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## PRESS RELEASE

## MINISTER FLOOD-BEAUBRUN SPEAKS ON CLIMATE AND PREPAREDNESS AT US-CARICOM MEETING HELD WITH US SECRETARY OF STATE BLINKEN



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**Washington D.C.** - At a virtual meeting held Wednesday, April 21, between Foreign Ministers of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the United States Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, Honourable Sarah Flood-Beaubrun, Minister with responsibility for External Affairs of Saint Lucia called on the Biden Administration to deepen its engagement with the Caribbean on the issues of disaster resilience and climate adaptation. Calling the issue, "*A threat to our economic and socio-political future like no other*", the Minister asked for a redoubling of support for national and regional emergency management agencies. She also insisted that the establishment of more effective financial mechanisms that support development and adaptation efforts of developing countries confronting the climate crisis were critical, and a place where the US could lead.

The CARICOM-US meet was an effort to strengthen the relationship between the United States and the Caribbean countries.