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Caribbean Nations Unite to Save Soil

In a historic moment, 4 Caribbean nations sign MOU for the Save Soil movement, led by Sadhguru

St John's, March 12, 2022: Heads of Government and Ministers for Health, Agriculture, and Environment from four Caribbean nations participated in a historic moment, endorsing the Save Soil initiative by signing a memorandum of understanding with Conscious Planet founder and global leader Sadhguru.

Trinbagonian singer and “King of Soca” Machel Montano, who played a critical role in galvanizing Caribbean leadership towards this movement, opened the event, sharing a firm commitment to use his music as “a platform to reach as many people with the critical message to Save Soil.”

Honorable Gaston Browne, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, expressed his “pleasure to participate in this initiative to sign this memorandum of understanding with Conscious Planet as we [support] the Save Soil movement. The issue of soil degradation, which could potentially become soil extinction, is a significant threat to the planet. Over 30 years ago, when climate change was identified as a significant threat, it was small island states in the Caribbean that were in the forefront of this fight. It is instructive that, 30 plus years later, it is the very Caribbean small island states that are now seeking to drive this process of saving our soil from extinction.”

<https://twitter.com/AntiguaOpm/status/1502408380794744835>

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) predicts that soil extinction could become a reality if soil degradation continues at present rates. Moreover, the FAO estimates that all the world's topsoil may be extinct in 60 years. By

2045, food production may drop by 40% as the population crosses 9.3 billion. Soil extinction could lead to catastrophic crisis worldwide, including food and water shortages, droughts and famines, adverse climate changes, mass migrations and unprecedented rates of species extinction.

Prime Minister Browne garnered the support of his Caribbean counterparts, including Prime Minister of Dominica Roosevelt Skerrit, Prime Minister of St. Lucia Philip J. Pierre, and Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis Timothy Harris. All four heads of government spoke passionately about the importance of taking decisive action to regenerate and restore the world's soil, with a clear commitment to institute soil-friendly policies.

Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, Timothy Harris expressed his commendations "to bring this initiative to the Caribbean region" noting its "critical importance for the sustainability of all life on Earth."

Prime Minister of Dominica, Roosevelt Skerrit shared his "absolute support" for the Save Soil initiative, with conviction that "agriculture holds the promise [to] feed the society [and] all people. We have to recognize that the soil is in fact the most important element on earth."

Prime Minister of St. Lucia, Philip J. Pierre explained that his country "is at a stage where we need to revive our agriculture" and that "this initiative will suit us very well." He was joined by the country's Agriculture Minister, Alfred P. Prospere.

Sadhguru affirmed that "these small nations, these pearls in the ocean, [can] make that turn around and demonstrate" that every nation can and must save its soil in the interest of all future life on the planet. Additionally, he emphasized that "we have lost connection with what nurtures our lives. Seeing soil as an inert substance that you can extract from is a completely wrong approach. It is a living soil. This is the most important message that needs to go to the young generation and the future generations: soil is a living entity."

<https://twitter.com/SadhguruJV/status/1502375423451164672>

The heads of government were joined by Antigua and Barbuda's Minister for Health, Environment and Wellness, Sir Molwyn Joseph and Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs, Samantha Marshall. Special thanks were given to Special Economic Envoy and founder of Global Citizen Forum, Mr. Armand Arton for assisting in carrying this initiative forward to the Caribbean Leaders. Mr. Arton also joined the ceremony via Zoom.

The memorandum was created in consultation with the top scientists in the world, considering each region's latitude, climate, economic conditions, and traditional

agricultural practices. The resolution, titled Soil Revitalization - Global Policy Draft & Solutions Handbook was presented by Sadhguru and accepted by the Caribbean Heads of States as an urgent and unifying initiative to restore soil health.

About Conscious Planet – Save Soil Movement

The Conscious Planet Movement to Save Soil is a global civil movement to inspire a conscious approach to saving our soil and planet. This is, first and foremost, a people's movement. Its aim is to activate the support of over 3.5 billion people (over 60% of the world's voting population) to make ecological issues an election priority for governments across the globe.

The Movement aims to urge and support governments in formulating policies that will address soil health in their country and make farming activity more soil friendly to halt and reverse further soil degradation globally. The primary recommendation of the Save Soil Movement is for governments across the world to legislate policies that will mandate a minimum of 3-6% organic content in all agricultural soil in their country. World leaders, influencers, artists, subject matter experts, farmers, spiritual leaders, NGOs are among those who have pledged their support to rekindle humanity's relationship with soil.

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