

High Level Global Climate Action Event at the UNFCCC 24th Conference of the Parties

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Plenary Mazowsze

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Substantive Intervention

Mitigation Ambition

- Saint Lucia is working fervently towards accomplishing its target under its NDC by ensuring the strategic coordination and mobilisation of resources.
- The proposed targets in our current NDC of 16% and 23% GHG emission reductions by 2025 and 2030 respectively, are being driven largely through interventions in the Energy, Electricity Generation and Transport sectors.
- Interventions in the energy sector are to be achieved through a mix of geothermal, wind and solar.
- Saint Lucia's Government is working with the wider Caribbean community and is leading on collaborative efforts at a regional level. We joined forces with the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission, UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat, the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) and the broader NDC Partnership, to host the first regional investment forum in October 2018, under the Caribbean NDC Finance Initiative.
- The NDCFI received financial support from the Governments of Germany and the Republic of China (Taiwan), the World Bank, the Caribbean Development Bank, the NDC Partnership, the European Union, UNFCCC and the UNDP.
- It was an opportunity for development partners, agencies, non-governmental agencies and other stakeholders, especially the private sector, to network – to establish new partnerships and catalyse further investments. The theme focused on "*Caribbean Climate Leadership: Accelerating NDC Implementation*". The forum proved to be an enviable example of inclusive multilateralism at work.
- We intend to take stock of our progress on our NDC targets, informed by the latest *IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C* finding that current nationally stated mitigation ambitions, as submitted under the Paris Agreement, which extend to 2030, would fail to limit global warming to 1.5°C, and instead cumulatively track toward 3°C to 4 °C of warming by 2100, with the potential for further warming thereafter. We intend to revert with enhanced goals, considering actions that will enable us to communicate a more ambitious NDC by 2020.
- There is no doubt that we need a Herculean effort the world over, to raise mitigation ambition, if we are serious about stepping up global climate action.
- For its part, Saint Lucia, as an explicit demonstration of its commitment to climate action, has recently ratified the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol, joining over 120 countries that have done so to date.
- Evidently, Saint Lucia's advocacy is matched by requisite action, something we are adamant about and proud of!

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