

Roundtable: Next Steps Caribbean Resilience Fund

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of the ECLAC Caribbean Resilience Fund

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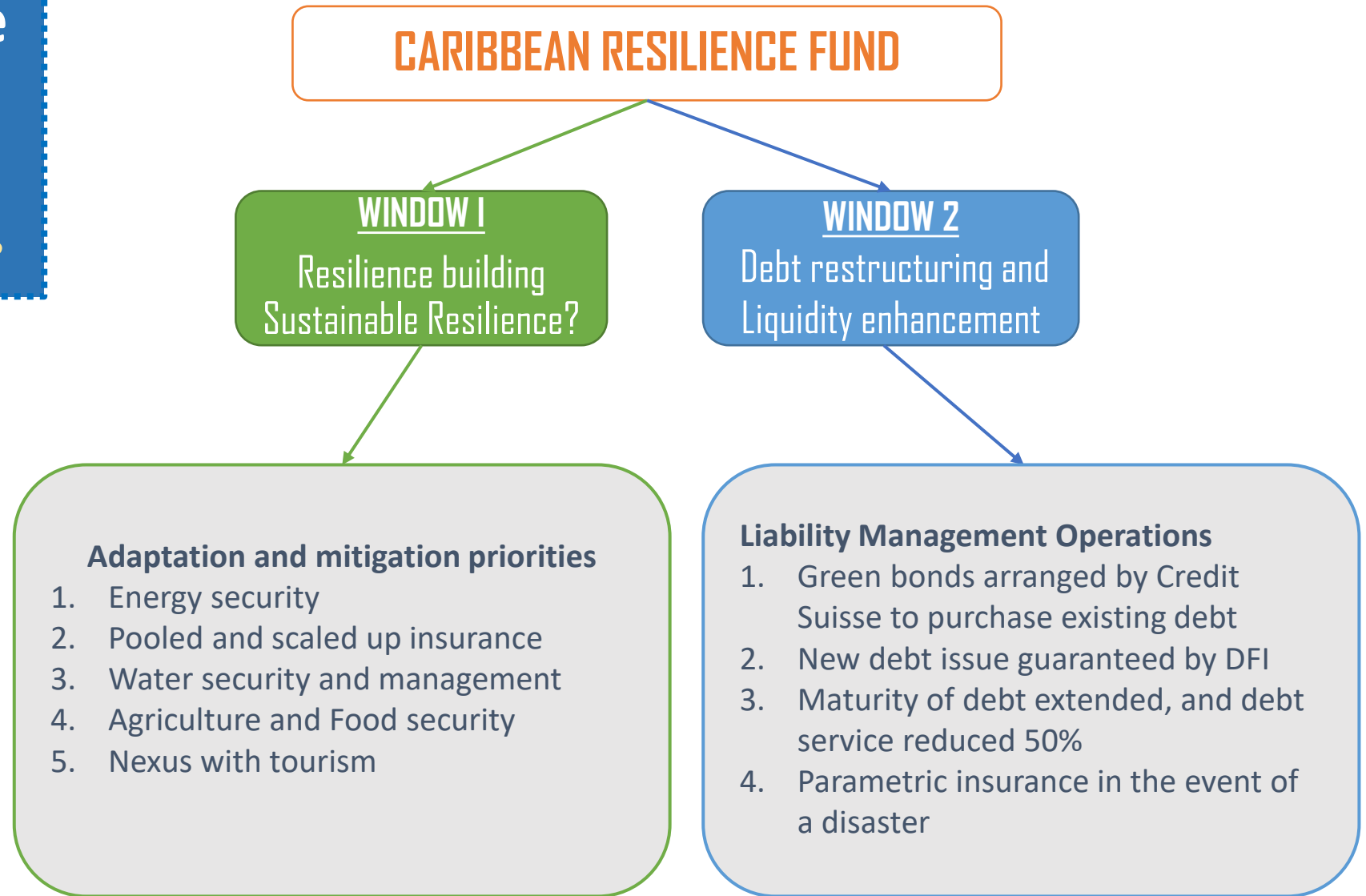
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Essential Characteristics of the Fund

- The Fund should have the following essential characteristics:
 - Fit for Purpose
 - Inclusive
 - Simple; Nimble
 - Efficient; Effective
 - Credible; inspire confidence in investors
 - Self-Sustaining
 - Supportive – offer capacity building-collaborate with other funds/agencies
 - Data

Proposed structure of the CRF:

*Consolidation of
Growth and Resilience*



Suggested instruments

- Each window will offer a range of instruments to meet unique needs of member states including
 - Blended finance and syndicated loans
 - Concessional finance for agriculture and food security
 - Infrastructure bonds
 - Green bonds for renewable energy and LMOs
 - Credit guarantees

Housing the CRF



Determine core institution to house the CRF



Development system – Identify consortium of institutions with varying expertise to support management of the Fund



Design fund strategy, structure and management plan to facilitate rapid access to finance and implementation



The institution housing the CRF should be able to ensure that the essential characteristics of the Fund are met

Initial capitalization

- National funding of the CRF to incentivize donors (skin in the game)
- Raise capital from international financiers and donors
- Diaspora bonds
- Explore financing from available sources:
 - Multilateral institutions
 - Developed countries
 - Domestic capital markets
 - Official sources
- Grant financing
- Equity financing

Next Steps

Form

Form core group of key institutions to advance the initiative

Develop

Develop theory of change to explain the nexus between resilience and economic growth

Focus on

Focus on process: scope, programs and projects, housing the fund and convoke technical working groups to drill down on the details of the structure and functioning of the Fund.

Start small

Start small: Create the Fund beginning with the resilience window and as it shows success it will incentivize additional funding. It should be set up with the potential for adding windows in the future.

Build

Build capacity to generate additional resources

Establish

Establish a sound legal and regulatory framework to govern the operations of the Fund

Engage

Engage CARICOM initiative and determine how CRF can fit into their existing development pillars

Create

Create a framework for scaling up the CRF to finance activities in the wider Caribbean