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ST. LUCIA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC.
THE 2025 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Introduction

The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. has oversight over all matters FOOTBALL in Saint Lucia managed by its Executive Committee elected every four years. The Executive Committee dialogues with the member leagues from time to time to share information, ideas and receive feedback as it sets policy which the secretariat turns into actionable programs and activities. 2025 was a very eventful year during which historical events took place. Saint Lucia hosted the 2025 Concacaf and CFU Congresses. These two events saw the attendance of the FIFA and Concacaf Presidents as well as the attendance of our Prime Minister, the Honorable Philip J Pierre. The Government of Saint Lucia partnered and provided added resources to ensure that we hosted flawlessly.

Mr. Lyndon Cooper, President, Saint Lucia Football Association Inc.

The Caribbean Region demonstrated its confidence in Saint Lucia by voting me, President of the Caribbean Football Union. By virtue of the ascension to CFU President, I have also been elevated to Vice President of Concacaf.

We also saw Saint Lucia's successful entry into the Concacaf Coaching Convention. Ten Coaches received their B' License Certificates in our first B' License Coaching Course.

Thanks to my Executive Committee and you the Member League for the unflagging support in 2025

STRATEGIC PILLAR - GOVERNANCE

STRATEGIC GOAL

To develop and create a strategic road map for the development and management of the association, its strategy, its affiliates, clearly defining roles and responsibilities by all parties in the execution of its plans and operations

1.0 Administration

1.1 The Executive Committee

President Lyndon Cooper and the Executive Committee continued to host the quarterly meetings of presidents of the member leagues to hold discussions on the ongoing projects as well as to discuss upcoming programs. Member League Presidents continued to receive regular updates and were provided support in the resolution of any issues that required some measure of intervention.

The Executive Committee also continued to meet monthly to receive updates from the secretariat and to issue directives for the implementation by the general secretariat.

During the period under review the Executive Committee spearheaded the installation of Normalisation Committees where member leagues were not functioning and achieving the goals that they were set up to undertake. The process entailed a search and identification or the best persons from within the league's geographic region and the selection of the persons deemed best for the job. The terms of reference as approved by the executive was discussed with the appointed committee after which meetings with the clubs and the newly appointed normalization Committee were held to discuss and explain the terms of reference.

The Secretariat which falls under the executive body is charged with the implementation of the policies as articulated by the executive committee worked closely with the various departments to ensure that the overall development programs were implemented in a timely fashion. The Secretariat continued to provide guidance and support to the member leagues.

The 2025 Ordinary Congress was held on the 3rd May 2025 at the National Skills Development Centre, Vieux Fort. The Secretariat prepared and circulated the various required documents to the member leagues in advance of the Congress to allow feedback for the improvement of the Congress documents. The Congress business was dispersed of in the usual efficient and businesslike manner, chaired by the President of the Saint Lucia Football Association Inc., Mr. Lyndon Cooper.

The Executive Committee Members Responsibilities Matrix	
President Lyndon Cooper	General Oversight and Governance
1st Vice President Stephen Regis	Youth Development
2nd Vice President Innocent St. Ange	Competitions and Governance
VICE PRESIDENTS	
Mr. Alvin Francis (Western Zone)	Refereeing & General Support and Development
Mr. Kendal Emmanuel (Eastern Zone	Finance
Mr. Valdez James (Northern Zone)	Infrastructure and Governance
Mr. Caron Serieux (Southern Zone)	

Mr. Lyndon Cooper – President, Saint Lucia Football Association Inc.

Mr. Stephen Regis, 1st Vice President **Mr. Innocent St. Ange, 2nd Vice President** **Mr. Kendal Emmanuel, Vice** President

Mr. Valdez James, Vice President **Mr. Caron Serieux, Vice President** **Mr. Alvin Francis, Vice President**

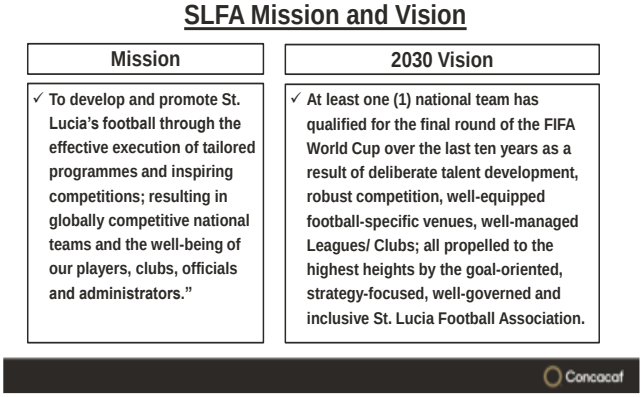
A. The Contract of Agreed Objectives (CAO)

The 2024 Amended Contract of Agreed Objectives (CAO) approved by Congress and FIFA was used during the past year and formed the basis upon which our project requests to FIFA for funding support were submitted.

FIFA has also indicated that it will provide the necessary support with the development of the new CAO when the current document expires in 2025.

B. Strategic Plans

Our Strategic Plans are now up for review in 2026. These were used in the development and implementation of our programs and activities over the last five years. The Executive Committee Report is predicated on the Strategic Pillars that are contained in the Strategic Plan. We intend to dialogue with Concacaf as it relates to the review and updating of the Plan.



C. The Club Licensing Program

In 2025, the Club Licensing Program was significantly revamped. We continued to engage Concacaf in the review of the Club Licensing Regulations and undertook two workshops with the member leagues.

The Leagues were informed that they had to undertake the annual registration in Concacaf Comet for 2025 which would entitle them to participate in the SLFA, CFU and Concacaf Competitions.

The long-standing Club Registration process in FIFA Connect continued with this being the primary form of player certification for all SLFA Championships.

D. Publications and the Media

We continued to publish our quarterly Newsletters during this period, these were circulated to our members and friends in Saint Lucia and externally.

A number of Press Conferences were held during which the media was apprised of the programs and activities undertaken by the association. The Communications Officer continues to promote the activities in print, radio, television and social media.

E. The Finance Department

The Finance Department continues to make use of QuickBooks Online for our record keeping and reporting processes of our finances. FIFA is generally pleased with the level of record keeping by the Association.

The use and adoption of QuickBooks by our member leagues for the Saint Lucia Forward Program continues to be a success story. One zonal workshop was held for the Normalisation Committees which aimed to help members understand the Saint Lucia Forward Program Regulations and provide refreshers in the use of QuickBooks Online to allow for more efficient record keeping.

F. Compliance and Enforcement

The Compliance and Enforcement Program continued to monitor the clubs and leagues to ensure that they were compliant with the rules and regulations for the various championships. We were

deliberately prompt in informing the clubs/leagues of these breaches so that they did not adversely affect their teams or impact the championships negatively.

One transfer window was administered for year 2025 for Club and District:

- **Transfer Period: 2nd – 31st January 2025**

G. The Scholarships Assistance Program

The Local Scholarships Program as well as the International Scholarship Assistance Program saw a minimum number of awards provided in the year under review.

2.0 The Technical Development Program – Overview

The Technical Departments undertook their primary functions by ensuring the implementation of the programs and activities in the following areas:

- Youth Development Program,
- Coaching Certification and Education Program,
- National Team Management and Development Program,
- Competitions (Local & International),
- Referee Training and Development,
- Women's Football Development Program,
- Grassroots Development Program,
- Projects and Infrastructure Program,

a. Coaching Education and Licensing Program

The Coach Education Program undertook a significant leap forward revolutionizing its modus operandi as well as improving the recruitment strategy and delivery processes. Saint Lucia was also able to successfully become a member of the Concacaf Coaching Convention and was rated as one of the best Member Associations in the delivery of its Coach Education Program. A number of training initiatives were delivered throughout the year during which coaches at all levels were afforded the opportunity to become certified. **The D', C' and B' License Coaching Diplomas** catered for every entry level of coaches from the clubs and districts in an effort to help these bodies replenish the coach stocks for the upcoming championships. The Saint Lucia Semi Pro Championship now demands that the head coach be a B' Level certified coach.

b. The C' License Coaching Certification

In 2025 the association offered the Concacaf and Saint Lucia C' License Coaching Diploma Course to Clubs and District Leagues Coaches. The number of persons per course was restrictive as it was being used to assess Saint Luca for admission to the Coaching Convention as well as providing our local instructors the training required to be graded as part of our readiness to the Coaching

Convention.

c. Coaching Courses in 2025:

The D' License Coaching Courses:

- 7th to 10th February 2025

The C' License Coaching Courses:

- 16th August to 12 October 2025
- 20th September to 23rd November 2025
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The Concacaf B' License Coaching Course (Offered in October 2025):

- 10 Coaches successfully graduated in 2026

d. The FIFA Football For Schools Program

Football for Schools (F4S) is an ambitious programme run by FIFA, in collaboration with UNESCO, which aims to contribute to the education, development and empowerment of around 700 million children. It seeks to make football more accessible to both boys and girls around the world by incorporating football activities into the education system, in partnership with relevant authorities and stakeholders.

Objectives of the Football for Schools Programme (F4S)

The F4S Programme seeks to achieve the following four key outcomes:
a) Empower learners (boys and girls) with valuable life skills and competencies
b) Empower and provide coach-educators with the training to deliver sport and life-skills activities
c) Build stakeholder capacity (schools, member association's and public authorities) through football
d) Strengthen the cooperation between governments, MAs and participating schools to enable partnerships, alliances and intersectoral collaboration

A steering committee was installed to plan, implement and monitor the program, comprising:

- Mr. Victor Reid – General Secretary, Saint Lucia Football Association Inc.
- Mr. John Sealy – Training Officer, Saint Lucia Football Association Inc.,
- Mr. Evastus Augustin – Assistant General Secretary, Events & Competitions, SLFA,
- Mr. Donald Albert – Curriculum Officer, Ministry of Education,
- Ms. Isabel Marquis, Sports Development Officer, Ministry of Youth & Sports

The following teachers/schools were selected to participate in the program

- Canaries Primary Mr. Bradley Tisson
- Monchy Combined, Mr. Meraius James
- Fond Assau Combined, Mr. Solomom Alexander
- Camille Henry Memorial, Mr. Nicholas Lebrun
- Morne Du Don Primary, Mr. Dean Nestor
- Ave Maria Girls Primary, Mr. Papin Bishop
- Bishop Charles Gachet Primary, Mr. Jacob Dupre
- Anse La Raye Primary, Mr. Albert Corsinie
- Ciceron Combined, Mr. Joel Jn Charles
- Millet Combined, Mr. Klen Jules
- Aux Lyon Combined, Ms. Pricilia Monlouis
- Dennery Primary, Mr. Manassa Phillip
- Mon Repos/ Patience Combined, Mr. Brandon Florence
- Micoud Primary, Mr. Nerville Florence
- Blanchard Combined, Mr. Kennith Monroe
- Belle Vue Combined, Mr. Teddy Emmauel
- Plain View Combined, Mr. Robert Emmanuel
- Laborie Girls Primary, Ms. Pernel Joseph
- Delcer Combined, Mr. Kezia Haynes
- Les Etangs Combined, Mr. Linzel Alcee

Training of Teachers For the FIFA For Schools Program

Schools Participating in the FIFA For Schools Festival

Teachers at the Festival and Practical Session at the Choiseul Playing Field

3.0 The 2025 Women's Football Program

The Women's Football Department in conjunction with the National Women's Football League undertook to develop a national program which was approved and funded by FIFA. The program continued in 2025 with major improvements in the numbers and delivery of the specific championships rolled out by the Competitions Department.

A number of activities inclusive of the annual Women's Football program were planned, developed and implemented in an effort to provide meaningful activities for women and girls. The Women's Football Department along with other staff was tasked with the implementation of the programs and activities which they undertook successfully.

The following activities were implemented in 2025:

a. Continued support to leagues for their Women and Girl's Football programs. Some leagues were provided with limited financing,
b. The program provided some increased visibility to help with the recruitment of girls by member leagues during which the official launch of the Under 13 girls championship took place,
c. A significant increase in the number of championships was evident; the Girls U 13, Girls U 15 and the Senior Women's Championships,
d. Posters were made of the participating teams in the Senior Women's Championship and were given to the teams to put up in their communities,

3rd Place Team Desruisseaux Women's Team

2nd Place Team Vieux Fort South Women's

1st Place Winner and National Champions – Canaries Women's Team

4.0 Youth Football Development

4.1 Club Grassroots Program & Under 10 & Under 12 Boys Club Championships

Club Licensing continues to mandate that every club and member league have at least one youth team/program which must participate in at least one of the SLFA's Annual Youth Championships. This creates the need for the clubs to undertake grassroots programs in order for them to fulfill this stipulation.

The National Annual Youth Championships is one of the ways by which we encourage the clubs and member leagues to remain compliant with the Club Licensing regulations by creating for them the avenue to participate in youth championships.

Six District teams participated in the 2025 Under 10 Boys Club Championship, a significant reduction in the number of that was anticipated The Under 12 Boys Primary School District Championship saw the registration of 17 teams in this championship.

Fourteen teams finished the championship which was keenly contested and saw a marked increase in the support by the parents of the boys. The level of play by the boys continues to improve significantly.

The SLFA Technical Centre in the Mabouya Valley, Dennery was used for the duration of the Championship in 2025.

4.2 The Under 14 Girls Program – Trinidad and Tobago, 15th – 24th August 2025

The Saint Lucia football Association Inc. was committed to continuing to participate in the CFU Under 14 Girls Championships and undertook the necessary preparation for the championship. The Championship was held in Trinidad and Tobago.

The team was coached by Mr. Felix St. Rose and Managed by Ms. Shennell St. Louis.

The team was unsuccessful in medaling at this championship.

4.3 Concacaf Under 15 Boys Championships – Curacao

The Under 15 Boys National Team - 2nd to 10th August 2025,

- Head Coach, Mr. Francis Lastic,
- Manager, Mr. Angus William,

The team was also unsuccessful in medaling at this championship.

STRATEGIC PILLAR – COMPETITIONS

STRATEGIC GOAL

To provide pathways and access to players, coaches and officials desirous of representing Saint Lucia in participating and competing in creative and innovative local and international championships

5.0 Competitions – Local and International

5.1 Local Championships

Men's Competitions

- **The Saint Lucia Semi Professional League Championship (Ongoing)**
- 10 Teams in Tier One
- 10 Teams in Tier Two
- Over 90 Matches

Tier One Championship

- 1st Place & Champion Team – La Clery Football League
- 2nd Place Team – Vieux Fort South Football League
- 3rd Place Team – Canaries

Tier Two Champions

- 1st Place & Champion Team – Anse La Raye Football League
- 2nd Place Team – Vieux Fort North Football League
- 3rd Place Team – Roseau Valley Football League

Women's Competitions

- **The Senior Women's Championship**
- 7 Teams Played,
- 32 Matches Played
- 1st Place & Champion – Canaries Football League
- 2nd Place Team – Vieux Fort South Football League
- 3rd Place Teams – Desruisseaux Football League

Boys Competitions

- **The Under 12 Boys Primary School District Championship**
- 19 Teams Played
- Over 91 Matches Played
- 1st Place & Champion – Mabouya Valley Football League
- 2nd Place Team – Vieux Fort South Football League
- 3rd Place Team – Gros Islet Football League

- **The Under 10 Boys Championship (Ongoing)**
- 6 Teams
- 7 Matches
- 1st Place & Champion – Mabouya Valley Football League
- 2nd Place Team – Marchand Football League
- 3rd Place Team – Canaries Football League

Girls Competitions

- **The Under 13 Girls District Championship**
- 7 Teams
- 30 Matches
- 1st Place Team – Anse La Raye Football League
- 2nd Place Team – Dennery Football League
- 3rd Place Team – Soufriere Football League

- **The Under 15 Girls Championship**
- 7 Teams
- 25 Matches
- 1st Place Team – Anse La raye Football League
- 2nd Place Team – Desruisseaux Football League
- 3rd Place Team – Dennery Football League

The Post Match Interview, Saint Lucia vs St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Three of the Teams in the 2025 Under 13 Girls

STRATEGIC PILLAR – NATIONAL TEAM SUCCESS

STRATEGIC GOAL

To qualify for a World Cup by developing national teams that thrive on excellence

Regional and International Championships

1. Men's Senior National Team

- LCA vs Curacao – 6th June 2025 - World Cup Qualifier – Curacao
- LCA vs Barbados – 10th June 2025 – World Cup Qualifier – BDS
- LCA vs Cuba – 12 November 2025 – Friendly Series – Santiago
- LCA vs St. Vincent – 15th November – Friendly Series – Santiago

2. **Women's Senior National Team – Windward Islands Women – St. Vincent**
    - LCA vs Barbados -14th September 2025
    - LCA vs Dominica – 16th September 2025
    - LCA vs St. Vincent – 18th September 2025
    - LCA vs Barbados – 20th September 2025

3. **Boys National Team**

A. **Concacaf World Cup – Under 15 Boys - Aruba**
    - LCA vs Grenada – 4th August 2025
    - LCA vs Martinique – 5th August 2025
    - LCA vs French Guiana – 6th August 2025

4. **Girls National Team**

A. **CFU Under 14 Girls Championship - Trinidad**
    - LCA vs USVI - 15th August 2025
    - LCA vs Dominica – 16th August 2025
    - LCA vs Bonaire – 17th August 2025
    - LCA vs St. Kitts – 18th August 2025

STRATEGIC PILLAR - FINANCE

STRATEGIC GOAL

To create a dynamic and innovative marketing strategy that will generate interest and attention and ultimately generating wealth for the association,

FINANCE

The Finance Workshop & Other support

- A Finance Workshop were held for the member leagues that were classified as Normalization Committees. This was undertaken in order to introduce them to the Saint Lucia Football Association Forward Program.
- At the Workshop, they were introduced to the regulations which were extensively unraveled, the application forms and the reporting format and mechanism that was available and to be used.
- The Workshop was for the following Leagues:
    - ✓ Canaries Football League,
    - ✓ Soufriere Football League,
    - ✓ Babonneau Football League,
    - ✓ Marchand Football League,
- Concacaf provided the Saint Lucia Football Association financial support by way of the One Concacaf Funding,
- The SLFA was able to receive limited financial Support from the National Lotteries Authority and the Saint Lucia Olympic Committee,

STRATEGIC PILLAR– DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGIC GOAL

To build a strong and stable quality national association, develop quality technical and administrative infrastructure, create opportunities and access to all whilst enhancing the quality of life and well-being of all.

The Referee Development Program

- **The 2025 Refereeing Program Report**

The Refereeing Department undertook a number of training programs:

a. Local Training Programs Undertaken – Five Zoom Training sessions were held by the Referee Instructors during the course of the year for all referees.

b. Concacaf in conjunction with the SLFA held a **Referee Course in Saint Lucia** during the period 20th – 23rd March 2025. The Course was conducted by Concacaf Referee Instructors, Mr. Morgan Ramsey and Ms. Kelisha Antoine. The locally based instructors also attended and assisted. These were, Mr. Ashley Duncan, Ms. Leanna Wallace, Mr. Ricky La force and Mr. Timothy Joseph.

c. The Instructors undertook **5 Referee assessments** during the Saint Lucia Semi Professional League matches as part of an Instructor development program

d. A Venue Coordinator and Match Commissioner Workshop was held for 24 persons facilitated by Ms. Emaline Hunte on the 21st February 2025.

e. Regional and International Referee Programs Attended:

- **The CFU Referee Training Program, -** Five Women Referees attended the training program and officiated at the 2025 CFU Under 14 Girls Championship (Ms. Leanna Wallace, Ms. Alvina Francis, Ms. Nayika Mc Farlane, Ms. Shayanne Similien and Ms. Corneila Edmund during the period 10th – 20th August 2025,
- Mr. Renlee Napoleon and Ms. Alvin Francis officiated at the 2025 Windward Islands Women's Championship in St. Vincent and the Grenadiines from the 11th – 21 September 2025,
- One Fitness Training and Fitness test was held in Soufriere on the 28th September 2025 for all referees,
- A total of Seven Fitness training programs were held for all referees in January, February and March 2025,

- Ms. Leanna Wallace undertook a One-hour session with the Coaches undertaking the 2025 C' License Coaching Course during which she sought to explain some of the rules, the issue of player reaction towards referee decisions, the role of the referees at a match and the procedures to be followed during and after a match

- Ms. Lenna Wallace and Mr. Ashley Duncan also undertook a special training for five women referees on International Women's Day

The 2025 Operational Cost (OPC) – Report

The OPC report is to outline the programs and projects that the Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. implemented in 2025. FIFA provides funding to Football Associations rewarding them for their implementation of the additional programs undertaken in addition to of the Forward Funds that are provided every year. USD Fifty Thousand Dollars (USD $50,00.00) is awarded to each of the programs successfully implemented. In 2025, the SLFA was able to satisfy all the requirements and is all set to receive the total amount from FIFA. The following are the programs successfully undertaken by the Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. in 2025:

The 2025 SLFA Registration Program (IT Systems)

A. The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc continues to use the FIFA Connect Club Registration System for all its Championships,
B. A National Workshop (Zoom) with all nineteen Leagues was undertaken along with five SLFA Staff members. The workshop was conducted by the FIFA TMS Staff.
C. Each member league was provided with access to register their organization in Concacaf Comet with sixteen leagues registering.
D. The 2025 Transfer Window was facilitated by FIFA Connect and a manual transfer window for the member Football leagues,
E. The SLFA met with the Company that manages the FIFA Competitions Management System to discuss our use of the system and the cost associated with its use,
F. The SLFA also undertook to provide direction as it concerned the transition of the FIFA Transfer Management System. The Clubs were asked to appoint TMS Managers who were then directed to undergo an online training program after which they would receive a certificate. The Clubs would gradually be eased into managing their club TMS accounts.

The 2025 OPC 11th Condition is as follows:

1. Safeguarding

The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc.'s Safeguarding Regulations, after scrutiny by FIFA, has been approved. The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. Executive Committee approved the Regulations for circulation to our member leagues and clubs,

G. The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. held a safeguarding workshop for the Coaches undertaking the C' License Coaching Course,
H. The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. after mandating that each member league appoint a Safeguarding Officer, held a workshop for 16 Safeguarding Officers from the member leagues,

Launch of Safeguarding Regulations

2. Minimum Requirements for Professional Contracts

As a result of the introduction of the Saint Lucia Semi Professional League and the fact that players were to be paid, the Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. and the Semi Professional League administration devised an appropriate contract to be used by all nineteen teams.
This was undertaken as a measure to protect the players and teams, but more importantly to protect the integrity of the Semi Professional League and the beautiful game. It was also mandated that all players had to be contracted before they were allowed to play and that payments would be based on player contracts and attendance record sheets.

With the creation of Incorporated bodies, it was also necessary that we undertook a workshop in Company Law which also looked at contracts and the legal implications of incorporation. The workshop was held for the member leagues on the 31st May 2025 during which the Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers attended,

3. Initiatives for Good Governance

The Saint Lucia Football Association's membership structure comprises of a body called the District Football League which is technically responsible for the control and development of Football in its localities on behalf of the Saint Lucia Football Association Inc.

The League is also responsible for the selection of its best players within its geographic region which participates in national championships during which these players are also scouted for possible national selection.

As part of the governance structure, the SLFA has developed a funding support program; the SLFA Forward which provides member leagues with limited financial support to be used for their participation in championships and development programs.

The SLFA administered two workshops, for Normalisation Committees during which the following was undertaken:

- Orientation to the SLFA Forward,
- The Regulations for the SLFA Forward
- The application Process,
- Using the Application Forms,
- The League Bank Account and Microsoft Quick books

4. Implementing a Culture of Compliance

The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. provides rules for the holding of all its competitions as well as Regulations for its Financial Support Program designed to provide financial support to its member leagues. The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. has established the two bodies that are responsible for dealing with the persons or bodies that contravene these rules or regulations after it has exhausted all efforts at addressing these misdemeanours.

As a result of the increase in funding for the 2025 Semi Pro League by government, the SLFA and the Semi Pro Administration held a series of workshops with the member leagues to outline the requirements for accessing the payments for the players, the payment system, the payment structure, the increase in technical staff and the implication of the new fixtures which now has in excess of 90 matches.

5. Security at Matches (Saint Lucia Semi Professional League)

In an effort to continue to improve on the standards for the Semi Pro League especially security features, a Sem Pro Identification Card System was developed and used by the teams and officials.

These ID Cards were issued to the players and technical staff for each team as well as to all match officials (Referees, Administrators). The cards are linked to the registration of the member league teams, the various officials to be used and the administrators involved with the

Semi Pro League. The cards also denote level of access to areas at the host venues during matches for players and officials.

Each person's ID Card was scanned upon entry in the match venue, anyone without an ID card was denied access to the players pavilion or change rooms. The system has worked well and will be refined in 2026.

Special Semi Professional League Training Activities – 31st May 2025

As a result of the resounding success of Season One of the Saint Lucia Semi Professional League, the Government of Saint Lucia were sold on increasing the allocations to the Semi Pro League to enable the Technical Team for the teams to be compensated.

The Board of Directors and the Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. held two workshops for the Presidents and Secretaries of the Semi Pro League to apprise them of the new developments concerning the increase in funds, the process for accessing the funds and other technical issues.

Based on the increased funding each team's technical team would comprise a total of Seven persons with each of them now entitled to receive compensation every month. The payment forms were discussed thoroughly to ensure that everyone fully understood the requirements.

Significant Collaborations

FIFA

Has continued to provide support to the Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. in its quest to access the programs and activities offered to Member Associations. The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. meets constantly with the FIFA Caribbean Office staff to ascertain the status of our requests and to collaborate in an effort to meet the deadlines and criteria as set by FIFA.

We have continued to benefit from FIFA Programs and Infrastructure Projects throughout the year and have continued to enjoy a cordial working relationship with the Zurich and Caribbean Offices.

CONCACAF

Also has continued to support our programs and provides us with resource personnel to help us in our development and training programs for coaching and Coach Education.

Concacaf continues to collaborate with us in the delivery of the 2025 One Concacaf Program in Saint Lucia. We also hosted matches for the Dominica Football Association in 2025 as a result of the unavailability of their stadium for the matches that should have been hosted by them.

The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. also hosted the 2025 Concacaf Ordinary Congress.

The Caribbean Football Union

Forever remains a strategic partner with the Saint Lucia Football Association. We continue to partner with the CFU by accessing its programs and activities throughout the year.

The CFU continues to provide a crucial role by fostering and facilitating the much needed collaboration between the member associations in the Caribbean Region and creating innovative programs for our participation and benefit.

We were also fortunate to host the 2025 CFU Congress in Saint Lucia during which President Lyndon Cooper was elected President of the CFU.

The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc. continues to appreciate the excellent and strategic working relationship with the Ministry of Youth Development and Sports. We are indeed grateful for the unflagging support being provided to the SLFA to ensure that our programs and activities are successful.

The Ministry of Youth Development and Sports played a crucial role by collaborating with us in the hosting of the Concacaf and CFU Congresses held in Saint Lucia. The Ministry of Youth Development and Sports has also been the conduit through which we have been able to receive continuous support with the financing and implementation of the Saint Lucia Semi Professional League.

The 2025 Forward Program

We have continued to benefit from the FIFA Forward Program as the main source of funding for our programs and activities. We strive to satisfy the regulations as set which allows us access to the available funding. We have continued to provide the appropriate reports, statutory and FIFA Audits as mandated by the regulations.

Over the months, we have continued to improve on our record keeping and reporting mechanisms to ensure that we continue to satisfy the Auditors. We have embraced the use of digital record keeping which our member leagues have adopted for the past three years.

The Finance Department has undergone a total revamp of its processes and procedures in an effort to continuously improve and modernize the recording and reporting procedures adopted. We have also developed financial documents which are being refined and provide clarity as it pertains to the various facets of the financial system as well as a guide for the attention of staff, executive members and member leagues. We will continue to refine the operations of the Finance Department.

In 2025, we undertook a number of Infrastructural Projects as follows:

a. Maintenance work at our headquarters, repairs including some remedial maintenance work at the Technical Centre,
b. Major Refurbishment of our Headquarters (Replacement of the roof and upgrade works to one complete block, including the Conference Room),
c. The National Teams Project which catered for funding for our participation in a number of regional championships (FIFA U 17 Boys and Girls Qualifiers, FIFA U 20 Boys Qualifiers, Windward Islands Women's Championship, FIFA Senior Women's Qualifies,

The Technical Centre continues to be the hive of activity where all our national teams undertake their training and where we host some of our youth championships. We have also undertaken with FIFA an assessment of the works to be undertake in order to make the technical centre more functional. FIFA has recently completed the installation of lighting at the technical centre. The handing over of the lighting is now completed and we intend to use the lights for training and championships very soon.

Conclusion

The Saint Lucia Football Association Inc.'s thrust to continue to be strategic in its development and operations and to continue to grow from strength to strength. Our core undertakings are continually driven by the various strategic interventions that we have crafted. Last year the support and collaboration that has been realized by us and our partners has been exceptional. We have continued to improve on the delivery of our services to our members and the wider Saint Lucia.

Our partnerships with external football entities continues to grow and flourish. Our resolve to continue to push the development agenda is reaping rewards as we have begun to realize a new shift in the mind set of our members and the wider Saint Lucia.

President Cooper is Elected President of the Caribbean Football Union

Prime Minster Hon. Philip Pierre takes a picture with the President of FIFA and the President of Concacaf