

**Meeting of PPCR Pilot Countries and Regions
October 30, 2012 - Istanbul, Turkey**

Progress Updates from PPCR Pilots

Country/regional pilot: SAINT LUCIA/Caribbean Regional Pilot

Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR):

- Endorsed
- Endorsement date: June 2011

Briefly outline three major advances, challenges and lessons learned arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.

Advances:

1. Significant progress in advancing GEONODE. Introduced to various Ministries that have all expressed great interest and basic framework elaborated.
2. Evaluation and preliminary prioritisation of projects submitted by various agencies
3. Further elaboration of the Climate Adaptation Loan Facility (CALF)

Challenges:

1. Changes in national institutional structure/administration- resulting in delays
2. Conflicting schedules between host country, partners
- 3.

Lessons learned:

1. Benefits of close collaboration between technical and financial arms of the national implementing structure
2. Collective presentation of project concepts, involving stakeholders, to allow for synergy
3. Buy-in from top administration to secure commitment to successful implementation

What is the most striking value added or benefit from the PPCR process in your country?

The most striking benefit for the PPCR process in Saint Lucia is the involvement of a national development bank which will on-lend climate financing to small and medium enterprises, farmers and other nationals who want to access concessional climate financing to improve their level of adaptation to climate change. The Climate Adaptation Loan Facility (CALF) will provide \$7-10M in resources and will be available to private sector entities in Saint Lucia.

Another benefit is a substantial allocation for much-needed education and behavioural change focusing on climate change.

Briefly outline the institutional arrangements for the coordination and oversight of the implementation of the SPCR as a program. What works and what needs improvement?

The SPCR will be jointly coordinated by the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Energy and Science & Technology. The Ministry of Finance through its Project Coordination Unit (PCU) meets the requisite fiduciary criteria to ensure effective project implementation. The Unit possesses, *inter alia*, monitoring and evaluation capabilities. The Sustainable Development and Environment Division of the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Energy and Science & Technology will house a Climate Change Specialist, a Communications/Liaison Officer, an Administrative Officer and the Geonode/Geodata Coordinator.

The National Climate Change Committee (NCCC) as the Cabinet Appointed entity to oversee all climate change programmes on the island will also have oversight over the implementation of the SPCR. This will be accomplished through a Climate Resilience Sub-Committee which will embrace additional partners, especially those from Civil Society.

If you have an endorsed SPCR, which of your projects have progressed the most in terms of preparation/implementation and what are the 3 main factors that have contributed to this progress?

Project: N/A

1. CALF- Successive missions to elaborate and refine.
2. GEONODE- Strong agency interest, skilled and passionate lead. Inclusive approach.
- 3.

What are the 3 major tasks ahead for your SPCR during the next 6-12 months?

1. Finalizing PPA project document
2. Approval of final PPA project document
3. Implementing PPA component