

At the Cheddi Jagan International Airport today, before departing for New York, to address the 17th session of the Commission of Sustainable Development, a United Nations body, Head of State Bharrat Jagdeo indicated that consultations on the national Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) will commence this month.

“I’ve met with several NGOs including the three Amerindian NGOs and the representatives of an International one. I plan to meet with the private sector and the labour movement when I get back. We hope to launch the consultations for the national strategy that will transform Guyana’s economy while addressing climate change some time later this month,” the President said.

The President had met with representatives of indigenous Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) - the Amerindian Peoples Association (APA), the Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG) and the National Amerindian Development Fund (NADF) on May 8, along with Jocelyn Dow representing the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) as independent consultants on behalf of the Government of Norway.

The Head of State indicated that over a two-month period, extensive debate and consultations will be held seeking to involve the widest cross-section of the Guyanese population.

The exercise will start off with a national stakeholders’ meeting in Region Four (Demerara) that would bring together all the stakeholders – politicians, labour movement, private sector, indigenous people, forestry users and miners.

