

## **Celebrating the Signing of the St. George's Declaration**

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On Thursday April 10 the OECS will be observing a special event in the sub region's Environmental Management Policy and initiatives.

That special event will be the second anniversary of the signing of the St. George's Declaration of Principles for Environmental Sustainability in the sub-region.

The highpoint of Thursday's observance will be an address by the Head of the OECS Environment and Sustainable Development Unit, ESDU. The address will be broadcast to OECS Stations via the OECS News-Link.

Also on April 10 a video jingle focussing on ways of preserving the sub-region's vital natural resources will be released on television. The jingle produced by OECS Musicians for the Environment features Soca artiste/comedian "Sanders" of St. Lucia.

Also on Thursday the OECS ESDU will make a special presentation at a meeting of the Caribbean Youth Environmental Network's Environmental Workshop for Teachers to be held at the Indies Conference Centre from 9:00 a.m. Second anniversary activities will extend through the month of April. Among them is an Open House has been arranged for Earth Day, April 22nd at the offices of the OECS ESDU.

Member countries of the OECS will also be staging national activities to observe of the second anniversary of the signing of the St. George's Declaration.

The St. George's Declaration of Principles for Environmental Sustainability in the OECS was endorsed by the OECS Environmental Policy Committee in November of 2000 and was officially launched on April 10th 2001, when seven of the nine OECS Member Governments signed the document at a ceremony in Castries, St. Lucia. To date, all nine-member countries have signed the St. George's Declaration as their covenant to sustainable development for all in the region. Twenty-one principles are enshrined in the Declaration.