



Partnership Initiative for Sustainable Land Management

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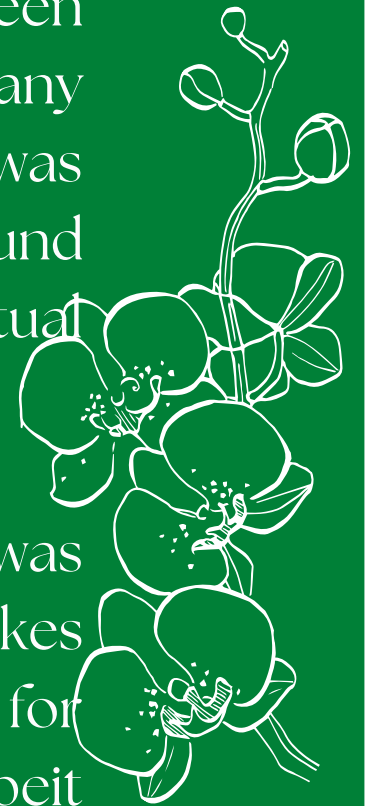
Year in Review 2022



A KIND OF SPRINGTIME

In this, our inaugural issue of PISLM's The Green Paper, we will take a look at 2022. This past year, the world has been collectively recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Many goals and plans were deferred. As interpersonal contact was confined to electronic platforms, meetings and on-the-ground interventions were placed on hold or relegated to a virtual space.

Then, the world opened up again. The Partnership's work was revived, renewed much like deciduous trees as winter makes way for spring in temperate climates. It's a rare opportunity for we who inhabit the tropics to experience a seasonal thaw, albeit symbolic. Let us allow this tour of the PISLM's 2022 renaissance to inspire more growth and progress into 2023 and beyond.





Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS) multicountry soil management initiative for Integrated Landscape Restoration and climate-resilient food systems



March:

SOILCARE PHASE I LAUNCHED AT 4TH SESSION

CSIDS-SOILCARE Phase 1 was launched at the 4th Session of the PISLM High-Level Forum held virtually in March 2022. This multi-national integrated soil management intervention is the first of its kind. Eight CARICOM nations - Antigua & Barbuda, Belize, Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica and St. Lucia - are on board to benefit. Projects aim to promote and implement sustainable food production systems and soil management in a groundbreaking opportunity for robust knowledge sharing and collective growth.

October: MISSION DOMINICA

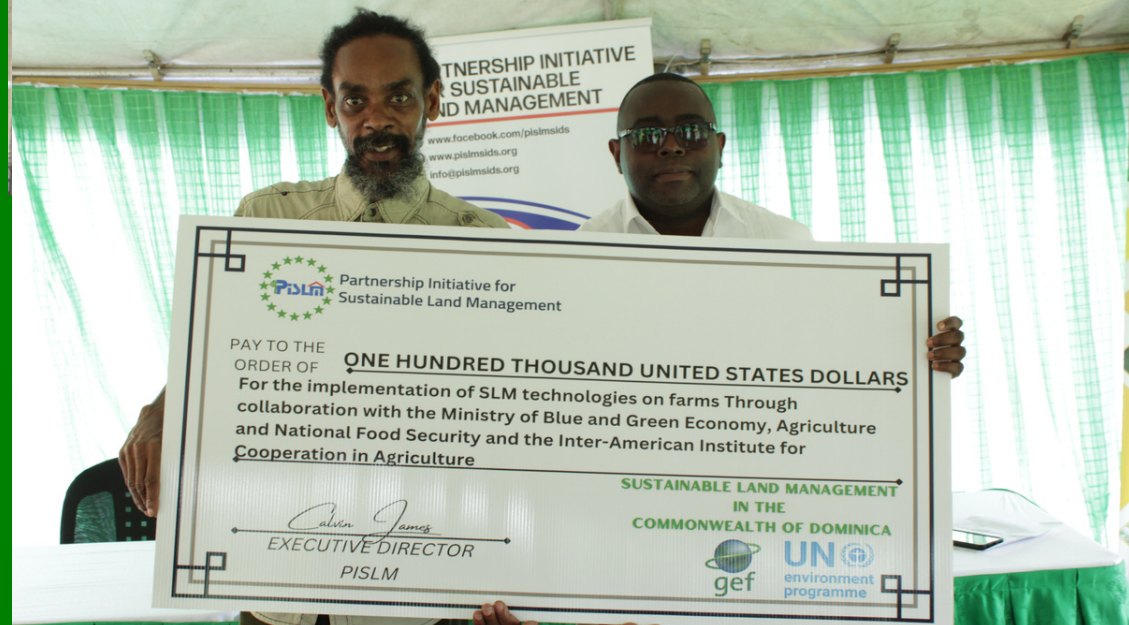
Executive Director Calvin James led a mission to Dominica, where two PISLM projects are underway. The one-week trip was packed with activities to revive these projects. Mission Dominica opened with a meeting of the Project Steering Committee, followed by a ceremony at PISLM's Live Demo Site and the launch of the Regional Indigenous People's Network.



CEREMONY HELD AT SYLVANIA DEMO SITE



Rain and wind presented a challenge under the tent at the PISLM's Demo Site Ceremony. The site is at Sylvania Estate, in St. Paul parish on the northwest coast of Dominica. Weather notwithstanding, the Mission forged ahead undaunted to give stakeholders an opportunity to see Sustainable Land Management practices in action. During the ceremony, a cheque for USD\$100,000 for the implementation of SLM technologies on farms was presented and the draft of a billboard which was later erected on the site was unveiled.





REGIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' NETWORK LAUNCHED AT "LAST INDIGENOUS STRONGHOLD"



The first day of a two-day Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Sustainable Land Management took place at Kalinago Barana Aute in Dominica's Kalinago Territory. In his remarks, Honorable Cozier Fredericks, Minister for Environment, Rural Modernisation and Kalinago Upliftment, referred to the territory as the "Last indigenous stronghold", making it the perfect location for the launch of this initiative.

Our own Indigenous Persons Consultant Larissa Frederick (daughter of the Honorable Minister) spoke, and the attendees saw presentations by representatives of indigenous people groups visiting from St. Vincent and Guyana.

November: DOMINICA'S FORESTRY FIELD STAFF TRAINED IN SUSTAINABLE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

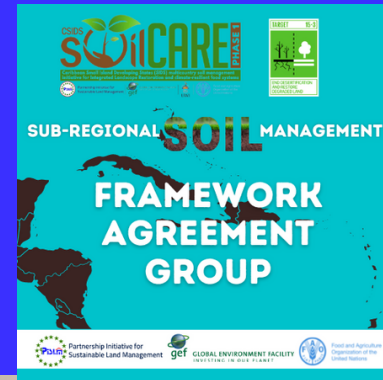
Watershed Consultants on the Dominica Projects Drs. David Lloyd and Camile David conducted a two-day training to build capacity in the nation's foresters. It was held on the 29th and 30th November at the Division of Forestry, Parks and Wildlife in the Bath Estate section of Roseau. The training touched on a multitude of SLM topics related to the management of forest lands in Dominica and the greater Caribbean, as the scientists presented an array of screening tools. On day two, a field session in the nearby Roseau Botanical Gardens rounded out the training.



December GROUP INITIATIVES LAUNCHED IN TRINIDAD



PISLM ended the year with the launch of several important groups and partnerships under the CSIDS-SOILCARE Phase 1 multi-national project.





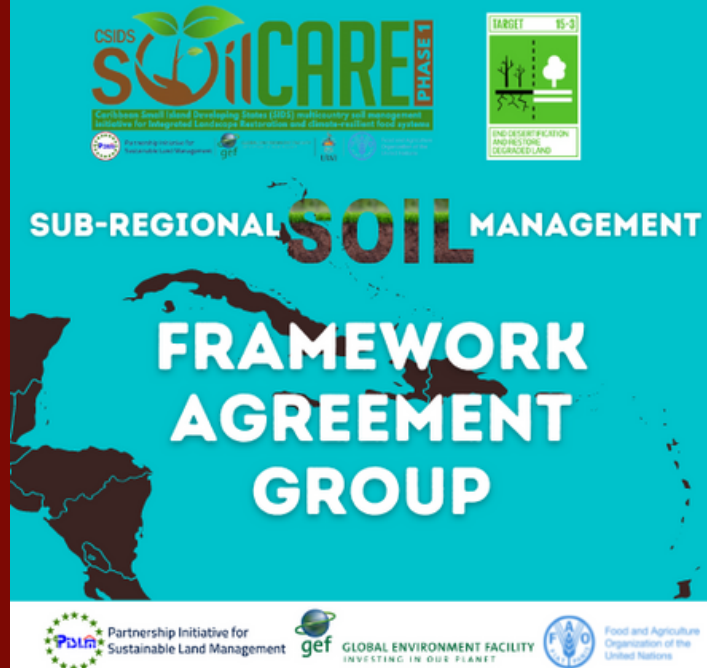
CARIBBEAN SOIL SUPPORT GROUP (CSSG) LAUNCHED ON WORLD SOIL DAY

Launched on 5th December, the Caribbean Soil Support Group brings together Global Soil Partnership Focal Points from the Caribbean as well as a limited number of targeted soil experts from Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The group's purpose is to enable these nations to benefit from the scientific and technical knowledge of the region. This Group will collaborate with the UNCCD Focal Points in developing appropriate national and regional frameworks for land and soil management.



SSM FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT GROUP LAUNCHED TO HELP REACH LDN GOALS

To help facilitate the mainstreaming of Sustainable Soil Management (SSM) in the region, the Sub-Regional Soil Management Framework Agreement Group was established under the CSIDS SOILCARE Phase 1 project. Two key functions are to promote Land Degradation Neutrality in Caribbean SIDS and to contribute to mainstreaming SSM and SLM into CARICOM Policy Frameworks. One early group activity was the enhancement of Policy Dialogue between the PISLM/SOILCARE and the CARICOM.



CARIBBEAN YOUTH GATHER IN PORT OF SPAIN TO PARTNER WITH AND ENDORSE THE CSIDS-SOILCARE PROJECT



On December 2nd, 2022, youth leaders of the Caribbean Youth Environment Network (CYEN) assembled in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago to collaborate with the Partnership Initiative for Sustainable Land Management (PISLM) for the launch of the youth component of the GEF funded and FAO implemented CSIDS SOILCARE Phase 1 project.ing



"This partnership encapsulates the importance of youth providing continuity and succession. Young people account for a large part of the region's population and are the inheritors of Mother Earth. Therefore, action is needed now to preserve these important resources. We must lead the charge, hold our leaders accountable, and develop strategies that will be impactful towards securing our future."

-Former CYEN Regional Chair Nickson Barry

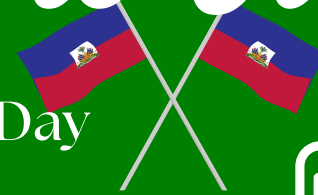




January 2023

Dates to Remember

1 January - Haiti Independence Day



16th-20th January - SOILCARE Training



21st January - Errol Barrow Day (Barbados)



24 January - International Day of Education



27th January - 7th Session of the 6th PISLM Task Force Meeting

31 January - 5th Session of the PISLM General Assembly



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