

August 3, 2011

## **Reply of the Joint Government of Saint Lucia and World Bank Task Team to the Sub-Committee on Saint Lucia's Strategic Programme for Climate Resilience**

Dear PPCR Sub-Committee,

In response to follow-up comments raised by the PPCR Sub-Committee regarding Saint Lucia Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR), which was presented to the PPCR Sub-Committee at the PPCR Forum in Cape Town, South Africa for approval and subsequently endorsed for a total amount of US\$12-22 million (US\$5-7 million in PPCR grants; US\$7-15 million in PPCR concessional financing) on July 27, 2011, we would like to provide the following additional information:

In general, there is dual agreement with the Government of Saint Lucia and the World Bank Task Team that comments made by the PPCR Sub-Committee will be adequately addressed during implementation of the identified investment project, namely the Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project.

Specific responses to Sub-Committee comments are addressed below:

**Indicators and Targets.** Under World Bank guidelines and operational requirements, project development objectives, project development indicators, activity indicators and yearly targets will be articulated in a project results framework with the Project Appraisal Document (PAD). The development of these indicators and targets are an integral part of the project identification, preparation and appraisal process. Given the focus on vulnerability reduction of the identified investment project, indicators and targets will comprise a combination of climate change adaptation and disaster risk management indicators. Indicators will be quantitative and qualitative in nature and be designed to be easily measured over the lifespan of the project.

**Cost-benefit Impact Strategy for Identified Investments.** Strategies for cost effectiveness and maximising the impact of identified investments will be an integral part of the activity/project identification and prioritization process. As part of this process, an analysis of preliminary estimates of the costs (including capital and operating expenses as well as potential operating savings) and benefits of proposed priority investments will be conducted in order to demonstrate the economic value of proposed measures and identify opportunities for sharing any residual risks that may be identified.

**Linkages to Regional Bi-lateral Climate Change Adaptation Initiatives.** Linkages to regional and national level multi-lateral/bi-lateral partners and regional institutions on-going and pipeline climate change adaptation initiatives will be explored during the project formulation process in order to ensure the complementary nature of prioritized activities. In addition, opportunities to build upon or even co-finance identified activities within the investment project will be explored and welcomed. This will require an on-going dialogue between the Government of Saint Lucia, regional and national development partners and regional institutions. The World Bank Task Team can assist in creating and nurturing this dialogue in order to ensure alignment with regional climate change adaptation priority areas, in turn facilitating the enabling environment for leveraging additional resources.

**Public Education and Outreach strategy.** The second Knowledge, Attitude and Practice survey was a statistically valid, scientific survey intended to: i) assess current knowledge levels, attitudes and practices of Saint Lucian nationals with respect to environmental issues and in particular climate change, and ii) determine changes in this regard since the previous survey. In this regard, it generated

responses on, *inter alia*, the media (television, radio, print, etc.) through which persons receive climate change information, their perceptions of the risks posed by climate change and the perceived effects (changing weather patterns, increased storm intensity, flooding) of climate change. The study attempted to provide an empirical basis for designing public education and awareness interventions based on an understanding of both tangible and perceptual factors.

***Adaptability to Long-term Trends.*** The implementation of Saint Lucia's SPCR will be guided by the most current empirical information as well as by a solid understanding of long-term trends and socio-economic realities.

All other comments made by the PPCR Sub-Committee will be directly addressed during the PPCR meeting in Cape Town.

With Kind Regards,  
Government of Saint Lucia and The World Bank

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## **Annex 1: Full Summary of Follow-Up Comments made by the PPCR Sub-Committee on Saint Lucia's Strategic Program for Climate Resilience**

June 27, 2011

### **United Kingdom**

#### **Areas for Improvement**

- Indicators and targets will need further development as projects are developed;
- Strategies for cost effectiveness and maximising the impact of investments should be further developed;
- The complementarities between the PPCR and USAID OECS projects on climate variability, change and adaptation, should be set out, along with any early identification of sites to be targeted;
- Further specifics of the second Knowledge, Attitude and Practice study (undertaken in phase 1, which helped develop the Public Education and Outreach strategy and is to be used as a baseline), should be included (e.g. was qualitative information collected); and
- Going forward, long-term trends should be considered, along with global knowledge, so that programme priorities can be altered if necessary to suit the latest evidence.