

PRESS RELEASE

The Saint Lucia National Trust in collaboration with the Micoud Development Foundation will co-host a public forum on the theme, “The Impact of Hotel developments on the Marine and Terrestrial Environment”. The purpose of this forum is to sensitize the people of the Micoud community and by extension the nation about the positive and negative effects of establishing medium to large scale hotel developments in coastal communities.

The agenda for the meeting includes: An outline and critical review of the development approval process; a presentation on the Le Paradis Beach and Golf Resort by DCG Properties Ltd and a critical analysis of the development approval process by the Saint Lucia National Trust. There will also be an opportunity for open discussion. This forum is open to all residents of the Praslin community, Micoud village and the Saint Lucian public. The objectives of the open meeting are three fold:

- To undertake a critical analysis of the development approval process in Saint Lucia
- To provide Saint Lucians with an opportunity to air their views about the impact of hotel developments on the social, economic and environmental landscapes, using the Le Paradis Development as a point of reference; and
- To develop a body of opinion geared to influencing policy at the local and national levels

The forum was held on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at the Micoud Multi-Purpose Centre from 6.00 p.m.

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