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The SLNT to Protect Natural Resources and Support Livelihood Opportunities Under New Ecosystem Based Approach Project

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In August 2019, the Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) in an answer to a call for proposals by the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF), submitted the proposal “Increasing the climate change resilience and public awareness of the Pointe Sable Environmental Protection Area and the Pigeon Island National Landmark ecosystems”, and was successful in its application.

Mr. Joth Singh, the Ecosystem Based Approach (EbA) Facility Programme Manager for the CBF noted that there had been a tremendous response to that first Call for Proposals resulting in a very competitive process. The eleven projects that were approved in the insular Caribbean shall provide a range of actions including protected areas’ management, restoration and rehabilitation of ecosystems, reduction of land-based stressors, measures to reduce physical damage and pressures on ecosystems, and installation of artificial reefs and hybrid solutions relevant to the EbA approach. The projects will be collectively implemented in Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Trinidad & Tobago.



Mr. Joth Singh, EbA Facility Programme Manager delivering a presentation at the EbA Workshop

Following the notification of approval, the CBF convened a workshop in collaboration with KfW (the German Development Bank), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the German Development Agency (GIZ) from 25th -26th February, 2020 in the Dominican Republic. In attendance were representatives of eleven organizations and partners whose projects were selected for support through the EbA Facility's First Call for Proposals. The SLNT was represented by our Corporate Services Manager, Mrs. Jeannine Compton-Antoine.



Certificate presentation to Mrs. Jeannine Compton-Antoine

The workshop was intended to enhance grantees' and their partner organizations' ability to design, implement and manage successful EbA projects and programmes in Caribbean coastal and marine ecosystems and create a knowledge exchange platform for practitioners as well as policy makers. Participants were introduced to the EbA principles, implementation and tools, procurement guidelines, financial management and reporting for the CBF/EbA projects. During the workshop, participants were able to engage in

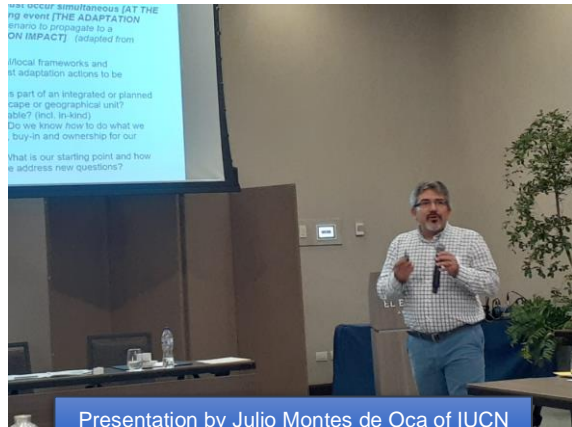
discourse and to begin the process of establishing a network among the various participating organisations, in order to strengthen regional cooperation particularly in the Ecosystem- based Approach to resource management.

In addition to the training and networking, the CBF Ecosystem-based Adaptation Facility (the EbA Facility) launched its Second Call for Proposals (2nd CfP). The launch ceremony was presided over by the German Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, His Excellency Volker Pellet, and the Vice Minister for Coastal and Marine Resources of the Dominican Republic, Honourable Ydalia Acevedo, together with representatives of the German Development Bank (KfW), Mr. Karimould Chih and the CBF, Dr. Joth Singh.

Here in Saint Lucia, the National Trust will be launching this three-year project in the coming weeks and will continue to provide updates on the various focal areas of the project including mangrove, coral reef and sand dune assessment and restoration, livelihood assessment and identification of alternative livelihoods, coastal stabilisation study and storm drain rehabilitation, just to name a few. Through this project valuable ecosystem data will be collected, potential livelihoods identified and mitigation measures to reduce the impacts of climate change implemented.



Presentation by Luise-Katherina Richter of GIZ



Presentation by Julio Montes de Oca of IUCN



Address by Vice Minister of the Environment and Natural Resources



EbA Workshop Participants