ready. Are You?"

Shania was interviewed by the UN Volunteer assigned to the UNDP-GEF CBA project, Michelle Curling-Ludford:

On winning the poster competition: *"I feel very happy knowing that I have accomplished something this big in life".*

On the competition helping in her understanding of climate change: *"Yes. There were some things I didn't understand about climate change e.g., how deforestation affects rainfall, so with the help of my teachers I was better able to understand and acknowledge these things"*

As a child, how can you help others to understand and to take steps to cope/adapt to climate change?: *"I will encourage other children and others not to burn garbage as it pollutes the air and cause the climate to be affected and I would also encourage them to take care of the environment as it plays a big role in our survival"*

The competition was not only to build your awareness or make you understand more about climate change but also to make you more aware of how we can cope with it. What are some of the things that we can we do to cope with climate change?: *"We can do more recycling of our garbage and use the material instead of fertilizer to grow our food. We can plant more trees to hold the soil together so that it does not cause landslides that will affect farmers and cause houses to be washed away."*

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