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Troumaca Bay Development Project Begins Community Consultation Process

The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the Unleashing the Blue Economy of the Caribbean (UBEC) Project in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Sustainable Development, commenced the first in a series of community consultations for the proposed development of Troumaca Bay. The World Bank funded project, saw the first session being held at the Troumaca Government School on Tuesday, 5th May 2026.

Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Sustainable Development, Hon. Dr. Kishore Shallow, described the initiative as a critical opportunity for Troumaca, North Leeward and the wider country. Minister Shallow said the project is intended to transform Troumaca Bay into a recreational and tourism site while preserving its natural beauty and community value.

According to the Tourism Minister, the development responds to a growing need for more recreational spaces and tourism attractions, particularly along the North Leeward corridor. He noted that Troumaca Bay has tremendous potential to support both visitors and locals, while creating opportunities for entrepreneurship, employment and community-based tourism.

“This is not just a recreational site,” Minister Shallow indicated. “It will service Troumaca, North Leeward and the entire country, while stimulating economic activity and creating opportunities for young people, fishers, vendors and small business owners.”

UBEC Project Manager, Ellsworth Dacon, explained that UBEC is a regional project valued at approximately US\$27.6 million, focused on tourism, fisheries and solid waste management. Dacon said the Troumaca Bay development is expected to attract an investment of approximately US\$3 million, including infrastructure, design and support from partner agencies.

The UBEC Project Manager said the proposed works include the repair of the existing fishing jetty, the construction of an additional jetty for small tourist tenders, a tourism-related building with restaurant space, footpaths, lighting, gazebos, improved beach access, facilities for fishers and enhanced public amenities.

Dacon reiterated that the consultation process is a requirement of the World Bank and is intended to ensure that the voices of residents, fishers and stakeholders guide the final design.

“We are here to listen,” Dacon said. “This consultation drives the design. We want to hear your concerns, what you want, what you do not want, and how this project can best serve the people of Troumaca.”

UBEC Environmental Specialist, Dr. Clint Lewis, outlined the environmental and social safeguards being applied to the project. Dr. Lewis said assessments have already considered issues such as marine and coastal impacts, waste management, construction noise and dust, traffic, worker safety, community access and the possible impact on residents and fishers in the area.

Dr. Lewis stressed that the project will be designed to maintain the natural character of Troumaca Bay as much as possible. The UBEC Environmental Specialist also highlighted the importance of the grievance mechanism, which will allow residents to raise concerns throughout the life of the project.

Dr. Lewis assured residents that concerns raised during the consultation would be documented, reviewed and addressed through the established environmental and social framework.

Community members raised several issues, including continued access to the beach, the future of the playing field, facilities for fishers, road access, traffic management, fencing, maintenance, lifeguards, signage, training opportunities and the preservation of Troumaca’s history.

Minister Shallow thanked residents for their frank feedback and encouraged continued participation as the project advances.

“Let us embrace development in the community,” The Tourism Minister said, adding that the project presents a valuable opportunity to create sustainable benefits for Troumaca and surrounding areas.

The consultation was supported by the Ministry of Tourism, the Fisheries Division, the National Parks, Rivers and Beaches Authority and the Solid Waste Management Unit . Further consultations are expected as the design and planning process continues.