

# **Low Carbon Development Strategy 2030**

## **Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC)**

### **Summary of Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**

The third meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC) for the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030 was held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at the Office of the President. Briefing notes were presented on follow up actions from the second meeting of the MSSC, and on Regional and Community level stakeholder engagement sessions on the draft LCDS 2030.

Among the follow up actions, progress was reported on several areas: A draft Consultations and Communications Plan was finalised following inputs from the MSSC. LCDS materials have been placed in public spaces at regional and national levels. A Question and Answer Booklet on the LCDS was released on the website and circulated to MSSC Members and also circulated through various media outlets. The LCDS was featured at the National Agriculture Investment Forum hosted by Guyana on May 19-21, 2022. Discussions are ongoing with the National Centre for Educational Resource Development regarding the integration of LCDS 2030 content within materials and delivery channels at primary and secondary levels. Ministry of Foreign Affairs officials, Guyana's Missions and Embassies worldwide, and Development Partners were engaged on LCDS 2030. Presentations were delivered to the MSSC and Indigenous Peoples Organizations, on Carbon Markets and Guyana's approach to accessing these markets. An active media engagement programme was rolled out, that saw public engagement in LCDS 2030 featured on radio, newspapers and social media.

Regional and Community Level Consultations: over February to June 2022, sessions have been held in every region. Each sessions was attended, for most sessions, by over 100 persons, and coordinated by a Minister of the Government, Regional Representatives, and the LCDS 2030 team. Over 200 Indigenous Villages and forest based communities have been engaged. A cluster approach was used to conduct sessions across Guyana's ten Administrative Regions. At each regional consultation, the audiences were engaged on the draft LCDS 2030, but more importantly, they were provided ample opportunity to ask questions, receive clarifications, and share their perspectives on the Strategy. Feedback was received from a wide range of stakeholders, including the students, women, and community members with various roles and responsibilities.

At the MSSC Meeting, discussions took place on improvements and recommendations to be taken forward regarding stakeholder engagement including extended period for receiving feedback, longer upfront period for document circulation, dedicated session on thematic areas of technical work, and follow up sessions with communities.

Follow up actions were identified to be advanced in June to July 2022. The MSSC agreed that recognising the extensive stakeholder engagement sessions completed, and rich feedback received, the LCDS is recommended for finalization. This process will be informed by an assessment of all questions/comments and responses from the consultations; a compilation of this feedback will be presented to the MSSC along with the revised Strategy.

The next MSSC meeting is planned for July 2022.