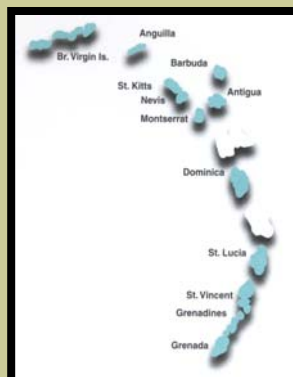




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## **OECS DEVELOPMENT CHARTER ... Our Common Vision !**



**SGD  
PRINCIPLE 2:** *Integrate Social, Economic and Environmental Considerations into National Development Policies, Plans and Programmes*

The development of our people lies at the centre of our vision. We see closer economic co-operation through the creation of an Economic Union among our States as a prime mechanism for the further development of our people. Concomitant with the Economic Union, we envisage the strengthening of existing institutions for social and political cohesion in order to cement advances in development and to speak with a common voice in regional and international fora:

We aspire to achieve a more modern education system which can strengthen the productive and intellectual capacities of our people and equip them to compete in the global community;  
We envision a region where work is available to all and where those who are willing to invest their time and resources in lawful and sustainable economic activity are enabled to do so and to enjoy fully the fruits of their labours;  
We envisage the people of our region interacting freely with each other through business, educational, sporting and cultural endeavors in peace and harmony;  
We envisage our people living under a system of good governance where democracy flourishes, human and civil rights are respected, order prevails and laws are fairly and justly enforced;  
We envisage societies in which the lifestyles of our people lead to productive and healthy communities and where they enjoy access to high quality and affordable health care;  
We therefore envision a community of peoples whose basic rights are guaranteed and whose basic needs for sustainable livelihoods including food, clothing, shelter and recreation are met;

Overall, we envision for our people a future in which they maintain their culture; preserve their heritage; achieve their full human potential in peace and freedom; and participate in the economic and social progress of the international community.

**CALLING ALL SOCIAL PARTNERS , PLAY YOUR PART !**

## ***OECS/ESDU HOSTS TELECONFERENCE !***

The OECS/ESDU facilitated a teleconference utilizing the technology at the UWI Extra Mural/Distance Learning Department in St. Lucia as the central communicative hub on April 5th, 2004 .

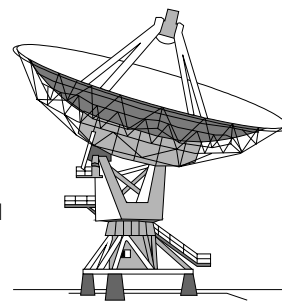
The aim of this teleconference was to serve as a warm-up forum to the SGD's third anniversary and to encourage member states to continue their public awareness efforts at the national level on the SGD and to continue to collaborate with OECS at the regional level so as to ensure that the SGD becomes engrained in national and regional socio-economic development.

Additionally, updates on the status of the National Environmental Management Strategies (NEMS) of member states were stated and discussed. Areas for collaboration and technical expertise were noted for member states as they strive to complete their NEMS.

Present at this teleconference were as follows:

- OECS/ESDU (St. Lucia) - Valerie Isaac-St. Hill, Carleen Jules
- Anguilla - Karim Hodge
- St. Kitts - Randolph Edmeade
- St. Lucia - Chris Corbin
- St. Vincent - Reynold Murray

The OECS/ESDU thanks UWI Extra-Mural Department, all participating member states and persons who made this exercise meaningful and instructive.



## ***SGD/NEMS COUNTRY UPDATES ...***

### **ANGUILLA**

Anguilla has produced their NEMS document and this document has been approved by the Government of Anguilla. Additionally, a Communication Strategy has been produced to assist in the implementation of the NEMS for public dissemination and information. Presently, the NEMS Committee are working assiduously to realize the merger of the NEMS into mainstream government planning/work plans. Thus, far successful public and private sector consultations have been hosted.

### **ST. KITTS**

The NEMS process of consultation is in progress with national stakeholders from both the public, private and civil society. It is anticipated that the findings emerging from these consultative processes will feed, shape and form the NEMS document.

### **ST. LUCIA**

The NEMS consultative process is well ahead and nearing its final rounds of meetings. The consultative process has been purposely stretched so as to assist the committee in the finalization of a comprehensive framework that will in the near future guide community and national policy and assist in the development of work plans that will reflect and support the objectives of the NEMS.

### **ST. VINCENT**

The final draft of the NEMS has been tabled and a national consultative meeting has been held to serve as the final screening process before it is forwarded to the Government of St. Vincent & The Grenadines for approval. The SGD is alive and functional in the governmental sectors whilst work still has to be done to achieve the same in the private sector.

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- HOSTING A REGIONAL MEDIA WORKSHOP !***



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HISTORIC SIGNING OF THE  
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OF PRINCIPLES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY IN THE OECS

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