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National Museum: Charting the Way Forward

A Round Table consultation scheduled for 21 – 22 April 2016 at the Folk Research Centre will kick-start planning for a national museum. In November 2015, the Government of Saint Lucia vested the property known as the Married Women’s Quarters, at Vigie in the Saint Lucia National Trust (SLNT) for the purposes of establishing a national museum and other ancillary purposes.

According to SLNT’s Director, Mr. Bishnu Tulsie, “The Trust has invited key national stakeholders and overseas experts to examine the possibilities and challenges to bring this project to realization. The goal of the Round Table is to solicit the views and recommendations of stakeholders and experts on charting a course of action to create a National Museum”. He went on to explain that the Round Table will seek to explore the challenge from three perspectives and provide related recommendations:

a) Examine the project site and structures, and recommend ideas and proposals for the physical development of the site to serve the intended purposes;

b) Make recommendations for interpretation of the site and outfitting the museum and ancillary facilities; and
c) Explore options and make recommendations for the financial sustainability of the National Museum and ancillary services.

The outcome of the consultation will inform decisions on the way forward with the project.

Saint Lucia has the unenviable distinction of being one of a few countries without a national museum, and it is the intention of the Government, the Saint Lucia National Trust and its partners to start to explore the possibility of creating a National Museum.