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NBF Workshop Expectations

What are the main challenges and gaps that you consider need to be addressed in terms of access to climate finance?

- ▶ The lengthy **procedures** and **process to access** climate financing
- ▶ How to **move from concept notes to full funding proposals**. Not enough guidance is there on what are the necessary **steps**.
- ▶ Application **procedure, capacity, human resources**
- ▶ **Human resource constraints** to prioritise development of funding proposals; **funding mechanisms governance, requirements** and approval **processes**; knowledge, data and information management and sharing in order to develop detailed proposals to meet expectations of climate funds
- ▶ **Concept note development** and readily available data
- ▶ Support to draft the required documents to complete **accreditation process**
- ▶ Inadequate understanding of **process to access** funding; **lack of awareness of various funding channels** within major funding streams; **inadequate information on what can be funding and funding caps**

What are your expectations for this workshop?

- ▶ Gain more knowledge about Climate Financing
- ▶ Learn and share experiences on how to accelerate steps or process to be able to move from Readiness Proposals and concept notes to access climate finance .
- ▶ I expect to gain some knowledge and skills required to develop proper project proposals to mobilize funding to support key projects in the forestry department and Saint Lucia by extension.
- ▶ Collaboration and coherence across climate funds; expectations on needs and priorities for regional projects agreed.
- ▶ Becoming more knowledgeable about project financing and to strengthen my skills in this area overall.
- ▶ To enhance my concept note and project proposal writing skills to meet donor requirements, engage in practical activities relating to project development and structuring, connect and exchange information with other OECS members and participants to provide and receive assistance to fill gaps in data collection.
- ▶ To receive information on where we are and where we need to go. A quick gap analysis and benchmarking exercise. What are the best practices that we can learn from?
- ▶ A better understanding on processes to access various funding streams; Accreditation processes an old general information on accreditation

What specific skills and knowledge do you expect to learn regarding the development of climate proposals?

- ▶ **Proposal writing** and what needs to be included in a climate finance proposal
- ▶ The key elements of a **good proposal** to meet GCF approval
- ▶ **Requirements**
- ▶ Expectations from climate funds in terms of **proposal development requirements**, processes and **co-development assistance**.
- ▶ **Budgeting, writing project proposals**, access to project financing and **risks in climate financing**.
- ▶ Writing **concept notes** for different funding agencies (GCF, AF GEF), **project development**, developing **project budgets** and **structuring projects to fit donor and country needs**
- ▶ **Difference between climate considerations and national development considerations; ESIA and gender requirements**
- ▶ **Aligning priority needs to most relevant funding channels**