



## GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA

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Dear Mr. Manzanares,

#### **Request for Input to the Strategic Plan of the Green Climate Fund**

The Government of Saint Lucia is honored to provide input to the Strategic Plan of the Green Climate Fund. We have made significant progress in implementing the first Readiness and Preparatory Programme. A component of the Readiness Programme focused on the strengthening of the National Designated Authority (NDA) as well as key stakeholders involved in Climate Change mitigation and adaptation programs. In addition to the strengthening of the NDA, the first Country Programme is expected to be finalized by mid-August 2019 and will then be subject to an internal, national review and validation process.

Saint Lucia welcomes the newly adopted Readiness Programme's Strategy for 2019-2021 and Work Programme for 2019. In line with the new Strategy and Work Programme, the Government of Saint Lucia would like to alert the Secretariat of our intention to submit a new Readiness Proposal to build upon the work done thus far under the first Readiness Programme and further build the institutional capacity of the NDA and national entities involved in GCF-related activities.

Saint Lucia's recommendations for input to the Strategic Plan include:


- The GCF serves the **Paris Agreement** and its goals including the **1.5° Celsius** temperature limit, the global goal on adaptation and making finance flows compatible with a pathway to low-emission and climate-resilient development. The Paris Agreement's **ambition mechanism** will come into effect starting with the first updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) to be submitted by 2020 to the first Global Stock take in 2023. The Fund should provide facilitated support to developing countries

to enhance their ambition through their NDC and accelerate the implementation of impactful action on the ground on both mitigation and adaptation;

- The operations of the Fund should be guided by the **best available science, including the IPCC 1.5°C Special Report** and its findings on the urgency and the **scale** of needed systemic transitions and the rising needs of vulnerable regions and communities;
- Sustained investment in the technical, institutional and human capacity in developing countries for NDAs, Direct Access Entities and key stakeholders including from the private sector, through earmarked and **predictable funding for the Readiness Programme** and targeted programmes;
- Expand the application of the **Simplified Approval Process** to respond to urgent needs in countries most vulnerable to climate change and further streamline access and provide support;
- Consider country-based allocations for certain investment areas or regions. Certainty and predictability of funding for certain areas greatly helps countries with limited capacities;
- Provision of support for the development of paradigm shifting projects/initiatives for low emission and climate-resilient development pathways;
- Supporting the capacity development of national institutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation project pipeline development and successful implementation of projects/activities. This is especially important for Saint Lucia, as we seek to have at least 2 national institutions accredited (Accredited Entities); and
- Supporting the development of sustainable financial systems. The sustainability of projects is affected by the ability to finance activities/initiatives after the GCF funding has ended. As such, it is important to ensure that a sustainable finance mechanism exists to support these activities.

The Government of Saint Lucia is committed to working in partnership with the Green Climate Fund in moving its Climate Change Agenda forward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Guy Joseph', written over a dotted line.

Hon. Guy Joseph