



Driving Change Together: Highlights from Our Grantees

**Project Title: The Ridge to River: Project for
Environmental Preservation (PEP)
in Ravine Poisson**

Active Youth Movement (AYM)



Thematic area: Conservation and Environmental Management.

Objective: To address conservation and farming practices by targeting school- aged children (L'Abbayee SDA Primary School and Bexon Infant & Primary Schools), farmers, and other members of the community through educational programmes, literature-rich inputs, digital media, and a nature trail.

Key Achievements:

- Construction of a footpath, benches and gazebo along the 400m nature trail on a section of forest reserve measuring 4ha.
- Erection of signage depicting the biodiversity of the area.
- Development of the curriculum and materials for teaching Conservation and the link to Disaster Prevention developed. Workshop held for teachers (15) and new material published and disseminated in schools from Grades 1 to 3.
- 120 Coloring books and other child friendly paraphernalia developed and disseminated surrounding the same thematic areas.

**Project Title: Empowering Youth for Sustainable
Agriculture: Aquaponics Farm Extension at Babonneau
Secondary School**

Babonneau Secondary School



Thematic area: Conservation and Environmental Management, Sustainable Development

Project Objective: Empower the youth for sustainable agriculture through the extension of the Aquaponics Farm at Babonneau Secondary School.

Key Achievements:

- 15 students trained in aquaponics and sustainable farming
 - 2 additional aquaponics farming models constructed at the school
 - Aquaponics farming is integrated into the school curriculum, providing students with a holistic education on sustainable agriculture.
 - Knowledge exchange facilitated between students and the community, fostering collaboration and creating a sense of shared responsibility for local food security.
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Navigating Carbon Markets? A Workshop on Country Guidance for St Lucia



The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH in collaboration with the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) organized a workshop on “Strategic Pathways for Small Island States in International Carbon Markets” on October 21, 2025. This workshop was held in support of the Caribbean Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance and hosted by the Government of Saint Lucia.

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To Write or Not to Write? Grant Writing Session for Local Changemakers

The Saint Lucia National Conservation Fund (SLUNCF), in collaboration with its partner Cuso International, hosted a dynamic Grant Proposal Writing session on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the Bel Jou Hotel. The highly interactive workshop brought together over 30 passionate participants from grassroots and non-profit organizations, each working tirelessly in areas such as environmental conservation, sustainable livelihoods, and community empowerment.



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Climate Smart Farming - An exchange among grantees in La Croix Maingot, Castries



The Saint Lucia National Conservation Fund (SLUNCF) and Republic Bank (EC) Ltd., hosted an engaging grantee exchange on World Food Day, October 16, 2025, at Amb's Harvest in La Croix Maingot, to showcase practical applications of climate-smart agriculture and its role in strengthening food security across Saint Lucia

The highlight of the event was Amb's Harvest's innovative Hydroponic Grow Bag System, a model demonstration that increases the year-round production of vegetables while minimizing pesticide use. The system serves as both an educational platform for students and a replicable model for small-scale farmers seeking to adopt sustainable technologies.

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Christmas Message From Our Chairperson



As we come to the close of another year, I extend warm wishes to our partners, supporters, and friends in Saint Lucia and beyond. On behalf of the Board and staff of the Saint Lucia National Conservation Fund (SLUNCF), I reflect with deep gratitude on a year marked by growth, collaboration, and a renewed commitment to safeguarding our island's natural heritage.

Over the past year, SLUNCF has continued to strengthen its role as a trusted national institution supporting conservation and sustainable development in Saint Lucia. Our governance framework and investment capacity have expanded, enabling us to deliver impactful programs that are well aligned with national priorities. The results of this work are tangible.

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