



# Intra-ACP Focus Day

Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management and  
Climate Change Adaptation in ACP countries

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# **Building Resilience at the Regional Level in the Caribbean**

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# Context

- ❑ CDEMA transitioned from CDERA on Sept 1, 2009.
- ❑ CDERA was originally established by an Inter-governmental Agreement signed in Grenada in Sept 1991 at the Conference of the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).



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# CDEMA Participating States

1. Anguilla
2. Antigua
3. Bahamas
4. Barbados
5. Belize
6. British Virgin Islands
7. Dominica
8. Grenada
9. Guyana
10. Jamaica
11. Montserrat
12. St Kitts and Nevis
13. Saint Lucia
14. St Vincent and the Grenadines
15. Trinidad & Tobago
16. Turks & Caicos Islands
17. Haiti
18. Suriname



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# The Caribbean Region is...

Characterized as a highly vulnerable region with a long history of devastating hazard impacts that repeatedly derail socio-economic development and growth

Frequently impacted by hydro-meteorological hazards - hurricanes, tropical storms, floods and droughts

Affected by earthquakes and volcanic eruptions though not as frequently but as equally devastating

Emerging trans-boundary threats- epidemics/pandemics terrorism, sargassum, climate change



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# Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM)

- CDM is the management of **all hazards** through **all phases** of the disaster management cycle by **all peoples** - *public and private sectors, all segments of civil society and the general population*
- CDM involves **risk reduction & management** and **integration of vulnerability assessment** into the development planning process



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# REGIONAL GOAL

Safer, more resilient and sustainable CDEMA Participating States through Comprehensive Disaster Management

## CDM PRIORITY AREAS

**PRIORITY AREA 1 (PA 1)**  
Strengthened institutional arrangements for CDM



**PRIORITY AREA 2 (PA 2)**  
Increased and sustained knowledge management and learning for CDM



**PRIORITY AREA 3 (PA 3)**  
Improved integration of CDM at sectoral levels



**PRIORITY AREA 4 (PA 4)**  
Strengthened and sustained community resilience



### REGIONAL OUTCOMES

**Regional Outcome 1.1 (RO1.1)**  
National Disaster Organizations and CDEMA CU are strengthened for effective support of the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of CDM in Participating States

**Regional Outcome 1.2 (RO1.2)**  
CDM is integrated into policies, strategies and legislation by Participating States

**Regional Outcome 1.3 (RO1.3)**  
Development Partners' programming aligned to CDM programming and priorities

**Regional Outcome 1.4 (RO1.4)**  
Strengthened coordination for preparedness, response and recovery at the national and regional levels

**Regional Outcome 1.5 (RO1.5)**  
CDM programming is adequately sourced

**Regional Outcome 2.1 (RO2.1)**  
Regional Disaster Risk Management Network for informed decision-making at all levels improved

**Regional Outcome 2.2 (RO2.2)**  
Integrated systems for fact-based policy and decision making established

**Regional Outcome 2.3 (RO2.3)**  
Incorporation of community and sectoral based knowledge into risk assessment improved

**Regional Outcome 2.4 (RO2.4)**  
Educational and training materials for CDM standardized, improved and applied in the region

**Regional Outcome 3.1 (RO3.1)**  
Strategic Disaster Risk Management programming for priority sectors improved

**Regional Outcome 3.2 (RO3.2)**  
Hazard information integrated into development planning and work programming for priority sectors

**Regional Outcome 3.3 (RO3.3)**  
Incentive programmes developed and applied for the promotion of the risk reduction/ CCA in infrastructure investment in priority sectors

**Regional Outcome 4.1 (RO4.1)**  
Standards for safe communities developed, agreed and applied

**Regional Outcome 4.2 (RO4.2)**  
Community-based Disaster Management capacity built/ strengthened for vulnerable groups

**Regional Outcome 4.3 (RO4.3)**  
Community Early Warning Systems, integrated, improved and expanded

**Regional Outcome 4.4 (RO4.4)**  
Community Livelihoods safeguarded and strengthened through effective risk management

### CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

GENDER

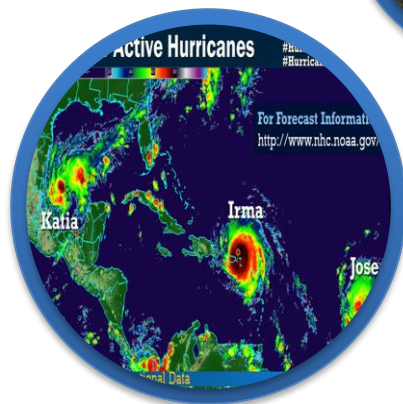
CLIMATE CHANGE

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

# Trouble in the Tropics

Three CAT 5 hurricanes in two weeks, equaling second highest strength on record and strengthening over a short time period



100%  
Population  
Affected

Losses  
10-225%  
GDP



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# Perspectives on Mainstreaming DRM and CCA – Building a Caribbean Pathway to Resilience



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# Pillars of Resilience

A Caribbean Pathway for Resilience is built around five (5) pillars,

- ❑ Social Protection for the Marginal and Most Vulnerable
- ❑ Safeguarding Infrastructure
- ❑ Enhancing Economic Opportunity
- ❑ Environmental Protection
- ❑ Operational Readiness and Recovery



**TRANSFORMATION IS REQUIRED**



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# Focus on the ACP-EU NDRM Program



- Programme supports the implementation of the CDM Strategy and the Sendai Disaster Risk Reduction Framework
- As it relates to the Caribbean Pathway for Resilience, actions undertaken under the NDRM are contributing primarily to
  - Safeguarding Infrastructure – road and water sector
  - Operational Readiness and Recovery



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# Lessons learned



- ❑ Interventions need to be better aligned to national and regional priorities established including making a direct contribution to targets and indicators.
- ❑ Sufficient time and financial investment is required to bring about meaningful change. Demonstration projects and pilot actions need to be upscaled and be more focused
- ❑ There is insufficient real engagement with regional entities who have been given the mandate to lead the DRR/CCA agenda. Resources are not being optimised.
- ❑ Direct funding to specific national priorities is a necessary component of funding streams
- ❑ Sufficient time must be provided for country-level gestation.
- ❑ The overall focus on contributing to sustainable development and resilience building is critical and not just integration of DRR/CCA.



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# Thank You



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