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► GEF SIDE EVENT - Present and Future Support of GEF to UNCCD

The Partnership Initiative for Sustainable Land Management (PISLM) on May 11th, was invited by the Global Environment Facility to deliver at its side event titled 'Present and Future Support of GEF to UNCCD'. At this event, the CEO of the GEF explained about the upcoming GEF- 8 cycle which is set to start in July 2022.

The Chief Technical Officer, Mr. Lakeram Singh presented to a packed audience, on the 'Caribbean Small Island Developing States Multi-country Soil Management Initiative for Integrated Landscape Restoration and Sustainable Food Systems: Phase 1'.



This project is funded largely by the GEF's 7th cycle and partially by the Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF). The SCCF is managed by the GEF and is available to all vulnerable countries for work in resilience and adaptation. This Caribbean project is a perfect example to other countries and regions of how they can leverage to access funding from the SCCF.

► Committee on Science and Technology (CST) Contact Group

The Caribbean SIDS were well represented at the Committee on Science and Technology (CST) Contact Group sessions at the UNCCD COP 15 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. Present at the CST contact group sessions were delegates from Trinidad and Tobago, Belize, Suriname, Grenada, Haiti and St. Lucia. Together the group managed to be present at all contact sessions and offered their views on the text of the draft decisions presented.



Grenada – Lauren St. Louis

Trinidad and Tobago – Javed Lakhani

St. Lucia – Elomina Adonis-Girard

PISLM – Lakeram Singh



Belize – Tennielle Williams-Hendy

Suriname – Angelika Namdar

Haiti – Elizabeth Lauredant

Grenada – Aleanna Williams

After hours of deliberation on the text of the decisions and listening to questions from country parties and clarifications by the Secretariat, the six decisions were delivered and accepted by the COP as the leading directives for the Secretariat as it relates to its work programme through the Science Policy Interface (SPI).

In its interventions, the delegates speaking on behalf of the Caribbean SIDS reminded the group of the vulnerability of SIDS owing to their small size, small economies and fragile ecosystems.



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