

# The role of the Partnership Initiative on Sustainable Land Management (PISLM) in combating land degradation in Caribbean SIDS

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## Brief Introduction

- The PISLM was developed as a result of the National Focal Points of the UNCCD recognizing the need for a systematic approach for the implementation of the Convention in Caribbean SIDS and the call from the Forum of Ministers for partnership initiatives.
- The Partnership Initiative on Sustainable Land Management (PISLM) is a platform for the collaboration to increase coordination and facilitate the development and implementation of sustainable land management related activities in Caribbean SIDS, within the context of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

## PISLM

- The PISLM aims to promote synergistic approaches with other areas such as biodiversity conservation, climate change, disaster management and sustainable rural/agricultural practices with particular linkages with food security and poverty alleviation.
- To facilitate the implementation of the PISLM, an institutional structure was established consisting of an Task Force and a Network of UNCCD Focal Points supported by a Support Office provided by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago through the Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNIRD).

## Major Components of the PISLM

1. National Action Plans
2. Establishment of a Regional/Sub-Regional Platform
3. Integrated sub-regional Action Plans (SRAP)
4. Methods and Tools for Monitoring and Measuring Land Degradation
5. Training, Research, Capacity Development and Policy Analysis
6. South-South Cooperation
7. Targeted GEF Interventions
8. Harmonisation of Public Policies

## Partners of the PISLM

**UNCCD**  
United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification Secretariat

**RIOED**  
Maison Internationale des Organisations Non-Gouvernementales du Développement (RIOED)

**CARICOM**  
Caribbean Community Secretariat

**University of the West Indies**

**GTZ**  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit GmbH (German society for technical cooperation) GTZ

**THE GLOBAL MECHANISM**  
UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION  
Global Mechanism

**IFAD**  
INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

**UNEP**  
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) / ROLAC

**FAO**  
The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

## Country Parties

The Bahamas

Bermuda

Turks and Caicos Islands

Cuba

Dominican Republic

Haiti

Jamaica

Belize

Costa Rica

Aruba

Curacao

Grenada

St. Vincent & The Grenadines

St. Kitts & Nevis

Montserrat

St. Martin

Anguilla

Antigua & Barbuda

Guadeloupe

Dominica

Martinique

St. Lucia

Barbados

Trinidad & Tobago

Guyana

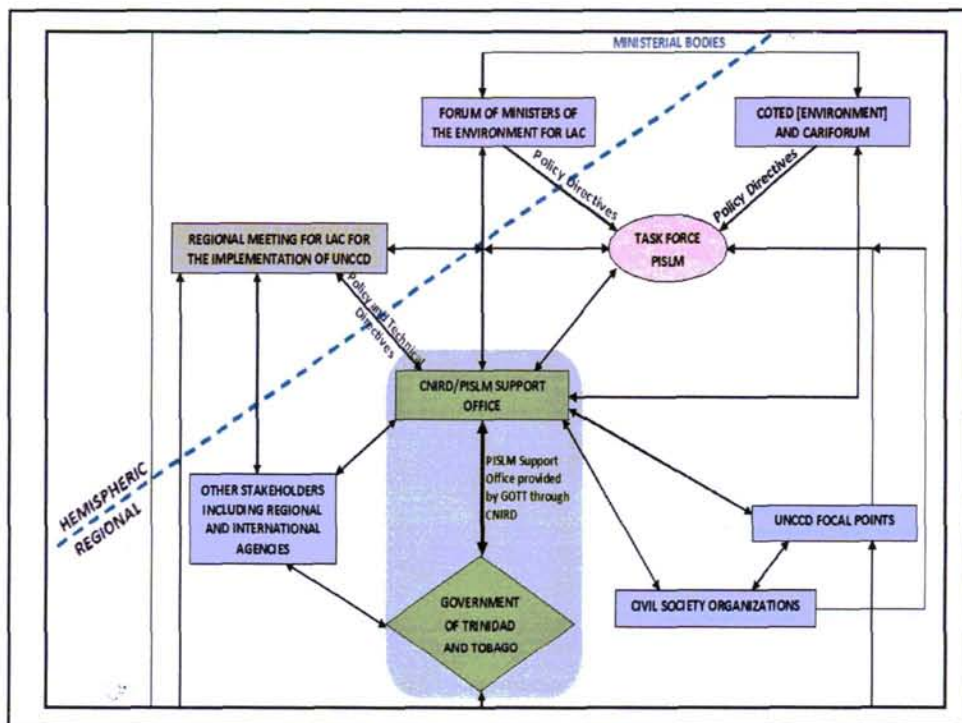
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## Evolution and Legislative Mandate of the PISLM

YEAR	EVENT
Aug—Sept	UNCOD, Nairobi, Kenya
1992	UNCED, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1994	Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of SIDS, Barbados
1996	UNCCD enters into force, Secretariat, Bonn Germany
Oct. 2002	GEF Operational Program on Sustainable Land Management (Opt #15),
Nov. 2003	14 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Forum of the Ministers of the Environment for LAC—
Feb. 2004	Caribbean Sub-regional workshop on Land Degradation, Port of Spain,
May-June 2005	Task Force Meeting for the PISLM and Extended Task Force Meeting of Participating Agencies and Latin American Countries for Enhancing South-South Cooperation between LAC-Caribbean SIDS, Barbados
Aug. 2005	X Regional Meeting of LAC country Parties of UNCCD, São Luís,
Oct – Nov	Fifteenth meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment, Caracas,
Jan-Feb 2008	The Sixteenth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
April 2008	The Council for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) [Environment], Georgetown, Guyana
July 2008	Task Force Meeting for the Partnership Initiative on Sustainable Land

# Institutional Modalities of the PISLM



## Implementation of the PISLM

- Operationalisation of the PISLM Support Office
- Preparation of the Five Year Rolling Business Plan
- Building of linkages and exchanging of experiences
- Fund raising for the PISLM

## Role of the PISLM in Caribbean SIDS

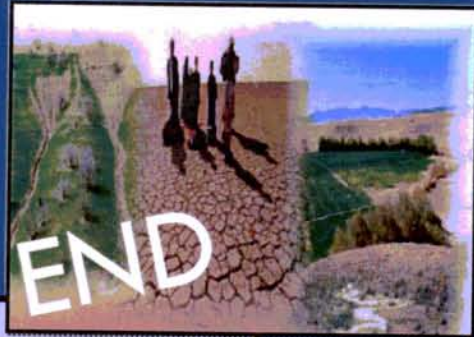
- Challenges
  - Synergies between MEAs and the UNCCD
  - Research and Development, Assessment and Monitoring of Land Degradation
  - Assessment of land management issues
  - Building Capacity
  - Technical Cooperation
  - Lack of Harmonization
  - Rural Development and Poverty
  - Involvement of Youth and the Environment

## Role of the PISLM through its Programme Areas

1. Synergies between MEAs and the UNCCD	Regional /Sub-Regional Stakeholder Platform for the Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), including building complementarities with other MEAs
2. Research and Development, Assessment and Monitoring of Land Degradation	Development of Methods and Tools
3. Assessment of land management issues	Sub-Regional Action Programme
4. Building Capacity	Capacity Development
5. Technical Cooperation	South-South Cooperation
6. Lack of Harmonization	Harmonization of Public Policies
7. Rural Development and Poverty	Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation in the Rural Sector
8. Involvement of Youth and the Environment	Youth, Land Management and the Environment

## Conclusions

- Platform for collaboration
- Facilitate the development and implementation of SLM related activities in the Caribbean
- Promote synergistic approaches
- Meeting the obligations to the UNCCD and the land resources section of the BPOA
- Coordinated approach to resource mobilization and pooling of resources
- Government-Civil Society-International Agencies model



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