Regional workshop
Addressing coordination and data sharing challenges for better environment, climate change and disaster indicators

Agenda & Background Note

22-24 November 2022 | TBD Room | TBD, Trinidad & Tobago

BACKGROUND

The Statistics Division and the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), in collaboration with United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission, have been working together over the past year and a half at the country level to strengthen institutional and statistical capacities of selected Caribbean countries to better produce, disseminate and use environment, climate change and disaster indicators. Work at the country level has helped in identifying coordination and data sharing as the most critical areas where exchange of knowledge and experiences and peer learning at the regional level bring the most value for countries. Therefore, as part of the Development Account 12th Tranche (DA12) project on **Caribbean SIDS relevant climate change and disasters indicators for evidence-based policies,** a regional workshop is being organized to facilitate exchange of ideas and peer learning among project beneficiary and non-beneficiary countries.

OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKSHOP

This workshop will bring stakeholders from National Statistical Offices, Ministries of Environment, and Emergency and Disaster Management authorities of members and associate members of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) to share experiences and knowledge, and promote peer learning on strengthening the environment, climate change, and disaster statistical areas in their organisations and promoting the use of data in decision making.

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Enable a safe space for participants to discuss specific challenges on coordination and data sharing processes of environment, climate change and disaster statistics and share knowledge, experiences, and success stories in addressing these challenges
- Show advances of ECLAC´s regional resilience database and receive feedback from the participants
- Identify the most pressing national needs in the areas of environment, climate change and disaster data that could be addressed by ECLAC in the next stages of the DA12 project

PROPOSED AGENDA

DAY 1 – 22 November, 2022	
8:00 - 8:30	Registration
8:30 - 9:30	**OPENING CEREMONY** **Welcome addresses** Moderator**:** TBD Mrs. Diane Quarless, Chief of the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean TBD, T&T TBD, UNRCO TBD, CARICOM TBD, OECS TBD, CDEMA TBD, UNSD TBD, ECLAC *Photo of the authorities and participants
9:30 – 9:50	**Presentation: The DA12th project**, tbd, ECLAC
9:50 – 10:10	Coffee Break
10:10 – 11:30	**Session 1: Disaster Statistics: Advances in the region** Moderator: tbd, ECLAC 1. **Display: Developing a regional resilience database for more effective decision making** - Presentation of the regional resilience database, Mr. Francisco Jiménez, ECLAC, 10' - Visualization exercises, Mr. José Luis Olarte, ECLAC, 15' - Interactive feedback from the participants (Slido), 10' - Q&A, 15' 2. **Presentation: Statistical Conference of the Americas: Working group on disaster statistics** - Presentation of the working group advances, INE Paraguay and INEI Perú, 20' - Q&A, 10'
11:30 – 12:00	**Session 2: How to strengthen sustained production, collection, dissemination and use of environment, climate change and disaster statistics?** 1. **Presentations: steps to develop the environment / climate change data area in my organisation** Moderator: TBD Input:

	Suriname (NSO) (tbc) Belize (MoEnv) (tbc) This session aims to show the timeline and developmental steps to create an environment/climate change statistics area. Participants will learn about different practices and solutions adopted by their peers to advance quicker in developing this area.
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 13:30	**Group work: drawing lessons learned and recommendations from country experiences from 1st round of presentations**
13:30 – 14:00	**2. Presentations: Preparing an environment/climate change/disaster statistics compendium which impacts policymaking** Moderator: TBD Input: St Vincent and the Grenadines (NSO/MoEnv – experience on Vol Erup) (tbc) Grenada (NSO) (tbc) This session will provide information about the preparation, publishing, and dissemination of an environment/climate change/disaster statistics compendium and how such publication impacts policymaking processes
14:00 – 14:30	**Group work: drawing lessons learned and recommendations from country experiences from 2nd round of presentations**
14:30 – 15:00	**Reporting back from group work**
15:00 – 15:50	**Panel discussion: How do better environment, climate change and disaster indicators at the national level contribute to building resilience at the regional level?** Moderator: TBD Tbd, CARICOM Tbd, CDEMA Tbd, OECS Tbd, UNSD Tbd, UNDRR
15:50 – 16:00	Conclusion of the day
DAY 2 – 23 November, 2022	
8:40 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:20	**Welcome, overview of Day 1 and introduction to the working group sessions** Moderator: TBD
9:20 – 11:20	**Session 3: Dynamic working groups - better coordination and collaboration for more quality environment, climate change and disaster statistics and indicators**

*Coffee break 10:35 – 10:55	*All input givers pitch their topic (10 min each) and then group splits into three. There are 3 rounds of 20 min discussion **1. The role of a national statistical office in enhancing environment, climate change and disaster statistics** Moderator: TBD Input: Jamaica (NSO) (tbc) In this session, participants will learn about the role of a national statistical office in the process of collecting, analysing, and disseminating environment, climate change and disaster statistics and indicators. They will discuss the current limitations of most common roles and identify areas for improvement. **2. Effective collaboration within the National Statistical System** Moderator: TBD Input: St Lucia (NSO & MoEnv) (tbc) TBD In this session, participants will learn about good practices to enhance collaboration within the NSS and share success stories that could apply or serve as inspiration for other countries in the region. **3. Engaging with key stakeholders beyond NSS to improve environment, climate change and disaster data** Moderator: TBD Input: Antigua and Barbuda (tbc) In this session, participants will get insights into the advantages of collaborating with actors beyond the NSS and practical examples of how to approach them. Furthermore, by exchanging with their peers, participants will identify strategic areas for engagement with the private sector, civil society, academia, the media, etc.
11:20 – 12:00	Reporting back from working groups: Key messages, questions, and recommendations
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 13:20	**Slido session: takeaways from session 2**
13:20 – 14:10	**Panel discussion: How do you support and promote better coordination of key agencies for the environment, climate change and disaster data areas in Caribbean countries?** Moderator: Artie Dubrie, Coordinator, Sustainable Development and Disaster Unit, ECLAC Caribbean

	Tbd, CARICOM Laverne Walker, ECLAC POS Tbd, OECS Tbd, CDEMA Tbd, CIMH TBD, Red Cross- for the Caribbean region
14:10 – 14:20	**Slido session: intro to session 3 – non-traditional data**
14:20 – 15:20	**Session 4: How to leverage non-traditional data sources in the production of environment, climate change and disaster indicators?** **Presentations: country examples** Dominica (tbc) St. Kitts and Nevis (tbc) Q&A
15:20 – 15:30	Conclusion of the day
DAY 3 – 24 November, 2022	
8:40 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:15	**Welcome, overview of Day 2 and introduction to the "World Café" tables** Moderator: TBD
9:15 – 11:40 * Coffee break 10:15 – 10:45	**Session 5: World Café tables: better data sharing processes** **1. What type of agreements are effective to enable data sharing? Share the experience from your country** Facilitator: TBD This table will provide an opportunity for participants to share experiences on what type of data agreements have worked to enable data sharing and what does not work or should be changed for future agreements. **2. What are the required tools, knowledge and skills that helps enable a more effective data sharing among national agencies?** Facilitator: TBD This table will allow participants to share experiences on the specific skills and knowledge of technical staff engaged in collecting and sharing data processes that have contributed to effective data sharing. (add ex of specific standards) **3. How to facilitate adoption of harmonised formats for data collection? Success stories that could be implemented across various national agencies** Facilitator: TBD This table will provide an opportunity for participants to share experiences on simple and concrete changes that have helped in transitioning from an approach of multiplicity of data

	format and platforms across national agencies to a more harmonised one that facilitates data sharing.
11:20 – 11:40	Feedback from each table facilitator
11:40 – 12:00	**Slido session: lessons learned to improve data sharing**
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
13:00 – 14:40	**Session 6: Identifying countries' capacity development priorities and the way forward** Moderator: TBD 1. **Individual working activity: sharing priority capacity development areas for the Caribbean and what you would like to see in the next regional workshop** Input: all participants, 40' 2. **Presentation: How is UNDRR contributing to strengthen disaster statistics in the Caribbean region** Input: UNDRR (tbc), 20' Q&A, 10' 3. **Presentation: DA12 project next steps** Input: ECLAC, 20' Q&A, 10'
14:40 – 15:00	Evaluation of the Regional workshop
15:00 – 15:15	Wrap-up & Main take-aways