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PRIME MINISTER  
HON. KENNY ANTHONY

## WORLD BANK REPORT: SAINT LUCIA TOPS IN WORLD BUSINESS RANKING

**A** World Bank report ranks St Lucia and Puerto Rico among the top 30 places in the world in which to do business.

According to a BBC report on Thursday, the only Caribbean country or territory within the top 20 is Puerto Rico ranked at number 19. St Lucia is ranked 27th out of 175 countries and is therefore the top Caricom country in the world business ranking.

The study looks at how effective they were at stripping away the bureaucratic obstacles to opening businesses, getting licences and conducting imports and exports. The private sector arm of the World

Bank, the International Finance Corporation, published the report after doing a survey of how easy it is to do business in 175 countries.

The IFC measured the time, cost, and hassle for businesses to comply with the countries' legal and administrative requirements--- in other words how easy it is to cut through the red tape. So they found that the easiest country in the world in which to do business is Singapore, followed by New Zealand and the United States.

### Reforms

In terms of introducing reforms that make it easier for businesses, Africa is reforming faster than Latin American and the Caribbean, Asia and the Middle East. The reforms the IFC approves of are simplifying business regulations, strengthening

property rights, easing tax burdens, increasing access to credit, and reducing the cost of exporting and importing.

World Bank President, Paul Wolfowitz, says that in many countries the costs of doing business are so prohibitive that businessmen are forced to operate outside the formal economy -- that is, the country is more open to bribes and corruption. He says the report is a critical tool for developing countries to determine where more reforms are needed.

### "Statement of Confidence"

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Dr Kenny D. Anthony has welcomed the report. "This is great news. I am exceedingly pleased," he said on receiving the news Thursday. Dr Anthony said the report "is also great news for us as a Government because sometimes

we can be hard on ourselves and feel that even all that's done is not enough."

The PM, who is also responsible for Finance, Economic Development, International Financial services and Information, said the World Bank/IFC report "will help us in our quest to continue to attract business and to do business in ways that would be even more business friendly."

He said the report was "also an international statement of confidence in Saint Lucia, which will certainly help the world better understand that Saint Lucia is not just good for tourism, but also good for business."



HON VELON JOHN  
MINISTER FOR LABOUR

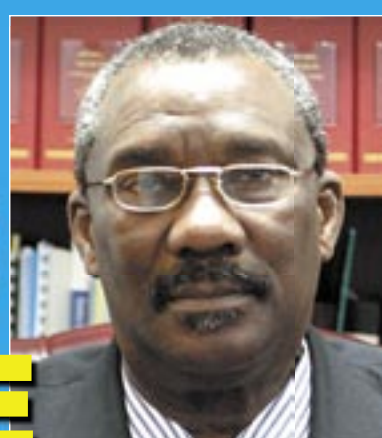
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**As CASTRIES/GROS ISLET HIGHWAY PROJECT CONTINUES:**

**TRAFFIC ADVISORIES TO MOTORISTS**

The Ministry of Communications, Works and Transport has issued a number of traffic advisories to motorists as the start of the new school term here in St. Lucia has led to an increase in the flow of traffic on the Castries/ Gros Islet Highway which is still undergoing major rehabilitation and reconstruction work. In addition to urging motorists to leave home early enough on mornings to “beat” the traffic, the Ministry is advising motorists to use alternative routes and has made other suggestions in order to avoid delays and congestion on the highway.

**Alternative Routes**

For South-bound traffic from Gros-Islet, where there is no need to go into Castries, motorists are advised that they can divert through Corinth heading towards Balata or through Union heading to Balata, then on to Bocage, then to the Old Victoria Road and down the De Glos road which puts motorists on the East Coast Road at Bexon.

Persons heading into Castries can also avoid the heavy traffic, by traveling through Balata then to Morne Du Don and into Castries or alternatively down Bocage into Marchand or the Water Works Road. The La Pansee road also provides an exit into the city. The Bisee/Carilee route heading into Morne Du Don or down through La Panse can also provide easy access to the city. When heading North, motorists can also use the Morne Du-don or La Pansee roads to avoid the traffic along the Castries Gros Islet Highway.



Work on a wall near the Castries Comprehensive School

**Advisory For School Zones**

Motorists are asked to exercise greater caution when traveling the Castries/ Gros Islet route, particularly in the vicinity of the Castries Comprehensive Secondary School and The Sir Ira Simmons Secondary School at Vide Bouteille.

With school now re-opened, drivers should pay particular attention to the drop off areas. For mini buses which are designated by the Ministry of Education to transport school children, students must be dropped off and picked up on the school compound only.

For all other mini buses and private vehicles, the drop off point for south-bound vehicles will be the vacant lot opposite the AF Valmont building and for vehicles heading from Castries, northward, drop off will be at the lay-by near M&C Home Depot.

Mini Buses transporting school children, are asked to take heed and adhere to these arrangements. The motoring public in general, is asked to drive cautiously particularly on mornings and school dismissal time.

**Further Information**

For more information on the progress of the road works and traffic arrangements persons can tune in weekdays at 7:20 am on Radio St. Lucia and on the Wave at 7:35 am and again at 4:35 PM. Additionally the Ministry of Communications, Works, Transport and Public Utilities will utilize the media extensively, including GIS, Nationwide and Government Notebook to keep the public abreast with the progress of the rehabilitation work on the Castries/Gros Islet Highway.

**Progress On East Coast Road**

Rehabilitation work on the East Coast Road is said to be progressing smoothly. Officials of the Ministry of Communications and Works says that the La-Toc area, from the Bannanes Roundabout to the Governor General’s residence, has been completed through a process of milling and replacing the surfacing. This process has moved to the Morne/Goodlands area and through to Cul-De-Sac.

According to Chief Engineer Jude Regis, work is still continuing in the Bexon/Labayee area. “We have paved from the Cul-De-Sac Junction as far as the gas station. Along the Labayee area

there are certain areas that we think might be slightly problematic because there are soft areas caused by underground sources. That might take some more work than other areas along the route, but we are progressing on that.”

The rehabilitation of the East Coast Road is part of a programme by Government to improve the the island’s road network . Since the completion of works under the Road Development Programme, ( RDP) road rehabilitation works have mainly been concentrated on the East Coast and the Castries/ Gros-Islet Highway with Communications Ministry officials ascribing equal importance to both.



Work on the East Coast Road

# Labour Minister: Private Sector Stance On Labour Code Alarming

**H**on Velon John, Minister of Labour Relations, Public Service and Cooperatives, has moved to clarify statements attributed to Mr Henry Phillips, the Executive Secretary of the Saint Lucia Employers' Federation.

According to the Minister, "For some time now, Mr. Henry Phillips, Executive Secretary of the Saint Lucia Employers' Federation, as well as other private sector representatives, have been making reference to their concerns about the Labour Code, which they claim have not been responded to.

I find this claim extremely surprising. Contrary to the statements by the private sector representatives, the facts are as follows: (1) Firstly, 245 and not 345 concerns were received from the Federation – and that despite the fact that most of these concerns had already been debated with other groups of employers and consensus had already been reached; and although many of these new queries objected to provisions which were already existing law and even provisions initiated by other

groups of employers. But despite all this, the government agreed to reopen the discussion in good faith; (2) Secondly, after these additional meetings and after being satisfied by the advice given by the ILO Consultant, the Employers' Federation submitted a document (on file) in which they voluntarily discarded or withdrew 237 of the initial concerns expressed; (3) Thirdly, only a few concerns remained and further consultations were held, at the end of which agreement was reached on over 90% of these; (4) Fourthly, despite all the above, a further document containing over 700 points was then received from the Federation. However, the truth is that these 700 "points" largely regurgitated the comments in the earlier employers' document that had already been dealt with and even reproduced the ILO consultant's own guidelines on the Code; (5) Fifthly, this last 700-point document relied inappropriately on Jamaican law, which Jamaica itself is seeking to reform."

"It is therefore quite alarming," the minister added, "that employers are still speak-

ing about their initial concerns as if they were still alive and had been ignored.

"I cannot agree that a process which has included six years of consultation and dialogue by all of the social partners, as well as by other interests such as doctors, the National Insurance Corporation (NIC) and the Saint Lucia Bar Association, can be described as 'rushed'".

According to Minister John: "The Private Sector has been repeatedly told by the Prime Minister that the government's objective is to achieve maximum consensus and that he would personally chair a final retreat to conclude the process. There is no need, therefore, to invent further conflict and tension."

The minister concluded: "We appeal once more for good faith and good sense to prevail, so that this historic process can be brought to its logical and final conclusion, within the parameters of the time frame dictated by the maximum degree of consensus that was sought and which has obviously been achieved through the aforementioned deliberations between the social partners and stakeholders."



Hon. Velon John

## TWO MORE CRIME FIGHTING MEASURES



Senator Calixte George



Commissioner of Police Ausbert Regis

**M**inister of Home Affairs and Internal Security, Senator Calixte George, announced last week that two new units are about to be established in the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force (RSLPF) to support ongoing efforts at fighting crime on the island.

The Minister said a Tourism Support Unit (TSU) will be established "to monitor crimes that may be perpetrated against visitors to the island and locals involved in the tourism industry, as well as to liaise with those who may become victims of crimes".

According to the Minister: "The intention is not only to assist in coordinating efforts to apprehend individuals who may have committed crimes against visitors or locals in the industry, but also to provide information that would lead to progress towards the arrest and prosecution of such persons."

"This unit," he explained further, "will work closely with the stakeholders in the tourism industry, to manage the consequences of related crimes."

He explained that the establishment of the unit "is expected to result in increased surveillance, monitoring of criminal activity and implementation of crime prevention strategies in the major tourism areas."

Thus, Senator George added, the concentration of the unit's efforts will be island-wide and especially in areas with high volumes of tourism activity.

"The areas of concentration for the new unit," Senator George said, "will include the Castries Basin, Vigie, Gros Islet and the northern tourism belt, as well as Soufriere, Marigot Bay, Mami-ku Gardens and other such areas most frequented by visitors."

Meanwhile, the Minister says a new Victims Support Unit (VSU) is also about to be established "to provide various forms of support for victims of crimes in Saint Lucia."

Senator George says the new unit will be established to provide support services for victims who may need such support, "because experience has shown that victims of crime can and sometimes do suffer immense trauma and the Force is anxious to provide comfort and counseling to such individuals."

The Minister said the RSLPF was moving to establish the two new units because it is "determined to change the nature of policing in Saint Lucia and to continue to earn the evidently increasing support and confidence of members of the public in the fight against crime generally."

He indicated that as part of the general thrust of improving relations between the Police and the Public, "the Police Complaints Commission (PCC) is already doing much to ensure that complaints against police officers by members of the public are investigated."

Senator George thanked the public for their increasing cooperation with the police and urged that "the new units, when established, also be given the public support they will need to be as effective as they should be."



Sections of Castries (above) and (inset) Rodney Bay, Gros Islet



# Universal Secondary Education as Significant as Adult Suffrage

**T**he inauguration of Universal Secondary Education in St. Lucia last Monday has been hailed as significant an achievement as the attainment of Adult Suffrage in 1950. The comparison came from the St. Lucia Labour party as it issued a congratulatory message to the Government and People of Saint Lucia on the attainment of Universal Secondary Education (USE).

According to the statement from the Party's General Secretary Leo Clarke, "This landmark achievement, which has seen every child who attended Common Entrance Exams this year assured of a place in a secondary school, represents the delivery of a solemn pledge made to the electorate by the Labour Party in its Contract of Faith in 1997.

It is indeed a time for celebration by all well-meaning St. Lucians at home and abroad. It is a moment when we need to put aside narrow political considerations and rise with pride to salute this remarkable juncture in the evolution of our education system.

In pursuit of its narrow and myopic

agenda, the opposition has attempted to cast a shadow of doubt over the magnitude of this milestone. Their statements have reflected the confused perspective that they have about the direction in which our country should be heading today.

We certainly understand the envy with which the opposition views such an outstanding feat by the Labour Party in such little time. It must be a source of pain for the UWP to recall allowing our primary school children to languish on a dreaded and dreadful "shift system" for over two decades. That fact belies the attempts by Dr Nicholas Frederick to suggest that UWP would have instituted USE by the year 2000.

How can the UWP convince our people that it -- which could not end the shift system, which, when it was introduced, they promised to end in less than five years, but which remained in place for over twenty -- but that, if given three more years in office they would have achieved USE.

It is now a historical fact that it is the Labour Government who abolished this stunted primary school programme within its first five years in office. The

Labour Party views the attainment of Universal Secondary Education as being as significant as the attainment of Universal Adult Suffrage. The potential to empower St. Lucians through the USE cannot be viewed in lesser terms.

We may sometimes forget that there was a time when primary education was a privilege enjoyed by some, based on economic standing, gender and even race. In the same manner that we now accept primary school as a right of the child, today the Labour Government has moved secondary education into the realm of the right of the St. Lucian and never again shall it be a privilege.

It's now time for us to shift our focus to the development of a realistic agenda for the introduction of full Degree programmes as part of our local education offering. We look forward to sometime in the foreseeable future, when our children could also be afforded University Education as a right. Congratulations to Hon Mario Michel, members of staff of the Ministry of Education, Teachers and all others who have contributed to the achievement of this most enlightened vision."



**Hon. Mario Michel**  
Minister for Education



**The Ciceron Secondary School one of the recently built Secondary Schools**

## How USE Happened

The announcement of the inauguration of Universal Secondary Education had been made in Parliament last Tuesday by the Minister of Education, Hon. Mario Michel, when he explained that this milestone in the history of St. Lucia's education, had been made possible through the building of five new secondary schools. The Minister said:

"Among the 25 public, assisted and private secondary schools which will commence classes on Monday, 20 of them existed previously, while 5 of them are new. The Vieux Fort Technical Secondary School will operate from the premises formerly occupied by the Vieux Fort Technical Institute -- an educational institution constructed in 2003 and operationalized initially as a senior primary school, which school was disestablished on August 1st this

year to make way for the operation as of September 4th of a three stream five form secondary school offering a course of secondary education with a technical/vocational bias. The Grande Riviere Secondary School in Dennery will operate in the expanded and refurbished space formerly occupied by the Grande Riviere Senior Primary School which was disestablished as of August 1st, 2006. Although construction work on a new three-storey block will continue after Monday September 4th, the school is sufficiently completed to allow for the commencement of classes there on Monday -- with 8 Form 1s, 1 Form 2 and 3 Form 3s starting off the new secondary school. The Gros Islet Secondary School is a new school under construction at Massade in Gros Islet, which is expected to be completed by December 15th this year, but with

the school commencing operation on Monday September 4th at the premises of the now-disestablished Rock Hall Senior Primary School. 9 Form 1s, 1 Form 2 and 3 Form 3s will start off the new secondary school and will move into their spanking new state-of-the-art education complex in Massade at the start of the second term on Wednesday January 3rd 2007. The Marigot Secondary School is also a new school under construction, which is expected to be completed by December 31st this year, but with the school commencing operation on Monday September 4th at the compound of the Roseau Primary School in Jacmel, a short distance away from the site of the new secondary school. Like in the case of the Gros Islet Secondary School, 9 Form 1s, 1 Form 2 and 3 Form 3s will start off the new secondary school and will move

into their new state-of-the-art education complex at the start of the second term on Wednesday January 3rd 2007. The last of the 5 new secondary schools -- the International School of St. Lucia -- is a small private secondary school located at Rodney Bay in Gros Islet which is expected to commence operations on Monday September 4th with a small contingent of about 25 students. The school will be a fee-paying private school which will accommodate mainly the children of non nationals working in St. Lucia.

With the establishment and operationalization of these 5 new secondary schools in St. Lucia, along with the expansion of another 3, secondary school capacity in St. Lucia has now reached nearly 17,000 and has brought us to the stage of Universal Secondary Education."

# SAINT LUCIA OFFERS AMNESTY TO CARICOM NATIONALS

Guyanese are expected to be the biggest grouping to benefit from the Amnesty for CARICOM nationals who have been living illegally in Saint Lucia. Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony announced the amnesty last week in a press interview.

The Prime Minister’s Press Secretary Earl Bousquet says the decision was made in part to sensitivity for the strong links that exists between Guyanese and St. Lucians. “Nonetheless this is an amnesty for all CARICOM nationals irrespective of which country they come from. Of course we know St. Lucians left for Guyana in the early 1950’s to mine gold and several have children here, some of whom have taken up residents in Saint Lucia. But there are many people from different parts of the CARICOM region.”



Heads of Government of CARICOM Countries

The Press Secretary says it is an opportunity that should be seized because after the expiration date, the full force

of the law will be felt.

“By January the first of next year - 2007, Amnesty will be granted and it

will allow such persons to regularize their status once they have been living in Saint Lucia for three years or more. The fees that they would not have been able to pay for, for those years will be waived. The Prime Minister has also indicated that the government will allow those persons to regularize their status. For example if they want to become permanent residents they will have to pay the fees to come permanent residents and if they want to become citizens they will have to pay the fees to become citizens.”

The Amnesty will not be applicable to persons with criminal records and strict measures will be adopted to keep such persons out of the programme. A special unit will be established in the Ministry of Home Affairs to administer the program. More details on the program will be disseminated to the public at a later date.

## Major Tourism Players Confirmed For CMEX Saint Lucia Talks

The Caribbean’s travel and tourism industry’s leading decision makers will headline the fifth anniversary of the Caribbean Media Exchange on Sustainable Tourism (CMEx), set for Coco Resorts and other participating properties on the Caribbean island nation of St. Lucia this October 12-16, 2006.

Secretary General of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation, Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace will keynote the conference on “Taking Tourism to the Next Level” as he defines the future of Caribbean tourism and explores first class Caribbean quality standards. Throughout the conference delegates will examine sustainable tourism development through the lens of the theme “Chic Communications Concepts” for culinary, cultural, health, sports, and village tourism linkages. The conference also will focus on HIV/AIDS and what’s needed to mitigate the impact of the disease and others on regional populations.

Also attending the 9th four-day version of CMEx, which has been staged on 13 occasions in less than five years, will be the top brass of the Caribbean Hotel Association (CHA) – both the newly in-

stalled Barbadian President Peter Odle and Director General Alec Sanguinetti, who will join CHA Chairman Berthia Parle who hails from St. Lucia.

“CMEx is a one-of-a-kind professional development opportunity for the Caribbean hospitality industry to communicate better and establish a more effective working relationship with the media. As tourism professionals, we must learn to maintain an ongoing dialogue with the media, to enable them to report accurately and in-depth. We invite CHA members to join us at the upcoming CMEx meeting in St. Lucia,” appealed CHA’s communications director, Lorraine J. Ortiz-Valcárcel, one of CMEx’s early advocates who also will be in attendance.

President of Counterpart International, Lelei LeLaulu, thanked CHA for its continued support of CMEx, and to national tourism boards, like the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism, and the Trinidad and Tobago Tourism Development Company, for supporting the CMEx process beyond their hosting of the conference. “This demonstrates a unique commitment to the process,” said LeLaulu, who



CHA Chairman Berthia Parle



CHA President Peter Odle

welcomed former CMEx hosts to join the fifth anniversary talks in St. Lucia, who will become two-time hosts of the biannual meeting.

According to James Hepple, President and Director of Tourism of the Trinidad and Tobago Tourism Development Company, “I have been involved with CMEx since its inception (October 2001) and

have seen it become one of the most influential forums for presenting the value and importance of Caribbean tourism to not only local journalists but those based outside the Caribbean. As a Director of Tourism, I find it invaluable that we can send our own journalists to CMEx (as) they come back understanding the industry ... resulting in more informed coverage.”

## UNIFEM Promotes CEDAW

A team from the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) is presently in St. Lucia conducting an advocacy tour on the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women or CEDAW.

The Optional Protocol which came into force in December 2000, serves as an additional mechanism for ensuring state parties comply with their obligations as outlined in the convention. St. Lucia became party to the convention in October 1982.

One of the experts here on the two-day tour, Honourable Madame Justice Desiree Bernard, says the sensitization initiative has become necessary because of the limited number of countries that have ratified the optional protocol.

“We have never encountered resistance. I think in the Caribbean it is not a question of not wanting to ratify the Optional Protocol—it may be a question of priority. I think Governments are overwhelmed sometimes with passing whatever they may consider to be more meaningful and necessary legislation and actions that the women’s issues tend to get pushed into the back-

ground. That is why the national machinery in each country needs to keep it focused and put it on the front burner.”

The team met with Prime Minister Honourable Dr. Kenny Anthony on Tuesday, explaining to him the importance of the Optional Protocol and the need for St. Lucia to ratify the initiative. Director of Gender Relations, Lera Pascal, says St. Lucia should be in a position to ratify the protocol by the end of the UNIFEM Team’s tour.

“There is nothing preventing us from doing that. There has been talk of CEDAW, as we were preparing for the presentation of our report—it is the first time we had reported to CEDAW

and we did outline the need for us to bring the whole CEDAW Convention and its articles to the fore. This is just a continuation because the optional protocol strengthens the CEDAW Protocol and we want people to be aware. We want CEDAW to actually be a household word.”

St. Lucia is the fifth country visited by the UNIFEM team as part of the organization’s campaign to promote and to get more countries to ratify the Protocol. To date only Belize, St. Kitts and Nevis and Antigua and Barbuda have ratified the Optional Protocol.

**SERVICE PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

**Project Management and Supervision of Construction Works on a New National Hospital Complex**

**ACP / Caribbean / Saint Lucia**

**(EuropeAid/122460/D/SER/LC)**

The Government of Saint Lucia with grant funding from the European Union wishes to invite tenders from suitably qualified and experienced consulting firms to manage and supervise construction works on the New National Hospital. Details on the Contract, the Terms of Participation, and Tendering Procedure are as follows:

**Contract description**

Saint Lucia is currently engaged in a comprehensive reform of its health services guided by a Five Year (2005 - 2010) National Health Strategic Plan which is expected to be completed by the end of 2006. The development of a new general hospital forms a fundamental component of a rationalization of the health services infrastructure. The objectives of the new general hospital project is to improve the quality, access and range of acute care general services available in Saint Lucia by establishing a new hospital to complement improved primary care services. The new general hospital will be constructed on approximately 8 acres of relatively flat, undulating land on a site at Coubaril on the new Millennium Highway, west of the capital city of Castries and will comprise a floor area of approximately 14,000 square metres of functional general hospital space with a 153-bed capacity. The general hospital will form part of an overall 15 acre new national hospital complex which also includes a mental health hospital currently under construction.

This consultancy will involve the provision of project management and supervision services for the construction and equipping of the new general hospital. This project management and supervision consultancy is necessary in order to administer the terms of the works contract during the operations on site. It will involve regular site visits/necessitate a regular site presence as appropriate to inspect the progress and quality of the work and make periodic financial reports to the clients, including effective variations contract costs, valuations, certification etc. In effect, the normal consulting expertise of engineering, architectural and cost control required for a building contract of this size should be applied.

**Maximum budget** - Euro 940,000

**Conditions of participation**

Participation is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons of the EU Member States and ACP states who are signatories to the Cotonou agreement.

**Candidature**

All eligible natural and legal persons or groupings of such persons (consortia) from eligible countries may apply. A consortium may be a permanent, legally-established grouping or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific tender procedure. All members of a consortium (i.e. the leader and all other partners) are jointly and severally liable to the Contracting Authority. The participation of an ineligible natural or legal person will result in the automatic exclusion of that person. In particular, if that ineligible person belongs to a consortium, the whole consortium will be excluded.

**Number of applications**

No more than one application can be submitted by a natural or legal person (including legal persons within the same legal group), whatever the form of participation (as an individual legal entity or as leader or partner of a consortium submitting an application). In the event that a natural or legal person (including legal persons within the same legal group) submits more than one application, all applications in which that person (and legal persons within the same legal group) has participated will be excluded.

**Shortlist alliances prohibited**

Any tenders received from tenderers comprising firms other than those mentioned in the short-listed application forms will be excluded from this restriction.

**Grounds for exclusion**

As part of the application form, candidates must submit a statement to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures financed from the 9th EDF (available from following Internet address: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/tender/gestion/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/tender/gestion/index_en.htm))

**Sub-contracting** - No Sub-contracting will be allowed.

**Number of candidates to be short-listed** - On the basis of the applications received, at least 4 and at most 8 candidates will be invited to submit detailed tenders for this contract.

**Provisional date of invitation to tender** - is October 31, 2006.

**Provisional commencement date of the contract** - January 29, 2007

**Initial period of execution and possible extension of the contract** - The period of execution is 38 months.

**Selection criteria**

The following selection criteria will be applied to candidates. In the case of applications submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole: (1) Economic and financial standing of candidate; (2) Professional capacity of candidate; (3) Technical capacity of candidate.

**Award criteria** - As specified in the tender dossier annexed to the letter of invitation to tender which will be sent to short-listed candidates.

**Deadline for receipt of applications** - 12:00 hours - noon, local (St Lucia) time on October 06, 2006.

**Application format and details to be provided**

Applications must be submitted using the standard application form (available from the following Internet address: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/index_en.htm)), whose format and instructions must be strictly observed.



Any application which does not observe these provisions will be automatically eliminated. Any additional documentation (brochure, letter, etc) sent with an application will not be taken into consideration.

How applications may be submitted

Applications must be submitted in English exclusively to the Contracting Authority: either by recorded delivery (official postal service) to: The Secretary, Central Tender’s Board, 2nd Floor, Financial Centre Building, Bridge Street, Castries, Saint Lucia, West Indies, OR hand delivered (including courier services) directly to the Contracting Authority in return for a signed and dated receipt to: The Secretary, Central Tender’s Board, 2nd Floor, Financial Centre Building, Bridge Street, Castries, Saint Lucia, West Indies.

The Contract title and the Publication reference (above) must be clearly marked on the envelope containing the application and must always be mentioned in all subsequent correspondence with the Contracting Authority. Applications submitted by any other means will not be considered.

Operational language - All written communications for this tender procedure and contract must be in English.

Date of publication of contract forecast - December 20, 2005

For further information

Contact the National Authorising Officer, 5th Floor, Conway Business Centre, Waterfront, Castries; Tel. 758-468-2180; Fax. 758-453-6552, e-mail: projects@candw.lc or visit: <http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/cgi/frame12.pl> or the Government of Saint Lucia’s website at: <http://stlucia.gov.lc>

Legal basis

ACP-EC Partnership Agreement signed at Cotonou on 23 June 2000. Decision No 2/2002 of the ACP-EC Council of Ministers published in OJ L 320 of 23.11.2002

Diabetes Is Not A Death Sentence

The following is a statement from the Diabetes Pilot Project of the Universal Health Care Programme.

Finding out that you have diabetes can come as a shock. It actually takes a while to absorb the news and all its implications. At the moment there is no cure for diabetes, so it is best to learn to accept it and get the best advice possible from your doctor or nurse on how to manage the disease for the rest of your life. Management is the key to living a healthy and happy life with diabetes. This means you will have to see your doctor more often; you may have to change your diet; exercise

more and lose weight if necessary. But it is not the end of the world. It is very important that you also build a strong and supportive relationship with your doctor or nurse and your family and close friends.

What is Diabetes? People with Diabetes have too much glucose in their bloodstream because the normal control mechanism that regulates the balance of insulin and glucose is not working as it should. As a result the body is unable to process all the circulating glucose in the blood a normal way, leading to a rise in blood sugar levels.

There are no known cures for diabetes. Until there’s a cure, you have to learn good diabetes management and

take care of yourself and your diabetes.

A few people who have developed diabetes later in life would not have noticed any symptoms before diagnosis but most people usually say they feel much better once proper treatment has brought their condition under control. You may well find that you have much more energy and have a new lease on life. Do not expect too much too quickly as it will take a while to adjust and to introduce the necessary changes. Take things one step at a time.

Many persons will have to start taking tablets or insulin treatment. Even if you have to inject yourself with insulin, you will find that it is

really quite simple and painless once you have gotten accustomed to your new way of life. The more you understand diabetes and its management, the better!

Remember you are at risk of diabetes if: (1) You are overweight, (2) You don’t exercise regularly; (3) You are over the age of 40; (4) You have diabetes in your family; (5) You had a baby weighing nine pounds or more at birth.

The only person who can really tell you if you have diabetes is a medical professional.

Hurry get tested for diabetes at any health centre or hospital – your diabetic test and medication is free!!!

Improvements to Cul De Sac Day Care Centre

A joint initiative between the Government and some private sector companies has led to a project that will improve the Cul De Sac Day Care Centre. Programme Manager of the Basic Needs Trust Fund, Clive Hippolyte, explained that the Cul De Sac Day Care Centre Extension and Grounds Rehabilitation Project involves improvement works to the existing building totalling \$25,000.00 while a new extension will cost almost two hundred thousand dollars.

He added that: “ In addition to the BNTF funding, there’s funding from LUCELEC who has done drainage works and will also assist with the erection of the fencing. WIZO which is a commercial entity just outside the centre has also donated some fence material to be incorporated in the facility, so you have corporate citizens as well as the BNTF through the Government of Saint Lucia and the CDB expending funding on that centre.”

OECS LAUNCHES TRADE BOOKLET



Ambassador Edwin Laurent

In a move designed to increase understanding of trade issues among secondary and tertiary level students, business people and the general public, the OECS Secretariat has published a new booklet on international trade.

“Understanding International Trade” explains the trading system from the perspective of the Eastern Caribbean, and breaks down the complex technical jargon into simple, easy to read language. There are also accompanying photographs, diagrams and cartoon depictions.

Issues covered include economic integration in the Caribbean, with the fo-

cus on the OECS, CARICOM and the CSME. The Booklet also explains the ongoing negotiations for the Economic Partnership

Agreement with the European Union and the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). There is a section on the origin, evolution and various mechanisms of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the effects on small vulnerable economies from participation in its multilateral negotiations. The challenges for banana and sugar exports and the future for these crops are explored. The publication also focuses attention on the critical services sector, covering tourism, financial services and information and communication technology, and addressing the OECS interests. The booklet concludes by looking to the way forward, recommending new approaches, including a role for the private sector.

The booklet was written by former OECS Ambassador to Brussels, St. Lucian Mr. Edwin Lauren and its production was coordinated by the CIDA-funded OECS Trade Policy Project. The preface was written by UWI Professor of International Relations of the Caribbean, Dr. Vaughn Lewis, and the foreword by the OECS Director General Dr. Len Ishmael.

The official launch took place last Friday, September 1st during the Opening Ceremony for the OECS Trade Ministers meeting at the Bay Gardens Hotel in St. Lucia. Distribution will take place in all OECS Member Countries.

CARE Moves

The Centre for Adolescent Rehabilitation and Education - CARE has taken two of its centres to new premises in the Castries South East community of Odsan. Executive Director Dr. Karleen Mason says the move is an effort to provide a learning environment which is conducive and comfortable for its students. The Castries and Vigie Centres will be merged into one and students will occupy more spacious accommodations at the OD6 factory shell which is currently being reconfigured.

“ First of all the Vigie building needed repairs and in terms of the Castries Centre we also thought it was time for us to relocate because there was a need for renovation to be undertaken at that centre. We were assisted in obtaining the new premises through the National Development Corporation. All students and parents were informed of the relocation and it has not impacted negatively at all. As a matter of fact I have been informed that registration numbers have increased. Provision is being made for transportation of trainees from Castries to Odsan.”

Mason says physical works are on schedule. Some 150 students were expected to turn up for registration on Wednesday, 06th September.

“ There will be three classrooms, what we call the ADP (Adolescent Development Programmes classrooms and four skills classrooms). As well as the wash room areas, two offices and a computer room as well as a canteen and there’s also a counselling room.”

The Centre for Adolescent Rehabilitation and Education was established on the island in 1993.



# CRICKET WORLD CUP 2007

## TWO CATEGORIES OF SAINT LUCIA'S SEMI FINAL TICKETS SOLD OUT



The Beausejour Cricket Ground

**T**ickets for the 2007 Cricket World Cup's second semi final match to be played at the Beausejour Cricket ground in St. Lucia are among the fastest sellers since the second Phase of Public Ticketing began last Friday. In fact, according to a statement from Cricket World Cup West Indies, "all Category 1 and 2 tickets – allocated for sale via Public Ticketing – for the second Semi-Final in Saint Lucia and Final in Barbados have been sold out. "These same categories have also been sold out for the "Super 8 match, A1 versus B1 in Grenada." These categories are the most expensive single match tickets, costing US \$130 and US \$90 respectively.

The ICC CWC 2007 went on to say that within three short days of the start of Phase 2 of Public Ticketing for

ICC Cricket World Cup 2007, tickets and seat categories for many of next year's matches were in limited supply. Thousands of Single Match tickets have already been bought online by individuals in a number of countries worldwide, and ICC CWC 2007 Official Ticket Centres in the nine Host Venues have reported a steady flow of activity to date.

ICC CWC 2007 Commercial Manager, Stephen Price, who has been monitoring ticketing sales trends since the second phase began on September 1, 2006, said: "Cricket fans intent on holding out until closer to the start of the tournament to purchase match tickets may find themselves with very limited choices."

Delroy Taylor, ICC CWC 2007 Project Officer – Ticketing, reinforced Price's point: "For this event to express

its true Caribbean identity, people of the region must make their presence felt at next year's Cricket World Cup by purchasing their tickets now to be sure they're part of this historic event. Tickets to key matches are going faster than we had anticipated. Apart from matches for which tickets are not unavailable, there's only a limited number of tickets for various other matches, for example, the Group Stage match between reigning ICC Cricket World Cup champions Australia and tournament contenders South Africa."

Price endorsed Taylor's call for Caribbean nationals to act now and purchase their tickets during this phase. "What we're seeing during the early stages of Phase 2 is a heightened escalation in ticket sales. People are quickly coming to terms with the reality that during this phase, tickets are being sold

on a first come, first served basis, with no tickets being held back for latter stages. "

"This has led to a surge in demand for tickets, particularly for matches at the Super 8 stage and beyond. But there are still tickets available to some really exciting matches, as well as the Opening Ceremony, and we're encouraging people to purchase them before they're gone," said the ICC CWC 2007 Commercial Manager.

Ticket allocations per person, per match have been increased for Phase 2. Individuals can now purchase a maximum of 14 tickets per Warm-up match; 10 tickets per Group Stage match and 8 tickets per Super 8 match. However, all tickets received in Phase 1 will count towards a fan's overall ticket allocation. There's still a limit of two persons per household who can purchase tickets.



### THIS WEEK ON NTN

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**SMMA Marine Park at Work** - Mon. Sept. 11th 6:30 p.m.

**Leve Leve Papa Bwa.** - Tues. Sept. 12th, 9:00 p.m.

**Water Reform** - Wed. Sept. 13th, 6:15 p.m.

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## CWC SAINT LUCIA HOLDS MAJOR REVIEW

**C**ricket World Cup Saint Lucia Inc, which is the local organising committee for the hosting of the ICC Cricket World Cup in St. Lucia next year, this week held a major review exercise to assess its preparedness for the World Cup and its plans for the next six months. What the organization called "a National Integration Exercise", took place at the Cara Suites Hotel on Wednesday and brought together the eighteen sector teams that have been involved in organizing the event.

The activity was seen as a forum for the eighteen sector teams to highlight their achievements and share plans for the next six months. Cricket World Cup Saint Lucia hoped that the exercise would facilitate the harmonization of efforts as well as the creation of the synergy required to ensure Saint Lucia's successful delivery of 'the best Cricket

World Cup ever'. Each sector team, ranging from Accommodation to Infrastructure and Utilities, was required to make a presentation on its activities.

Chief Executive Officer at Cricket World Cup Saint Lucia Incorporated, Ernest Hilaire, speaking at the opening of the activity, focused on the objectives of the event: "It is an attempt for each sector team that was established last year to implement the requirements for hosting the ICC World Cup 2007 to speak to each other today. It is really an attempt for us to look at what each other is doing, ensure that our concerns are addressed in each other sector plan and to identify all the gaps and weaknesses in our planning so far."

Mr. Hilaire announced that there will be two similar follow up exercises scheduled for the middle of November and early February 2007. He said by

that time they should have progressed to the point where Saint Lucia will be on target to implement its plans for staging matches in the 2007 Cricket World Cup. "We expect to be graded, red meaning we still have too many gaps or too many weaknesses in our planning. By November, we expect to be yellow, meaning that we're not exactly there yet, but we are getting there, and we're hoping by February we will get a green light meaning all systems go and we are on course to host the best cricket World Cup ever.

A total of fifty participants comprising policy makers, key personnel from the public and private sector attended the event which was co-chaired by ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 Executives – Managing Director, Chris Dehring and Don Lockerbie – Chief Operations Officer - and CEO of Cricket World Cup St. Lucia, Ernest Hilaire.

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