

**St. Lucia VNR Civil Society Response and Joint Statement
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We applaud the National Development Plan's whole of society and people-centered approach toward equitable SDG implementation.

To deepen progress, we have 6 requests:

- 1. Join state and nonstate international allies to hold high polluting countries accountable, and pay their fair share for climate-related physical, psychological and cultural loss and harm to ease financial burden on St Lucians.*
- 2. Finance NGOs operations, monitoring systems to be effective, sustainable and continually improve community impact*
- 3. indigenize and normalize the SDGs as a socially-inclusive St Lucian lifestyle, make explicit connections to public projects, business opportunities, so stakeholders take ownership of the process: from decision-making through implementation*
- 4. Fund climate adaptation supports tailored for vulnerable St Lucians and those living with disabilities, including parametric and other insurance mechanisms to recover losses*
- 5 within national education, health and climate strategies integrate holistic trauma-informed psycho-social resilience training for educators, first responders, caregivers, health workers; across schools, mental wellness centers, and resiliency hubs to navigate growing youth mental health challenges, eco-anxiety and loss.*
- 6. in the vision plan incorporate rights of nature frameworks, more indigenous and regenerative paradigms (not just sustainable) in farming, fishing, tourism and blue eco-preneurship.*

We, civil society, are here to work with you to build a more resilient, equitable, and regenerative nation for all.