



## Concept Note and Agenda

### **Annual Achievements and Priorities in DRR in the Caribbean**

12 - 13 October, 2016

Barbados

## Introduction

The workshop **Annual Achievements and Priorities in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the Caribbean** will take place from 12-13 October 2016 under the framework of the DIPECHO Action Plan 2015-2016. The event is organized by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the office of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Barbados and the OECS, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) as well as Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) which is also providing financial support.

These events will bring together representatives from National Disaster Management Agencies as well as different Ministries, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, United Nations organization, representatives of the media as well as donor agencies working in the field of disaster risk reduction.

On 13 October 2016, the second workshop day, a cocktail will be offered to commemorate the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR). The theme of the 2016 IDDR highlights the first global target of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction focusing on reducing mortality.

## Objective

The overall objective of the workshop is to share results and to identify future recommendations for disaster risk reduction implementation in the Caribbean.

The following three specific objectives have been identified:

- ✓ Present achievements, good practices and tools related to the main thematic areas of the 2015-2016 DIPECHO Action Plan for the Caribbean: Early Warning Systems, Information & knowledge management on DRR, Communication on DRR, Institutionalization of DRR processes;
- ✓ Review regional and national DRR priorities; as well as to
- ✓ Strengthen operational links to the CDM strategy and Sendai Framework.

## Expected outcomes:

- ✓ Compilation of achievements and tools under the 2015-2016 DIPECHO Action Plan
- ✓ Updated regional and national DRR priorities in line with CDM strategy and Sendai framework
- ✓ Revised overview of contribution of DIPECHO Action Plan towards the CDM strategy and the Sendai Framework for DRR

## Participants

Approximately 80 participants are expected to attend the workshop which will be composed of National Government Institutions and Intergovernmental Organizations relevant for the

implementation of disaster risk reduction, national and regional DIPECHO partners as well as donor agencies and media representatives.

- ✓ National Disaster Management Offices
- ✓ Representatives from Ministries (e.g. Permanent Secretaries, define sector based on DIPECHO projects)
- ✓ NGOs
- ✓ United Nations and regional organizations (e.g. CDEMA, ACS, OECS, CCCCC, CIHM, SRC)
- ✓ Media
- ✓ Donor agencies

## **Methodology**

The workshop is aiming to be interactive with a good balance between presentation and discussions. Sufficient time shall be allocated for group work.

Session one will highlight results achieved during the last two years. A dynamic will be developed that allows presenting these achievements without powerpoint presentations. In order to have a record of the achievements each partner will be requested to prepare a summary which will be part of an online available booklet. Projects that just started will focus on planned activities. Partners can further present initiatives that are not supported by ECHO and relevant for other partners in order to enhance coordination.

Session two will identify priorities that will support the implementation of the CDM strategy as well as the Sendai Framework for DRR taking into consideration achievements and existing initiatives. These priorities will be the bases for discussion on future collaboration.

As the two previous sessions are addressed to all workshop participants, DIPECHO partners will finalize the mapping exercise started in the Planning Workshop and map their activities and future opportunities. In parallel (bilateral) meetings are suggested between countries, donor agencies as well as regional organizations to discuss areas of collaboration.

Preliminary agenda

Wednesday, 12 October 2016		Thursday, 13 October 2016	
8:00-9:00	Registration		Recap Day 1
9:00-9:30	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> (CDEMA; EU; UN RC; DEM; IFRC)		<b>Session 2: Review regional and national DRR priorities</b> Presentation on priorities identified in 2014 and group work <i>Objective: Review regional and national DRR priorities in order to define next steps to support the implementation of the CDM strategy and the Sendai Framework for DRR</i>
9:30-10:00	<b>Introduction to the workshop</b> Facilitator introduces workshop objectives and methodology Exercise to get to know each other		
10:00-10:30	Coffee Break		Coffee Break
10:30-12:30	<b>Session 1: Presentation of main achievements and new initiatives</b> <i>Objective: Present achievements, good practices and tools related to the main thematic areas of the 2015-2016 DIPECHO Action Plan for the Caribbean and introduce to new initiatives supported by ECHO and other partners</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutionalization of DRR processes</li> <li>• Early Warning Systems</li> </ul>		<b>Session 2: Review regional and national DRR priorities</b> Group work and presentation to plenary
12:30-13:30	Lunch		Lunch
13:30-15:30	Session 1: Presentation of main achievements and new initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information &amp; knowledge management on DRR</li> <li>• Communication on DRR</li> </ul>		<b>Session 3: DIPECHO programme: Mapping of ECHO's contribution towards the CDM strategy and the Sendai framework</b> <i>Objective:</i> - Identify to which CDM Action as well as CDM outcome indicator DIPECHO activities  Parallel meeting between national government representatives, donor agencies and regional organizations <i>Objectives:</i> - Facilitate space for exchange on on-going and future collaboration

			<p><i>contributed and shall contribute in the future</i></p> <p>Working groups (composed of DIPECHO partners) around regional outcomes of the CDM strategy and Action Plan as well as the four Priority Actions of the Sendai framework &amp; Presentation of results of group discussions</p>	
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break			
16:00-17:30	<p><b>Session 1: Presentation of main achievements and new initiatives</b></p> <p>Objective: Presentation of new DRR related initiatives</p>	16:00-17:00	Bilateral meetings (tbc)	
		17:00-17:30	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <p><i>Objective: Provide feedback to workshop and opportunities of collaboration</i></p>	
		18:00-20:00	<p><b>Cocktail: Commemoration of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction</b> (media invited)</p>	