

Side Event Concept Note

Understanding DRM and CCA dimensions in the Caribbean

November 5th, 16:00 to 17:30

Objectives:

The Caribbean region has been affected by many climate-related hazards in the recent years, evidence of its high vulnerability to climate change. Disaster risk management has therefore become one of the priorities for many countries in the region in order to better cope with the anticipated impacts of climate change. This side event aims to share and discuss on-going work related to strengthening the integration of multiple-hazard and systemic risk dimensions into Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management including strengthening/establishing early warning systems in the Caribbean. The session will also focus on experiences related to the application of innovative thinking on risk and resilience and preparedness and response planning using virtual platforms. It will also discuss how COVID-19 impacts could shape future agriculture DRM work in the region.

Methodology:

90 minutes session: Five presentations of 10-minutes each. This will be followed by a facilitated question and answer (20 minutes) and synthesis (20 minutes).

Presentations:

1. Understanding COVID-19 Impacts on Agriculture Livelihoods in Guyana and reflections on current/future agriculture disaster risk management work

Ms. Natasha Beerjit-Deonarine
Ministry of Agriculture
Guyana

2. Hurricane Preparedness and Response Planning in times of COVID-19: Experiences from Saint Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines under the REACH project and other related activities/initiatives

Mr. A. Barry Innocent
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Physical Planning, Natural Resources and Co-operatives
Saint Lucia

Ms. Debbie Daniel
Ministry of Agriculture, Industry, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation
St. Vincent and the Grenadines

3. How to improve hurricane preparedness, response and recovery of the fisheries sector in the Caribbean?

Dr. Iris Monnereau
Regional Project Coordinator CC4FISH
FAO Sub-Regional Office for the Caribbean

4. Towards Transformative and Resilient Agriculture in Dominica: Applying innovative thinking on risk and resilience

Dr. Nadia Pacquette-Anselm
Climate Resilience Execution Agency for Dominica (CREAD)
Commonwealth of Dominica

5. The Caribbean Regional Emergency Response Strategy and Action Plan

Ms. Martina Duncan
FAO Sub-Regional Office for the Caribbean

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CARICOM / FAO Programme Liaison

Language:

Event to be conducted in English; simultaneous translation in Spanish

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