

## GEF EXPANDED CONSTITUENCY WORKSHOP – Knowledge Day

Harbor Club, St. Lucia: Thursday, May 30, 2019

**Objective:** Peer-to-peer learning based on local GEF project experience focusing on GEF key priorities related to GEF-7 programing directions and policy recommendations

**Venue:** Harbor Club, St. Lucia

**Participants:** GEF National Focal Points (government officials from Caribbean region); National Focal Points of UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD, POPs (government officials from Caribbean region), GEF Agencies, NGOs/CSOs, GEF staff, local officers and others <approximately 120 people>

**Schedule:**

| Time       | Activities   |
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| 8:00-9:00  | <i>Setting up learning stations</i>  |
| 9:00-9:20  | <b>Introduction of the Knowledge Day &amp; grouping</b><br>- Explanation about the afternoon session and seven learning stations   |
| 9:20-9:30  | <b>Short introduction of the project</b><br>Implementing Integrated Land, Water and Wastewater Management in Caribbean the Small Island Developing States (IWEco)<br><b>Ms. Aretha Darcheville</b> - National Project Coordinator, IWEco Project, Forests and Lands Resources Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Physical Planning, Natural Resources and Cooperatives  |
| 9:30-12:10 | <p><b>Learning Stations (1)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Four learning stations (1-2 speakers from different sectors; government, private sector, CSOs etc.)</li> <li>- around 25 participants in each group (5 groups)</li> <li>- rotate five learning stations in 40 min. each</li> </ul> <p>&lt; Five learning stations &gt;</p> <p><b>Theme A. Landscape approach for Blue Economy</b><br/> <b>Implementing Integrated Land, Water and Wastewater Management in Caribbean the Small Island Developing States (IWEco) (ID 4932, full sized):</b><br/>                     This regional project aims for: 1) implementation of an integrated approach to water, land and ecosystems services management, supported by policy, institutional and legislative reforms; 2) implementation of effective appropriate technologies to accelerate contribution to global targets on access to safe and reliable water supplies and improved sanitation; and 3) contributing to improved ecosystem functioning in the Caribbean.</p> <p><b>1. Sustainable landscape management including erosion control, land stabilization and runoff/flood control</b></p> <p>1.1. Policy implication of the project, mainstreaming IWEco, collaboration among different ministries</p> <p><b>Mr. Alfred Prospere</b> - Acting Chief Forest Officer and UNCCD National Focal Point. IWEco’s National Focal Point/Project Director. He has oversight of all watersheds in Stl Lucia including the Soufriere watershed. He is very much involved in the slope stabilization efforts being pursued under IWEco and is</p> |

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|             | <p>familiar with the challenges of transforming the mindsets of the beneficiaries; and policy implementation.</p> <p>1.2. Landscape approach for Blue economy – Effect of land scape management for marine conservation, challenges and lessons learned<br/> <b>Mr. Michael Bobb</b> - Manager, Soufriere Marine Management Association (SMMA), Department of Fisheries. The SMMA is also currently implementing a GEF SGP project on <i>Behavioural Change in the Soufriere Watershed for Improved Water Quality in the Soufriere Bay</i>.</p> <p><b>2. Sustainable Livelihood for population</b></p> <p>2.1. Community engagement in water quality monitoring – Challenges and Lessons learned<br/> <b>Ms. Nadia Cazaubon</b> - A Director at Caribbean Sea, a communication partner under the IWeco project. Involved in water quality monitoring in the upper Soufriere watershed. Caribbean Sea is presently implementing a GEF SGP project on water quality.</p> <p>2.2. Community engagement and collaboration with UNDP Small Grant Programme on development of livelihood projects<br/> <b>Dr. Donatien Gustave</b> - the Assistant Chief Forest Officer. He engages with the community under IWeco through tried and tested participatory techniques. He also works in collaboration with IWeco and GEF SGP.</p> <p>2.3. Economic benefits for local community - Agro Tourism Park (ATP)<br/> <b>Mrs. Sandra Prospere and Mrs. Pauline Antoine Prospere</b> – Executive members of the Fond St. Jacques Development Committee. The implementation of an Agro Tourism Park (ATP) in the upper Soufriere Watershed will not only highlight the collaboration between IWeco and SGP but, more significantly, if successful will demonstrate how sustainable land and forest management, conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity management, etc. can bring in substantial economic benefits to local communities.</p> |
| 12:10-12:30 | <b>Debriefing/Q&amp;A/Discussion</b>  |
| 12:30-14:00 | <b>Lunch</b> in a hotel   |
| 14:00-17:20 | <p><b>Learning Stations (2)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Five learning stations (1-2 speakers from different sectors; government, private sector, CSOs etc.)</li> <li>- around 25 participants in each group (5 groups)</li> <li>- rotate five learning stations in 40 min. each</li> </ul> <p>&lt;Five projects&gt;</p> <p><b>Theme B. Private sector engagement session</b></p> <p><b>1. Sustainable Financing and Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystems</b> (ID 3858, full sized):<br/> Saint Lucia National Conservation Fund established sustainable finance mechanism as a part of the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund collaborating with private sector including hotel and supermarket, governments and others.</p>   |

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|                    | <p><b>Dr. Vasantha Chase</b> - Chief Executive Officer, Saint Lucia National Conservation Fund; and others</p> <p><b>2. Geothermal Resource Development in Saint Lucia</b> (ID 5812, full sized):<br/>The project consists of a geothermal exploration drilling including development of project ESIA and consultation with local community, and thus mitigates risk of the development of the first geothermal power plant in St. Lucia. The project created an enabling environment that private sector would be able to engage renewable energy project in the country.<br/><b>Mr. Aloysius Barthelmy</b> - Technical Coordinator, Renewable Energy Sector Development Project, Department of Infrastructure, Ports &amp; Energy</p> <p><b>3. Diversifying the Apiculture Industry in Saint Lucia</b> (SGP):<br/>The project identified new plant species that are more resistant to the impacts of climate change and that can be used for bee forage; determined the possibility of developing an Apitourism Industry in Saint Lucia; explored the probabilities of attaining certification of the group’s honey processing facility and laboratory; and set the stage of harvesting Apitoxin for export.<br/><b>Richard Mathias</b> – Iyanola Apiculture Collective (grantee of the SGP project)</p> <p><b>4. The Development of a sustainable eco-friendly youth Aquaponics Facility which will be used as a demonstration farm for teaching and development of aquaponics in Saint Lucia to help contribute to Food and Nutritional Security</b> (SGP):<br/>The project gave a major impetus to climate smart agriculture in Saint Lucia by creating a network of Aquaponics systems in Saint Lucia.<br/><b>Mr. Jameson Alphonse</b> –Saint Lucia Agriculture Forum for Youth (grantee of the SGP project)</p> <p><b>5. Sustainable and Intensive Agriculture in a Closed System using IT and organic methods in Babonneau, Saint Lucia</b> (SGP):<br/>This project created a semi-closed system to enhance plant production within the context of climate change-climate smart agriculture.<br/><b>Keigan Mayers &amp; Jade Hutchinson</b> - Saint Lucia Coalition of Service Industries (grantee of the SGP project)</p> |
| <b>17:20-18:00</b> | <b>Debriefing/Q&amp;A/Discussion</b>   |
| <b>18:00</b>       | <b>Close of the Day</b>  |