



Saint Lucia Electoral Department

PRESS RELEASE

Today, Monday 15 September 2025, the Saint Lucia Electoral Department joins nations around the world in observing **International Democracy Day** under this year's theme: *"Achieving Gender Equality, Action by Action."*

Democracy thrives when everyone can engage fully, freely, and without discrimination. Gender equality is more than just an ideal; it serves as the cornerstone for inclusive, powerful, and resilient democratic institutions. It is more than simply a goal; it is a set of behaviours that are concrete, measurable, and sustainable. Every step is important.

In keeping with the United Nations' call, the Saint Lucia Electoral Department; the agency charged with the responsibility of ensuring free, fair, transparent, and inclusive elections confirms our commitment to gender equality in all aspects of electoral democracy. To achieve this, we are and will continue to take the following actions:

1. Promoting women's participation as voters

We are expanding outreach programs to educate women about their electoral rights, ensuring that any hurdles — whether social, financial, logistical, or informational — are recognised and removed.

2. Promoting gender balance among electoral staff and leadership.

Internally, we are stepping up efforts to recruit, educate, and retain a workforce that reflects Saint Lucia's diversity, ensuring that women have vital roles at all levels of our electoral operations.

3. Monitoring, data collection, and accountability.

We are committed to collecting and analysing gender-specific statistics on election participation and candidacy. To ensure that evidence guides action, reports on gaps and developments will be made public.

This year 2025 Saint Lucia Electoral Department, for its part, will:

- (1) Collaborate with the Castries Comprehensive Secondary School in presenting the election process and conducting mock elections.
- (2) Afford the general public the avenue to take advantage of the \$100 Fee Waiver for Lost Identification Card. This initiative will commence at the Electoral main Office in Castries and Vieux Fort Sub-Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from September 22 to 30, 2025.

Notwithstanding the above-stated provision, all requirements for the replacement of an ID card must be provided. These requirements include:

- A Statutory Declaration form issued by the Electoral Department, and signed by a Justice of the Peace or a Notary Royal,
- Two passport-size photographs, and □ One \$5 postage stamp affixed to the form.
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We celebrate today not only to recognize how far we have come, but also to renew our resolve: to transform Saint Lucia's democracy into one in which gender equality is a living reality, step by step.

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