



# “Clean Shores, Thriving Communities: Tackling Plastic Pollution in the Caribbean through a Collaborative Approach”

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**Time:** 11:00 - 12:00 AST (60 minutes)

**Event format:** Panel discussion

**Platform:** Zoom

**Moderator:** Dominique Finegan  
Programme Officer, IUCN ORMACC

**11:00 AM**

## Opening remarks

Úrsula Parrilla  
Regional Director for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean  
International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

**11:05 AM**

## National action against plastic pollution: How Saint Lucia set the stage for broader change.

Jeanel Volney-Albert  
Sustainable Development and Environment Officer  
Ministry of Education, Sustainable Development, Innovation, Science,  
Technology and Vocational Training  
Government of Saint Lucia



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### **A regional front against plastic waste: Collaborative Island strategies for reduction of plastic pollution.**

Farzana Yusuf-Leon  
Project Manager  
Sustainable Ocean Management Programme  
Environmental Sustainability Division  
Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS Commission)

**11:25 AM**

### **The true cost of plastic in the Caribbean: The economic and environmental impacts of marine plastic leakage.**

Dr. Leander Raes  
Senior Economist  
Economy and Finance Team  
International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

**11:35 AM**

### **Implications of the Global Plastics Treaty for the Caribbean region.**

Dr. Alexandra R Harrington  
Chair  
Agreement on Plastic Pollution Task Force  
IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law

**11:45 AM**

### **Scaling solutions in the Caribbean to address plastic waste through global partnerships.**

Dr. Giuseppe Nerilli  
Regional Coordinator for Environment, Agriculture and Sustainable Tourism,  
San Salvador Regional Office of the Italian Agency for Development  
Cooperation (AICS)

**11:55 AM**

### **Closing remarks**

Safiya Sawney  
Special Envoy and Ambassador for Climate, Government of Grenada  
Special Advisor to Hon. Kerryne James, Minister of Environment, Climate Resilience  
and Renewable Energy