

Low Carbon Development Strategy 2030
Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC)
Summary of Meeting held on 28th March, 2022

The second meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC) for the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030 was held on 28th March, 2022 at the Office of the President.

The draft Consultations and Communication Plan for LCDS 2030 was presented to the MSSC and tabled for final feedback prior to finalization. The LCDS Team provided updates on the communications, consultations and stakeholder engagement activities held so far. The MSSC was updated on sessions held with Regional Officials on LCDS 2030; the Guyana preparatory meeting on the Commission on the Status of Women, CSW66 which was held under the theme “Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow” with one of the thematic areas of focus being “Gender Equality, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction”. At this meeting, the LCDS 2030 team presented on the scope of the LCDS 2030 within this area whilst covering progress made under the first LCDS in advancing programmes that have resulted in the empowerment of women and girls. The MSSC was also informed of several events where LCDS 2030 was featured including at the Ministerial Round Table at the UN Commission on the Status of Women, 66th Session (CSW66), and as part of the Commemorative Activities under International Day of Forests, over the third week of March. Included in the activities was a statement by the Ministry of Natural Resources on forests and the vision of LCDS 2030. A stakeholder session, organised by the Moray House Trust, also took place in this period, where the LCDS Team presented an overview of the draft LCDS 2030 and responded to questions on the Strategy.

The MSSC was informed, that at the regional level, ongoing stakeholder engagement sessions has commenced with communities and villages across Guyana. Among these were sessions held with the South Rupununi District Council and Community Forestry Associations.

The MSSC also received updated on several written submissions received on the draft LCDS 2030, and extensive engagement by stakeholder through the LCDS website. The MSSC noted that following national and regional consultations over January to mid May 2022, the draft LCDS will be finalised. Stakeholder engagements will continue following this and will focus on LCDS implementation activities.

A Briefing Note was provided on the submission of proposals received for Guyana’s carbon credits.

Several activities on stakeholder engagement, awareness building and follow up actions were identified to be done in the upcoming month included an expanded communications and public relations effort, engagement with Guyana’s development partners and Guyana’s Embassies and Permanent Missions on the draft LCDS 2030, expanded work on awareness building on carbon markets with local stakeholders, and full roll out of region-wide consultations to inform the finalisation of the draft LCDS.

The next MSSC meeting is planned for April/May 2022, while in the interim, Members are supporting the roll-out of regional and community level stakeholder engagements.