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## Building Resilience Today to Secure our Future

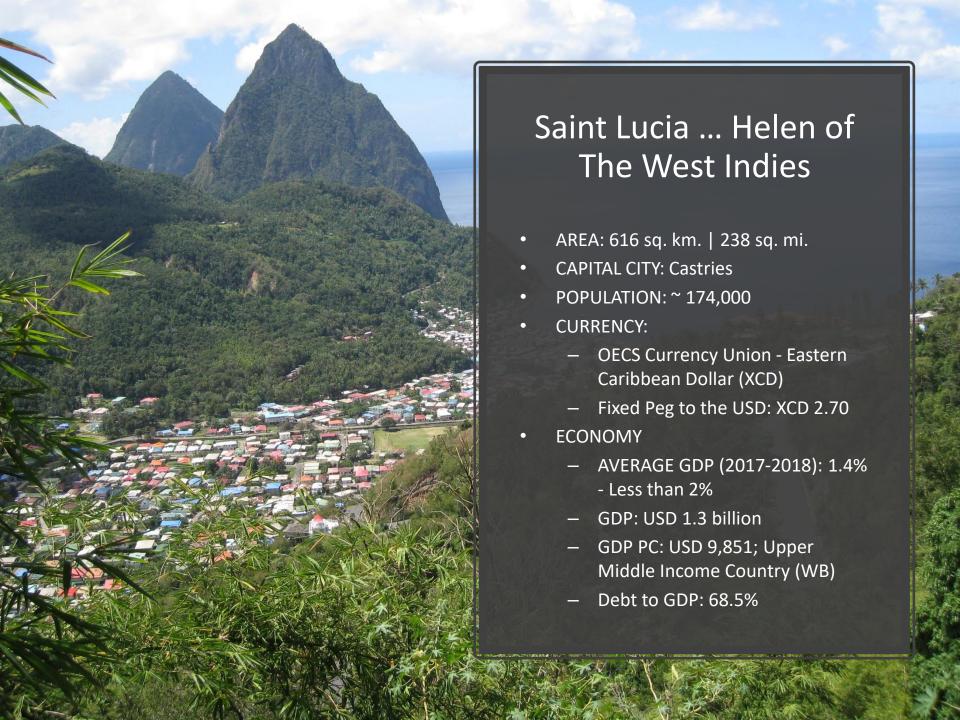
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## Mainstreaming DRM and CCA

#### Saint Lucia is:

- Demonstrating commitment at the highest level Budget statement, "Our survival is at stake...We must take action now!"
- Establishing key elements of a disaster risk management strategy, but needs better risk assessment and more self-insurance (CCRIF Parametric Insurance).
- Planning more resilient infrastructure systems for public infrastructure and within communities in order to build resilience (Adaptation is considered in all major public infrastructure projects.)
- Investing in various early warning systems as a precursor to certain types of disasters (e.g. excessive rainfall, flooding).

## Challenges in Mainstreaming DRM and CCA

- Financing options are limited by a high public debt, but there is a feasible way forward. Well-designed renewables projects should attract private investors, and some adaptation projects could conceivably also be designed to be bankable.
- Difficulty in accessing climate change financing made available globally to SIDs.
- Saint Lucia remains highly vulnerable to climate change and disasters. The burden of these on the country is significant.
- National development plan as defined by the Medium Term Development Strategy, though very broad-based in its response to development issues, does not address in a substantive manner disaster vulnerability and DRR. These themes will be incorporated in future long term planning.

#### SAINT LUCIA

Flood Event of December 24-25, 2013

A Report by the Government of Saint Lucia and the World Bank March 2014



Joint
Rapid Damage and Needs
Assessment







# The ACP-EU NDRR Program

- Flood damage and loss assessment 2014 (US \$50,000)
- Measurable Reduction of Disaster Risk Specific to Public Infrastructure 2016-2019 (US \$1,500,000)
- Disaster risk finance technical assistance 2015-2018 (US \$273,000)
- Measuring the Impact of Disaster Events on Poverty and Social Vulnerability 2017-2019 (US \$175,000)
- Hazard and Disaster Risk Assessment Framework
   Preparation of Vulnerability Reduction 2012-2016 (US \$294,000)
- Caribbean: Risk Information Programme to support the Integration of Disaster Risk Management Strategies in Critical Sectors 2012-2016 (US \$1,300,000)

### Lessons learned

- Risk Management through use of regional and international expertise and catastrophe insurance tools
- More effective long term planning including: land use planning and zoning, continuous update of building codes, continuous review of the integrity of government infrastructure.
- Need for a comprehensive disaster risk financing strategy

