

The Saint Lucia National Trust represents and promotes the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (UNDP/GEF SGP) in Saint Lucia. The GEF SGP is a funding mechanism from which non governmental and community based organisations can access funding of up to US\$ 50,000.00 to implement projects which are of an environmental nature, will develop the capacity of NGOs and CBOs as well as provide livelihood opportunities. Projects are also to be aligned with the Country Programme Strategy which, in Saint Lucia's case focuses on land degradation issues within the Pitons Management Area and surrounding areas.

The Trust is pleased to invite your group to consider submitting suitable projects generated by your group for funding consideration by the GEF SGP. Any ideas you have should be recorded on the enclosed Project Concept Form and forwarded to the Trust by email to director@slunatrust.org or Fax to 4532791 at your earliest convenience. Once received and found to be consistent with the goals of the GEF SGP, your group will be invited to a meeting on Monday March 20th 2009 at a venue to be determined in Soufriere where we will explain and provide guidance on how to further develop your project idea for submission to GEF SGP for funding

I have also included in this package a *Press Release*, a document entitled *Introduction to the GRF SGP Project Process* and the relevant section of the *Saint Lucia Country Programme Strategy* to help guide your group to develop ideas and complete the Project Concept Form. All these documents are available on the Trust website (www.sslunatrust.org) under the *Programmes and Projects* page.

I look forward to receiving your project concept by Monday March 15th 2009 so that the necessary arrangements can be made for the meeting on March 22nd. For further information please send me an email at director@slunatrust.org or call me at 452 5005 or 720 3463. You may also contact Ms. Nadia Cazabon at mma@candw.lc or call her at the Soufriere Marine Management Authority office at 4595904,

I trust that you will take advantage of this funding opportunity for your group.

Yours sincerely,

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Bishnu Tulsie
Director