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Report on the Adaptation: Rapid Institutional Analysis (ARIA) Informational Meeting with Civil Society Organisations

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1. Introduction

The Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) together with the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) has undertaken a research project to assess climate change adaptation readiness in Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. The project seeks to address the need for civil society engagement in policy and institutional analysis for climate change adaptation and will involve pioneering the use of the WRI's *Adaptation: Rapid Institutional Analysis* (ARIA) toolkit in the Caribbean. The specific objectives of the project are:

- i) to facilitate and support participatory research by civil society on climate change adaptation policy, institutions and actions;
- ii) to analyze the current state of policy, institutions and actions;
- iii) to identify high-priority and low cost “next steps”;
- iv) to influence policy and adaptation processes;
- v) to catalyze, facilitate and support opening of decision-making processes and action to greater participation of civil society; and
- vi) to develop island-specific approaches to vulnerability assessment.

This project is being funded by the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN).

On July^{2nd} 2013, the SLNT hosted an informational meeting with civil society organizations' representatives on use of the ARIA toolkit. The toolkit aims to enhance access to environmental information, public participation, and access to justice in national-level climate change adaptation with the goal of improving the quality of adaptive actions by the Government of Saint Lucia, the private sector and the general public. This meeting followed an orientation workshop, jointly facilitated by the Trust and WRI, which was held on April 8th and 9th 2013 with key stakeholders working in the field of climate change in attendance.

Fifteen (15) civil society stakeholders attended the meeting. A complete list of participants¹ and the meeting agenda² are appended to this report.

2. Meeting Proceedings

2.1 Welcome and Introduction

The meeting commenced with the welcoming of the participants. Brief comments on the purpose of the meeting were provided and then participants were invited to introduce themselves and their organisations. Participants also indicated areas of interest their organisations have with regards to adaptation to climate change.

¹ Appendix I – List of participants

² Appendix II – Meeting Agenda

An outline of the Institutional Capacity Assessment project was provided. Participants were informed that the project is funded by the Climate and Development Knowledge Network, and is being implemented in Trinidad and Tobago as well as Saint Lucia. The project partners are the World Resources Institute (WRI), Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI), and the Saint Lucia National Trust. Participants were provided with an overview of the key elements of the project, objectives and deliverables, and were also given an opportunity to discuss the project and share ideas on how it could be supportive to their interests.

As a background to the current project, participants were informed that in 2011 the Saint Lucia National Trust partnered with CANARI to conduct a workshop in Saint Lucia, as part of a project aimed at building the capacity of civil society to participate in decision-making and action and to address the negative impacts of climate change on natural resources and associated livelihoods. The participants of that workshop had developed an agenda for action to support climate change adaptation. The priority areas identified at the 2011 meeting would be used to conduct the research for the ARIA project.

2.2 ARIA Phase I Survey

The main areas of survey and indicators covered under the Phase I research included national assessment, prioritization, coordination, information management, and mainstreaming of adaptation policy. The findings of the Phase I research were presented to the participants. Discussion ensued on the presentation, and participants enquired about funding possibilities for climate change adaptation interventions. Concern was expressed about how information would be filtered to the grassroots level where such information was required. There was also the concern that investment was driven by policy and as policy was not being translated into action to drive investments, not much was happening. Another concern was that at the national level there was little to no public buy in, as requisite information was not getting out to the public to garner their support. The method of information dissemination to reach the target audience needed to be changed.

2.3 Advisory Panel

The Terms of Reference and nominees for the Advisory Panel were presented to the participants. Participants were invited to suggest other nominees for the panel.

The original proposed composition of the Advisory Panel was:

- University of the West Indies (UWI) Open Campus;
- Saint Lucia Chamber of Commerce;
- Saint Lucia Hotel and Tourism Association;
- Anita James; Consultant
- Peter Murray; OECS Secretariat
- Sustainable Development and Environment Division of the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Science and Technology; and
- Two (2) Civil Society Representatives.

The following agencies were recommended for membership of the Advisory Panel:

- Saint Lucia Manufacturers Association;

- Representative from a youth group/agency (Caribbean Youth Environment Network/Saint Lucia Agriculture Forum for Youth/ National Youth Council);
- Chamber of Agriculture;
- National Council for and of Persons with Disabilities;
- Laborie Development Foundation and;
- Global Environment Facility- Small Grants Programme.

The participants felt the Saint Lucia Chamber of Commerce, and Industry was a good agency to work with, but not as part of the Advisory Panel. They also stressed the need for competent and committed persons to sit on the panel to see this process through to fruition.

An introduction of the Phase II research was presented to the participants, with highlights on the proposed activities.

The six (6) Priority Areas identified at the meeting held in 2011 were as follows:

1. Water Resources
2. Infrastructure
3. Food Security
4. Biodiversity
5. Coastal and Marine Resources
6. Livelihood and Culture

Following some discussions participants agreed that the priority areas for Phase II of the research will be Water Resources; Food Security; and Livelihoods and Culture.

The proposed Climate Change Coalition on the Action for Climate Change was discussed. It was noted that the areas of focus for the Coalition should be reviewed; participation should be limited and be by invitation; activities/recommendations from various existing projects should be implemented; information dissemination to the public was key; and methods to involve the youth should be pursued. The Coalition would focus on areas of critical importance to commence work, with an aim to engage the media at all times.

The Coalition was endorsed by the meeting participants and Dr. St. Donatus Aimee agreed to develop a concept paper for the Coalition.

3. Conclusion

The participants requested copies of the following documents:

- Report of the 2011 meeting;
- National Climate Change Policy and Action Plan; and
- Pilot Project for Climate Resilience.

The participants were informed that a second meeting will be convened to develop the second phase of the project. Participants expressed their interest in the development and support for the next phase of the project.

Appendix 1: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

NAME	ORGANISATION
Anita James	Consultant
Augustine Dominique	Laborie Development Foundation
Avice Louisy James	Anse Kawet Crafters
Carmina Espeleta	St. Lucia Blind Welfare Association
Dr. Donates St. Aimee	CAPSICUM
Jeannine Compton - Antoine	Soufriere Marine Management Association Inc
Hilary LaForce	Folk Research Centre – Saint Lucia
Marcia Haywood	CARITAS Antilles
Paula James	St. Lucia Manufacturers Association
Rezelle Soudes	Insurance Council of St. Lucia
Sharmine Melville Edwin	St. Lucia Agriculture Forum for Youth
Sherwin Charles	Caribbean Youth Environment Network
Teshia Jn. Baptiste	Caribbean Youth Environment Network

Appendix 2: MEETING AGENDA



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Analyzing Climate Change Policy and Institutions in Saint Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago: Piloting a Caribbean process

Informational Meeting with Civil Society Organisations

Tuesday July 2nd, 2013

Agenda

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and introductions

Participants will be invited to introduce themselves and their organisations and to indicate areas of interest their organisations have with regards to adaptation to climate change.

9:15 – 9:45 Outline of the Institutional Capacity Assessment project

This project is funded by the Climate and Development Knowledge Network and is taking place in Trinidad and Tobago and Saint Lucia, with project partners, the World Resources Institute and the Saint Lucia National Trust.

- *Participants will be provided with an overview of the key elements of the project, its objectives and deliverables.*
- *Participants will be given the opportunity to discuss the project and share ideas on how it could be supportive to their interests*

9:45 – 10:30 Phase I of Research - Main areas of survey and Indicators

Areas covered in the ARIA survey will include national assessment, prioritization, coordination, information management, and mainstreaming of adaptation policy.

- *The results of the Phase 1 research will be presented to participants*
- *A discussion will be held to seek further inputs into the finding*

10:30 – 11:00 The Advisory Panel

- *The Terms of Reference and nominees for the Advisory Panel will be discussed*
- *Participants will be invited to suggest other nominees for this panel.*

11:00 – 10:30 Phase II of Research - CSO activity and advocacy

- *The proposed activities for Phase 2 will be discussed.*

11:30 – 12:15 Identification of Priority Areas

A key part of the ARIA rollout will be to determine key areas for action, so-called "Priority Areas." One of the most important aspects of the approach is cooperation with government and the media; while pushing for accountability and capacity as we develop a civil society agenda, we are looking for uptake of ideas by government.

12:15 – 12:30 Wrap Up and Close