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## Understanding Climate Change Adaptation in the Saint Lucia Context

*A briefing for journalists organised by the Government of Saint Lucia and the National Adaptation Planning Global Network  
Sunday, June 25, Coco Palm Resort*

Climate change poses a grave threat to Saint Lucia. The impacts—and how Saint Lucia adapts to them—are a concern for all journalists, whether covering the economy, health, or lifestyle. This event, co-organized by the Government of Saint Lucia and the National Adaptation Planning Global Network, will provide journalists with an understanding of the stresses to the country’s economy, jobs and infrastructure; insight into how the Government of Saint Lucia is planning for those impacts through its National Adaptation Plan; updates on the status of international climate change negotiations; and tools, tips and advice on covering climate change from other journalists. In each session, presentations will be kept brief, accessible and visual—allowing plenty of time for questions, comments and discussion.

### Agenda

9:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Registration</b>	Tea, coffee and a light breakfast served
9:30 – 9:45 am	<b>Opening remarks</b>  Valerie Leon, Permanent Secretary, Department of Sustainable Development	Ms. Leon will set the scene, outlining the seriousness of the climate change challenge for Saint Lucia, and the Government of Lucia’s response.
9:45 – 10:45 am	<b>Planning for Saint Lucia’s vulnerability to climate change</b>  Speaker: Susanna Scott and Dawn Pierre-Nathaniel, Department of Sustainable Development	How is climate change affecting Saint Lucia today—and what can we expect in the future? In this session, we will explore what we know (and don’t know) about the changes Saint Lucia will experience, as well as the steps being taken by the



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		Government of Lucia to protect people, the economy and environment from a more volatile climate.
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Break</b>	
11:00 – 11:45	<b>International diplomacy, where it has gotten us, and the agenda ahead</b>  Speaker: Crispin d’Auvergne, Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States	The Paris Climate Change Agreement made historic strides in agreeing global action to limit climate change, and adapt to the changes already underway. This session will discuss the state-of-play of the climate talks today, and key challenges ahead in the negotiations.
11:45 – 12:15	<b>Cutting through the jargon</b>	In this quick interactive session, we will invite journalists to list the jargon they have heard throughout the day (acronyms, words not used in everyday speaking) with their ideas for a plain language synonym.
12:15 – 13:15	<b>Lunch</b>	Participants will be encouraged to take 15 minutes off their lunch break to write down story ideas (i.e. imagine a pitch to your editor) related to climate change. The strongest—as determined by our three journalists in the next session—will be awarded a prize.
13:15 – 14:30	<b>Telling the story of climate change</b>	Climate change journalists will share their approaches to telling engaging stories on climate change through



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	Panel discussion: Alison Kentish (HTS News) and Bernard Fanis (Calabash TV/ All Biz)	words and images. This session will also discuss the challenges in reporting on climate change—and provide an opportunity for all participants to discuss approaches to overcoming them.
14:30	<b>"Camera on you": Prize awarded and event closed</b>	Drinks and snacks served