

Nationally Determined Contribution *Highlights*

Official Newsletter on Climate Action in Saint Lucia



Editor's Note

Welcome to the 3rd issue of Saint Lucia's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Highlights Newsletter. Since 2021, the submission of the Updated NDC has provided ambitious targets to further reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 7%, relative to 2010 levels, by 2030, transformative initiatives in eight (8) adaptation sectors, and forward-thinking processes to address loss and damage.

This biannual publication will highlight progressive action and success stories that contribute to the achievement of these ambitious targets, along with an overview of resource mobilization efforts. As we celebrate these progress updates, we recognize that there is still much room for effort to mobilize the USD 368 million (2020 costs) required for mitigation targets and indicative costs for the individual Sectoral Adaptation Strategies and Action Plans, towards achieving the NDC goals of Saint Lucia.



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Sustainable action requires the commitment of all stakeholders, including at the individual level, to achieve lasting success. As the NDC Focal point of Saint Lucia, the Department of Sustainable Development remains committed to collaborating with both national and international partners and stakeholders to address capacity-building, technological advancements, and financial needs to accelerate climate action.

We invite all stakeholders to join us in the task of ensuring that no one is left behind and securing a sustainable future for all.

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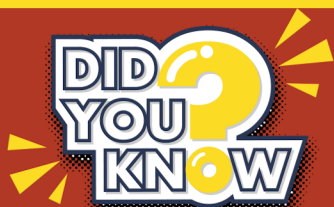
ENERGY SECTOR

ELECTRICITY GENERATION

With an ambitious target of reducing 7% of greenhouse gas emissions in the energy sector, relative to 2010 levels, by 2030, the generation of electricity from renewable sources is essential in supporting this goal. In Saint Lucia, an enabling activity in this process is legislative reform, in the form of the current revision of the Electricity Services Bill.

With leadership from the Energy and Public Utilities Division, the Government of Saint Lucia (GOSL) has advanced negotiations with the Saint Lucia Electricity Services Limited (LUCELEC) on the revision of this act, to pave the way for transforming the energy generation ability of stakeholders. This revised bill is expected to undergo public consultations and submission to the Cabinet by the end of 2024.

To further complement the expected changes from legislative reform, the GOSL is also pursuing an ambitious Renewable Energy Sector Development Project. This transformative project will not only support the development and passage of Energy Efficiency Regulations, but will directly finance the exploration and potential confirmation of geothermal resources – through the drilling of 3 wells across the island. This project is in an advanced state of development with an exploration management consultancy and public information and communications firms being engaged.



- Value Added Tax(VAT) has been removed from the import of renewable energy components for all consumers!
- Residents can apply for an EC\$7000 yearly tax break if they have solar panels
- Carpooling helps to reduce congestion and traffic jams while also helping to reduce fuel use, resulting in financial savings!

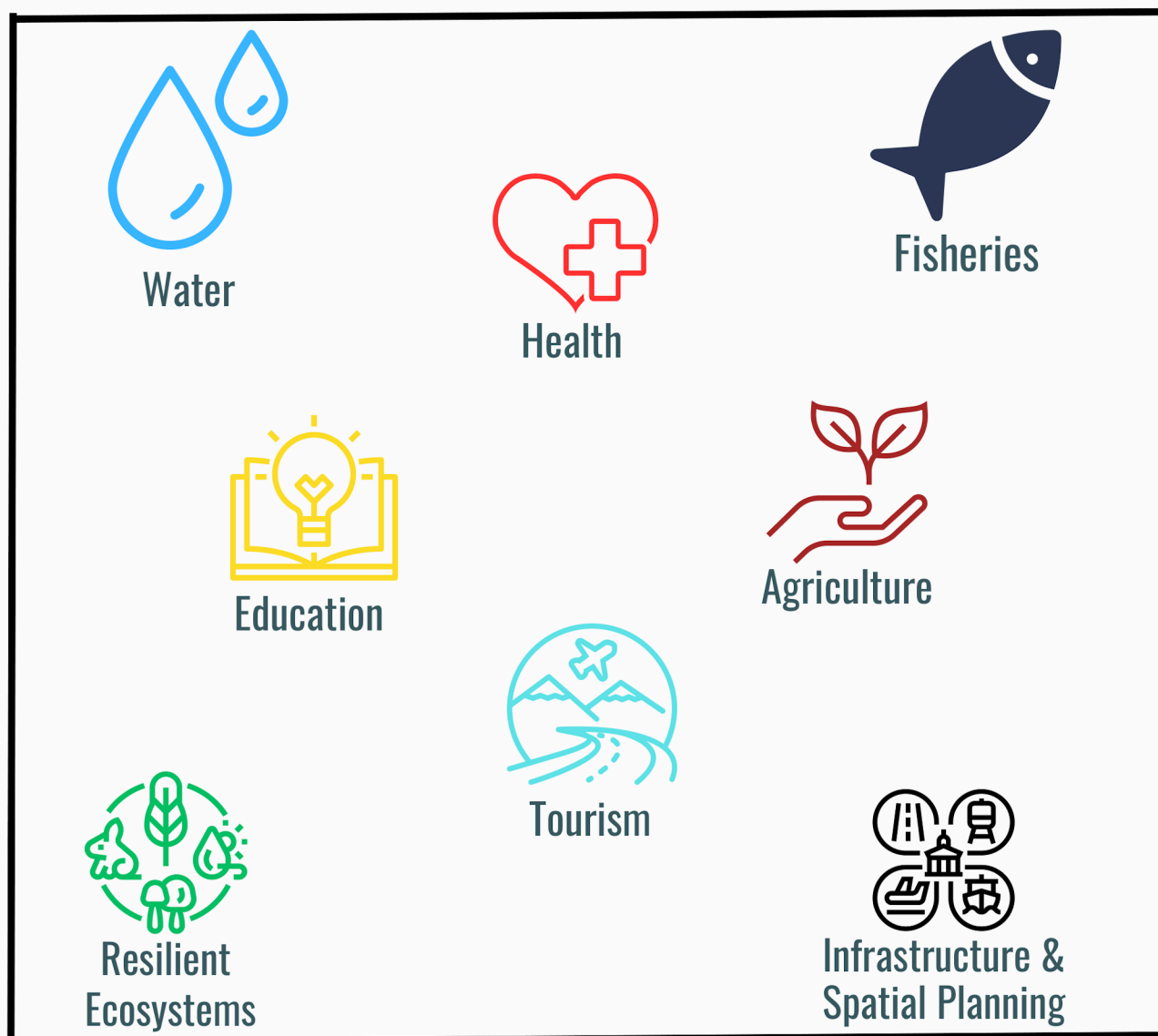
TRANSPORT

Further to changes expected within the electricity generation landscape, the transport sector is also set to contribute to the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions through the introduction of electric vehicles, complimented by capacity building across several sectors to maintain, repair and replace these vehicles.

The GOSL, with a commitment to transition its entire fleet of internal combustion engine vehicles to electric vehicles, has commenced implementation of the 'Supporting the Shift to Electric Mobility' project.

Through this project, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), 10 - 15 internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles will be replaced by electric vehicles over the next 3 - 5 years.

Priority Areas



DID YOU KNOW?

The 2018 - 2028 National Adaptation Plan (NAP) identified eight (8) key priority sectors for adaptation actions. Four (4) of these sectors - water, fisheries, resilient ecosystem, and education - have created Sectoral Adaptation Strategies and Action Plans (SASAPs) along with a Health NAP, to provide specific measures and project concepts for actions within these priority sectors. The GOSL, through the National Climate Change Focal Point - the Department of Sustainable Development (DSD) - is currently leading the execution of a GCF readiness project to oversee the development of SASAPs for the three (3) remaining sectors.

ADAPTATION

Project Highlights

Water Sector

The Saint Lucia Water and Sewerage Company (WASCO) is currently executing the GCF readiness project 'Mainstreaming Climate Resilience into Water Sector Planning, Development and Operations in Saint Lucia.' This project will support capacity building and institutional strengthening of WASCO to facilitate the mainstreaming of climate resilience into water sector planning, development, and operations in Saint Lucia. Activities under this project include institutional assessments, project management capacity assessments, training and implementation of industry best practices, development of knowledge products, and provision of technical support. With implementation support from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), this project will be executed over the next 24 months and is valued at USD 850,000. For more information, visit <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/mainstreaming-climate-resilience-water-sector-planning-development-and-operations-saint-0>



Fisheries Sector

Action in the fisheries sector is being led by the Department of Fisheries, with the flagship GCF readiness project 'Improving the Capacity of the Fisheries Sector in Saint Lucia to enhance resilience to Climate Change'. This project intends to upgrade and improve methodologies and processes used to manage data and integrate climate change adaptation into the fisheries sector, inclusive of early warning communication tools and disaster planning. With implementation support from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the project has commenced execution and is valued at USD 680,499. For more information, visit <https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/improving-capacity-fisheries-sector-saint-lucia-enhance-resilience-climate-change>



Agriculture Sector

In 2021, the GOSL, through the Department of Agriculture, commenced execution of a USD 9,858,570 Adaptation Fund-funded project titled 'Building Resilience for Adaptation to Climate Change and Climate Vulnerabilities in Agriculture in Saint Lucia'. The objective of this four (4) year project is to increase the resilience of selected rural farm communities, increase farm productivity, water, and livelihood security, and reduce vulnerability to natural hazards, climate vulnerability and change. In light of the experienced adverse climate impacts and with implementation support from the CDB, this project will address the impacts through interventions targeting water security, soil conservation, and management, establishing solar-powered green agro-parks, etc. For more information, visit <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/project/building-resilience-adaptation-climate-change-climate-vulnerabilities-agriculture-saint-lucia/>



GREEN CLIMATE FUND

➤➤➤ GCF ROADMAP FOR READINESS IMPLEMENTATION

The National Designated Authority (NDA) to the GCF in Saint Lucia, located within the Department of Economic Development, is responsible for communicating Saint Lucia's priorities for financing low-emissions and climate-resilient development and acts as an interface with the fund.

To further enhance its work, the NDA is currently developing a five (5) year Roadmap for Readiness Implementation to cover the period of 2023 - 2028. This document is expected to strategically guide readiness activities under the GCF Readiness and preparatory support programme. Implementation will provide guidance to Saint Lucia to better access, plan for, deliver and monitor climate finance, as the country transitions to a lower carbon climate resilient future. This document is expected to be finalized during 2023 and its development is being supported by E Co Limited, with funding support from the GCF.

➤➤➤ READINESS APPROVALS

Covering the period of 2021 - 2023, Saint Lucia has received approval for five (5) readiness projects across a range of sectors, with a total value of USD 5,997,156. Each readiness proposal is developed to support country-driven initiatives targeted at strengthening institutional capacities, governance mechanisms, and planning and programming frameworks toward transformational long-term climate action in identified countries. The five (5) approved readiness proposals for Saint Lucia are:

1. Mainstreaming Climate Resilience into Water Sector Planning, Development, and Operations in Saint Lucia - Approved February 2023, with implementation support by the Caribbean Development Bank and valued at USD 850,000
2. Enhancing Saint Lucia's National Adaptation Plan Process through the Elaboration of Sector Strategies and Action Plans, a Strengthened Evidence Base, and Improved Private Sector Engagement - Approved February 2023, with implementation support by the International Institute for Sustainable Development and valued at USD 1,742,759
3. Multi-Country Climate Resilient Urban Development Initiative - Approved February 2023, with implementation support by the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center, valued at USD 1,961,539 and executed in Dominica, Saint Lucia, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.
1. Improving the Capacity of the Fisheries Sector in Saint Lucia to Enhance Resilience to Climate Change - Approved November 2021, with implementation support by the Food and Agriculture Organization and valued at USD 680,499
2. Mobilizing International Climate Finance and Private Investment for Low-Carbon Development in Saint Lucia - Approved October 2021, with implementation support by the Global Green Growth Institute and valued at USD 762,359

The details and full project documents for each readiness proposal are available at <https://www.greenclimate.fund/countries/saint-lucia>.

CLIMATE CHANGE

WORD SEARCH



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NDC PARTNERSHIP

About Us

The NDC Partnership brings together more than 200 members, including more than 120 countries, developed, and developing, and more than 90 institutions to create and deliver on ambitious climate action that helps achieve the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. Governments identify their NDC implementation priorities and the type of support that is needed to translate them into actionable policies and programs. Based on these requests, the membership offers a tailored package of expertise, technical assistance, and funding. This collaborative response provides developing countries with efficient access to a wide range of resources to adapt to and mitigate climate change, and foster more equitable and sustainable development. Saint Lucia joined the Partnership in October 2016.



Mrs. Onika Benn
NDC In-Country
Facilitator

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In 2022, an NDC In-Country Facilitator was embedded within the DSD to provide technical support to the Department in its role as NDC Partnership and climate change focal point.

This Facilitator, Mrs. Onika Benn, provides support with planning, coordination, and resource mobilization for the implementation of Saint Lucia's NDC and its NDC Partnership Plan.

Through the execution of her role, Mrs. Benn is also expected to regularly coordinate with national climate stakeholders to aid in the identification and communication of key priority actions through the NDC Partnership Plan.

Resource Mobilization and Support

Support for Saint Lucia has been mobilized primarily through the NDC Partnership Plan. This Plan is a roadmap for the implementation of the NDC goals and from 2022 to 2023 the following support has been mobilized to support the achievement of these goals :

1. In November 2022, Saint Lucia benefitted from the placement of an NDC In-Country Facilitator, embedded within the DSD, for one year in the first instance, to support further resource mobilization and implementation efforts of the NDC in alignment with the Partnership Plan. During this period the Plan will also be updated to reflect the latest implementation progress and needs of the country.
2. Through the Partnership Action Fund, in 2023, support has been mobilized for 'Technical Assistance to support the institutional strengthening of Saint Lucia's Climate Change Financing Framework' with the Global Green Growth Institute serving as the implementing partner. This support, valued at USD 350,000 will be executed by December 2024.
3. Indicative financing and support from the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) for a range of NDC knowledge and awareness activities. This support is currently being finalized and is expected to be executed by December 2024

UNFCCC UPDATES

ABOUT THE CONVENTION

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), adopted in 1992 and in effect since 1994, was established between countries to act on climate change. Its overarching objective is to prevent dangerous human-made interference on the climate system through stabilized greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere, in a time frame that allows ecosystems to adapt naturally and enables sustainable development. 198 countries have signed this agreement and these signatories or parties to the agreement meet yearly at a Conference of the Parties (COP) to review implementation of the Convention while making decisions that aid in its implementation. Saint Lucia ratified the Convention in 1994.

Under the UNFCCC, one such decision is the Paris Agreement, agreed to in 2015, by the COP at the 21st meeting.

EVENT UPDATES

COP 28

COP 28 will be hosted by the United Arab Emirates in Dubai from November 30 - December 12, 2023. The meeting will have a key focus on responding to the Global StockTake.

The Presidency has also identified four (4) Cross-cutting themes for effective, interconnected delivery: 1) Technology and innovation; 2) Inclusion; 3) Frontline Communities; and, 4) Finance. Visit www.cop28.com for more information.

LACCW 2023

The Latin America and Caribbean Climate Week will be hosted by the Government of Panama in Panama City from October 23 - 27, 2023.

The meeting will consider four (4) areas of focus to allow stakeholders of the region an opportunity to inform the Global StockTake: 1) Energy systems and industry; 2) Cities, urban and rural settlements, infrastructure and transport; 3) Land, ocean, food and water; and 4) Societies, health, livelihoods, and economies. Visit <https://unfccc.int/LACCW2023> for more information.

UNFCCC UPDATES

REPORTING UPDATES

Saint Lucia, as a signatory to the UNFCCC, is required to periodically prepare and submit several reports to the COP on climate action. The national climate change focal point, the Department of Sustainable Development, is currently overseeing the preparation of two (2) key reports: 1) 4th National Communication (NC) and the 1st Biennial Transparency Report (BTR).

The NC enables the reporting on work undertaken and planned in response to climate and is a means of monitoring national progress towards the implementation of the Convention, while the BTR allows for reporting on work undertaken towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement (PA) and to allow for the transparent tracking of progress towards the goals of the PA.

The Financial Mechanism of the UNFCCC, which includes the Global Environmental Facility (GEF), has provided funding of US\$500,000 to facilitate the preparation of the Fourth NC and US\$600,000 towards the preparation and submission of the BTR, with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the implementing agency and the Department of Sustainable Development as the executing agency for both reports

The Fourth NC Report is currently being developed through a three (3) year project, with the main deliverable being the Fourth NC Report. This report will include six thematic components: (1) National Circumstances; (2) Greenhouse Gas Inventory; (3) Mitigation Assessment; (4) Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment; (5), Other Relevant Information; and, (6) Gaps and Constraints.

This project commenced in December 2022 and is expected to be completed in December 2025. Thus far, the execution of the project has seen the hiring of the project coordinator, along with initial stakeholder consultations towards the compilation of a stocktaking report and the completion of a project work plan submitted for approval. Work continues on this project throughout 2023.

To date, Saint Lucia has submitted its Initial National Communication (INC), Second National Communication (SNC), Third National Communication (TNC), and Initial Biennial Update Report (BUR1). Access Saint Lucia's previously submitted reports here: <https://unfccc.int/non-annex-I-NCs>

The BTR report is submitted to the UNFCCC every two years and its primary objective is to enable countries to report on work undertaken towards the implementation of the PA and to allow for the transparent tracking of progress towards the goals of the PA. The BTR report comprises information on the following: 1) national greenhouse gas inventory b) progress made in implementing and achieving nationally determined contributions c) climate change impacts and adaptation as appropriate and d) financial, technology transfer, and capacity-building support needed and received. The commencement of the preparation of this report is expected in 2023. Read more about reporting under the PA here: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/transparency-and-reporting/reporting-and-review-under-the-paris-agreement>

VACANCIES

Announcing two great opportunities to join the Global Green Growth Institute's team in Saint Lucia to support the 'Technical Assistance to support the institutional strengthening of Saint Lucia's Climate Change Financing Framework' project, funded by the Partnership Action Fund of the NDC Partnership.

Are you passionate about driving sustainable finance or creating resilient, climate solutions in Saint Lucia? GGGI is seeking talented professionals to join our team and make a positive impact on the island's sustainable development!

➤➤➤ Climate Finance Senior Officer

Based in Castries, the Climate Finance Senior Officer (Project Manager) will report to the Caribbean Representative and will manage and coordinate the GGGI-led NDCP Technical Assistance Project Technical assistance to support the institutional strengthening of Saint Lucia's Climate Change Financing Framework, and the GCF Readiness program.

The Senior Officer will take charge of the engagement with government stakeholders, oversee and lead climate finance deliverables, support enhanced capacity development, and support related activities in the country.

To find out more or to apply visit: bit.ly/ClimFinSOSL

➤➤➤ Public Finance Officer

Based in Castries, the Public Finance Officer will deliver technical assistance to the Government of Saint Lucia in assessing and validating a climate public expenditure institutional review, developing institutional arrangements for a Climate Finance Unit, and providing capacity building to Saint Lucia government officials to understand and access climate finance.

The Public Finance officer should have experience in policy analysis and public financial management, ideally within Saint Lucia.

To find out more or to apply visit: bit.ly/PubFinOSL

Deadline for both applications is Tuesday, September 19th at 11 AM (morning) AST. Note the job advertisement lists the closing date in KST (Korea Standard Time).

➤➤➤ GCA Local Adaptation Champions Awards

The Global Center on Adaptation has issued a call for applications to their Local Adaptation Champions Award. This award is intended to award and highlight innovative, inspiring, and scalable locally-led actions to address climate change and build resilience among vulnerable communities. This year, the awards will provide four (4) winners with a prize of €15,000 and an invitation to attend the award ceremony at COP28 in Dubai.

The four (4) award categories being considered this year are: 1) capacity building; 2) business adaptation solutions; 3) women in leadership; and, 4) innovation in devolving finance. Any individual, organization, or group of partners worldwide, who have implemented or are in the process of implementing climate change adaptation/resilience interventions is eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is August 31, 2023. Visit adaptationportal.gca.org for more information.

➤➤➤ Scholarship for Climate Friendly Travel Diploma for SIDS

The Ministry of Tourism - Malta and the Institute for Tourism Studies of Malta are currently offering fifty (50) free scholarships for the 2023 online Climate Friendly Travel Diploma. This two-year programme trains students to support Travel and Tourism companies and communities to be climate resilient, pursue Climate Friendly Travel Growth, and how to transform to achieve zero Green House Gas emissions by 2050. The course begins on 2nd October 2023 and the scholarship covers the full tuition of participation - Saint Lucians are eligible to apply.

Visit <https://www.thesunprogram.com/climate-friendly-travel-diploma> to apply or contact Professor Geoffrey Lipman at glipman@thesunprogram.com for more information.

➤➤➤ Caribbean Regional Conference of Youth

The 2023 Regional Conference On Youth (RCOY) titled 'Building Financial Resilience for Youth-Led Climate Adaptation in The Caribbean' will capture the different challenges facing the region and will refine a collective regional climate action plan and associated budget. the physical RCOY will be held in Barbados from October 17 - 20, 2023.

Young people, ages 18-35, from the Caribbean and passionate about addressing the environmental and socio-economic challenges in their respective countries and developing innovative climate solutions are encouraged to apply for fully funded or self-funded participation.

Visit <https://www.ymebahamas.org/rcoy-caribbean/> to apply or contact rcoy@ymebahamas.org with any questions..

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