



SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) Second Joint Mission (WB) February 15, 2011



Aide-Memoire / Joint Mission Report

A. Introduction and Background

1. During the First Joint Mission held on August 26-27, 2011 it was jointly agreed with the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG), that the World Bank will support the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning in preparing the SVG Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR). It was also agreed that the World Bank would procure, on behalf of the Government, a team of consultants to assist with the SPCR preparatory process in close collaboration with relevant ministries/agencies of the Government to ensure the process is aligned and builds upon national strategic plans and priorities.

2. Following the First Joint Mission, the Government requested that the proposed World Bank-funded Disaster Vulnerability and Climate Risk Reduction Program (DVRP) and the Climate Investment Fund (CIF)-funded Pilot Program for Climate Resilience be developed and implemented as a single co-financed project in order to streamline institutional and implementation arrangements – given the similarity of project objectives. In light of this decision, two technical missions have been conducted to assess the DVRP and SPCR formulation progress. During the respective missions, the following activities were conducted: 1) identification of potential project sites; 2) key investment needs; 3) national PPCR workshops; and 4) stock-taking of planned and on-going climate change adaptation projects by the Government, MDBs, development partners, the private sector and NGOs to ensure coordination of activities. In the process, the missions, in addition to the national consultation process undertaken by the PPCR Consultancy Team, held consultations with key national stakeholders, policy makers and prospective beneficiaries about the pilot program to confirm the strategic focus of the SPCR (a complete list of key national stakeholders groups involved in the SPCR design can be reference in Annex 3).

3. The preparation of the SPCR also involved an exhaustive desk-top study of existing national and regional development policies and strategies including the National Economic and Social Development Plan (NESDP) 2010-2025, the National Disaster Management Plan 2010-2012, the National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, the Organization for Easter Caribbean States' Saint George's Declaration (SGD) - Principles for Environmental Sustainability(2006), and the national mechanism by which the SGD is implemented - namely the National Environment Management Strategy (NEMS). The exercise also included a review of past projects including the Initial National Communication to the UNFCCC (2002) and the draft second national communication, which will is likely to be completed this year (2011).

4. A first draft of the SPCR was submitted to the Government and Joint Mission members on February 13, 2011 with copies to development partners.

B. Mission Objectives

5. The joint mission was held with the intention of achieving the following objectives:

- review the draft SPCR and Investment Plan and provide recommendations;

- discuss the likely impacts of the proposed projects on the main beneficiaries, the implementing agencies and cost and justification for those projects, and to provide recommendations;
- agree in principle on the components of the financial program;
- evaluate the approach to reducing community vulnerability and building resilience and provide recommendations;
- evaluate approach to including climate change into the national development agenda and provide recommendations; and
- identify the way forward /next steps.

6. The joint mission team was comprised of Scott Cunliffe (SVG PPCR Lead Consultant), Ottis Joslyn (SVG PPCR Watershed Management Consultant), Howie Prince (SVG PPCR Senior Advisor) and Justin Locke (Disaster Risk Management Consultant, World Bank). Donor partners were represented by Simone Banister from the UK Department for International Development, and Reynold Murray attended on behalf of the United Nations Development Program.

7. During the mission the MDBs and donor partners held an extensive meeting with (i) nominated PPCR National Focal Points; (ii) key national stakeholders; (iii) all Government agencies associated with the PPCR process; (iv) representatives from the private sector; and (v) key policy makers.

8. Conclusions of the mission were discussed in a wrap-up meeting with the Director of Planning, Central Planning, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning and in a separate meeting with the Prime Minister. The key findings of the mission are summarized below.

C. Key Mission Outcomes

9. The Government re-confirmed their decision to request US\$3 million in highly concessional loans under the PPCR to supplement the US\$5-7 million grant allocation. The loan and grant allocation will support the Government efforts to promote climate resilience in core development planning through an integrated watershed management approach.

10. The PPCR in SVG will be led by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, and in particular the Central Planning Division, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Environment – Environment Management Department. The program will enable SVG to re-align some of its current practices in order to better address climate risk and vulnerabilities. It is expected that at the end of implementation of Phase 2, SVG will be able to move more strategically, and measurably begin to reduce climate vulnerability across different sectors.

11. Key national stakeholders, the MDBs and development partners endorsed the following program design:

12. Following the outline of activities in the Phase One Proposal (September 2010), there are four Components (groups of proposed initiatives or investment projects) proposed in the Investment Program, namely:

- 1) Climate Vulnerability, Risk Assessments and Risk Reduction;
- 2) Data Collection Analysis and Information Management;
- 3) Strengthening of Existing Policy, Legal and Institutional Framework to Address Climate Change; and
- 4) Design and Implementation of Public Education and Capacity Building Program.

The vulnerable sectors identified include: water, health, environment (coastal), tourism, agriculture, fisheries and infrastructure.

13. The key to the approach adopted in the SPCR and Investment Program is the development of three site-specific vulnerable areas (two watersheds and one island) that will pilot the interventions recommended in the other three components. The three pilot areas will then implement and test a broad spectrum of ideas and interventions to build resilience in these three vulnerable areas. They will be model comprehensive interventions, to be extended in future too all the Grenadine islands and remaining St. Vincent watersheds.

14. The first Component (*Climate Vulnerability, Risk Assessments and Risk Reduction*), which is where the major investments are proposed, includes three Pilot Project Areas: one Grenadine island (Union Island), and two Watersheds on Saint Vincent (Arnos Vale and Georgetown watersheds). These three sites would be used as models to be replicated in other areas of the country later on.

15. Summary of Investment Program:

SPCR Grant Funding Request	US\$7,200,000
SPCR Concessional Loan Funding Request	US\$3,000,000
SPCR Co-Financing – IDA Credit	US\$10,000,000
Additional Parallel Financing (Hurricane Tomas Recovery Project – IDA Credit)	US\$5,000,000
Total Program	US\$25,200,000

D. Next Steps

16. PPCR SPCR will be submitted to the Climate Investment Funds PPCR Steering Committee by February 21, 2011 in order to be presented at the PPCR Sub-Committee Meeting to be held in Tunis, Tunisia March 16-18, 2011. It was confirmed by the Bank that the IDA-funded portion of the project will be US\$10m. For the PPCR-funded portion of the project, the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines indicated they will request US\$10m (US\$5-7m in PPCR grants and US\$2-3m in highly concessional financing) from the PPCR.

17. To keep the desired schedule, the Government and the Joint Mission agreed on the following next steps:

	Action/Agreement	Date	Responsibility
1	Draft SPCR circulated to MDBs for comments/endorsement	February 18, 2011	Central Planning Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
2	SPCR submission to Cabinet for endorsement	February 22, 2011	Central Planning Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
3	Joint Mission Aide Memoire submitted to Director of Planning	February 28, 2011	World Bank
4	Joint Mission Aide Memoire submitted to CIF Admin Unit for publication on CIF website	March 1, 2011	Central Planning Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning

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5	Official submission of the SPCR to the CIF Admin Unit	February 25, 2011	Central Planning Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
6	Finalization and in-country publication of the project social assessment	February 28, 2011	Central Planning Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
7	Official decision of the Government whether or not to access Project Preparation Advance option	February 23, 2011	Central Planning Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
8	SPCR Investment Plan formal World Bank appraisal process	March 21-25, 2011	Central Planning Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning

18. The Joint Mission wishes to express its appreciation to the Government, particularly the Central Planning Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, for the assistance provided to the Joint Mission. In accordance with CIF guidelines, a publicly available report of the Joint Mission will be prepared and forwarded to CIF.



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Date: February 28, 2010

ANNEX 1: People and Agencies Met

Name	Title
Office of the Prime Minister	
Honorable Dr. Ralph Gonsalves	Prime Minister
Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning	
Laura Anthony Browne	Director of Planning, Central Planning Division
Decima Corea	Deputy Director of Planning, Central Planning Division
Trelson Mapp	Economist, Planning, Central Planning Division
Ronette Jordon	Project Officer, Central Planning Division
Deanna Ralph	Central Planning Division
Ankie Scott Joseph	Central Planning Division
Tgetoya Williams	Central Planning Division
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	
Amos Glasgow	Forestry Department
Ministry of Tourism	
Andrew Lockhart	Superintendent of Marine and Terrestrial Parks, National Parks Authority
Haydenk Billingy	National Parks Authority
National Emergency Management Organization	
Michelle Forbes	Director
Roxanne Williams	Representative
Houlida Peters	Representative
Ministry of National Mobilization and Social Development	
Roger Young	Community Development Supervisor
Yolande London	Representative
Ministry of Health and the Environment	
Edmund Jackson	Director, Environment Management Unit
Nyasha Hamilton	Environment Management Unit
Noretta John	Environment Management Unit
Lystra Culzac-Wilson	Environment Management Unit
Ministry of Housing, Informal Human Settlement, Lands and Surveys Physical Planning and Local Government	
Mr. Hudson Nedd	Chief Technical Officer
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Social Investment Fund	
Bentley Browne	Representative
Grenadines Affairs	
Herman Belmar	Grenadines Affairs
University of the West Indies	
Barbara Carby	Disaster Risk Reduction Center

ANNEX 2: Official Joint Mission Invitation and Objectives



OFFICIAL INVITATION: SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES SECOND JOINT MISSION PILOT PROGRAMME FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Dear Sir/Madame,

You are cordially invited to the Second Joint Mission of the Pilot Program for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. This Mission is scheduled for a two-day period, Tuesday 15 February, 2011 to Wednesday February 16, 2011 (*See Table Below*).

PART A: PREAMBLES			
ITEM #	TIME	ACTIVITY	PERSONNEL
1	9:30 - 9:35	Welcome and Opening remarks	Trelson Mapp
2	9:35 - 9:40	Introduction of Representatives	Trelson Mapp
3	9:40 - 9:50	Outline of Expectations	Donor Agencies
4	9:50 -10:10	Presentation Climate Change and the Caribbean	Dr. Barbara Carby
5	10:10 -10:20	Question and Answers	Trelson Mapp
6	10:20 -10:30	Presentation: The Grenadines Experience	Mr. Herman Belmar
BREAK 10:30 AM to 10:45 AM			
7	10:45 – 11:00	Presentation Watershed Management Issues	Mrs. Lystra Culzac-Wilson
PART B: DISCUSSIONS			
ITEM #	TIME	DISCUSSION	PAGES IN INV PLAN
8	11:00 – 11:45	Discussion on Component 1	16-23 & 47-49
9	11:45 – 12:30	Discussion on Component 2	24-27 & 50
LUNCH 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM			
10	1:30 – 2:15	Discussion on Component 3	28-33 & 51- 52
11	2:15 – 3:00	Discussion on Component 4	34 – 45 & 53- 56
PART C: CONCLUSION			

ITEM #	TIME	DISCUSSION	PAGES IN INV PLAN
12	3:00 – 3:15	General Comments By Mission Representatives	Joint Mission Members
13	3:15- 3:30	The Way Forward	World Bank Representatives

ANNEX 3: Key National Stakeholder Groups Involved in the SPCR Design

1. Ministry of Transport and Works
2. Bridges Roads and General Services Authority (BRAGSA)
3. Ministry of Health and the Environment
4. Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries
5. Ministry of National Mobilizations, and Social Development
6. Ministry of National Security
7. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Port Authority
8. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Coast Guard
9. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Maritime Association
10. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Fire Services
11. National Parks, Rivers and Beaches Authority
12. Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning, Land and Informal Settlements
13. Attorney General's Office
14. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Meteorological Office
15. International Airport Development Corporation (IADC)
16. Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF)
17. Central Water and Sewage Authority
18. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
19. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines National Trust
20. Grenadines' Affairs
21. SANDWATCH
22. Sustainable Land Management
23. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Hotel and Tourism Authority
24. Private Climate Change Activists
25. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Chamber of Industry and Commerce
26. Social Investment Fund
27. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Electricity Services Ltd
28. International and Regional Entities
29. Energy Unit
30. National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)
31. Ministry of Tourism