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Dr. Cato Laurencin
President of the CTNMA
University Professor, University of Connecticut
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Rodney Bay
CASTRIES

Dear Dr. Laurencin,

RE: Saint Lucia Academy of Science, Technology, and Arts.

By Cabinet Conclusion dated December 09, 2024, the Government of Saint Lucia approved the establishment of the Saint Lucia Academy of Science, Technology, and Arts as a non-profit, independent academic institution in Saint Lucia. The governance framework of the Academy was also approved.

The Academy of Science, Technology, and Arts will contribute to national development in a very practical and meaningful way. It will pursue a mandate to:

- a. Conduct independent scientific research and collaborate with a network of worldwide national academies, to provide government and non-governmental agencies with evidence based research on important issues of national development.
- b. Provide a nurturing environment to motivate and inspire young nationals to pursue careers in science, technology, and arts including the humanities.
- c. Promote the establishment of an ecosystem to attract international business start-ups, promote research and development, and facilitate business growth in collaboration with world-class academia and research institutions.

- d. Recognize and honor outstanding works of Saint Lucians in the fields of science, technology, and arts, as credible inductees into the Academy.

Under Article 1 Section 2 of the Bye-Laws of the Academy, the Prime Minister has designated the following founding fellows of the Academy.

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| 1. Dr. Cato Laurencin | - | Medicine |
| 2. Dr. Pearlette Louisy | - | Education & Culture |
| 3. Dr. Winston Parris | - | Medicine |
| 4. Javed Samuel | - | Technology |

The following have been designated as founding fellows (emeritus)

1. Sir. Arthur Lewis
2. Hon. Derek Walcott
3. Dr. Owen King

I wish to invite you to accept my designation as a founding fellow of the Academy in recognition of your outstanding academic accomplishments and contribution in your field of professional work.

I look forward to receiving your acceptance to join this prestigious body which will conduct its affairs as an independent body under its By-Laws, to serve our country and the wider Caribbean region.

You can contact Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister, Michael Willius, at 584-0741 or by email at mwillius@gmail.com, to send your reply to this invitation, to request a copy of the draft By-Laws or for any further clarification.

Yours sincerely



Philip J. Pierre
PRIME MINISTER