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Dear Sir:

UNEA - 5 Saint Lucia's Contribution to the Ministerial Declaration.
Theme "Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals"

1. What would you as a government /organization/stakeholder welcome as the most important elements and/or key messages from the ministers in the declaration to address the theme in an impactful manner?

Saint Lucia would welcome the following inclusions in the Ministerial Declaration:

The need to develop measures by which countries can work together to share Knowledge, skills a technology across regions to assist least capable countries in implementing, monitoring and measuring the SDGs;

- The need to increase work towards food security and food production through climate smart agricultural methods to promote SDGs 12,13,14,15
 - Special consideration and commitment to ensure farmers and fisherfolk have equal opportunities in the market for sale of their product through technical and financial assistance from government
- The importance of a greater commitment to reduce inequalities
- A commitment to preservation of biodiversity in all forms; recognition of the value of protected areas including their role in biodiversity protection; and support for research in the fields of biodiversity and conservation.

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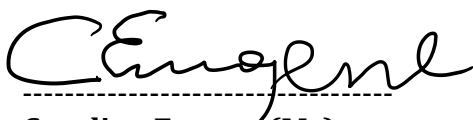
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- Commitment to nature-related medical research into traditional knowledge pathways, and the contribution of indigenous people and their practices to be included.
- A renewed call for a balanced approach to development and conservation/natural resource management

2. How can the Environment Assembly make a significant contribution to Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals at a global scale? In doing so, you may consider the preparation for the meeting, its conduct and follow-up, as well as its relationship to other meetings and processes

- More efforts to obtain contributions for decision documents before UNEA from the English-speaking Caribbean countries
- Mandate countries to ensure and show proof of inclusion of all relevant groups in decision document review process
- Commitment to giving both financial and technical support to creating the best pathways for monitoring the state of the environment.
- Explore how to document the ways in which conserving nature assists in achieving the SDGs
- Facilitating a series of regional meetings prior to UNEA in order to facilitate the advanced participation of more technical officers before the diplomats negotiate the text. This way there will be more technical support including from the scientific community, and endorsement at that level.
- Facilitating opportunities for knowledge exchange will aid countries in being able to meet the various goals, and to be able to have a greater impact on the achievement of the SDGs
- Training programmes for technical officers from developing countries to enhance capacity to meet the various reporting requirements, and to better mainstream biodiversity conservation in governance and financial monitoring.
- Facilitate virtual participation for countries that are not able to fund large delegations of appropriate/qualified participants.

Sincerely,



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