

ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND PRIORITIES IN DRR IN THE CARIBBEAN

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Session 1: Achievements and new initiatives

This session links to the regional planning workshop in 2015 in which countries presented their planned activities under the 2015-2016 Caribbean DIPECHO programme. The objective of the session is to present achievements, good practices and tools related to the main thematic areas of the 2015-2016 DIPECHO Action Plan for the Caribbean and introduce new initiatives supported by ECHO and other partners. The session shall further stimulate exchange on specific topics and areas and enhance coordination and collaboration.

A summary of all achievement and new initiative will be compiled in a DIPECHO programme booklet for the Caribbean, edition 2016, and made available online as reference during and after the workshop.

1. Presentation on achievements

Each country will be invited to present the achievements under the DIPECHO programme as well as challenges and lessons learned during the implementation.

Methodology

- ✓ Limited time will be given for each presentation block. The National Disaster Management Office together with the DIPECHO and other implementing partners will decide on the selection of main achievements that shall be presented.
- ✓ Each country shall identify an innovative and interesting way of presenting the results. The Powerpoint presentation will not be allowed. Partners can bring photos, video, posters, material, etc.
- ✓ Each country is recommended to bring something country specific so that each country can easily be identified (e.g. traditional clothes, art or music, dance, flags, etc.)
- ✓ Participants will be able to vote for the best tool/initiative/good practice per country and the winner will be presented on the next day.

Presentations shall reflect on the following:

- a. Present achievement / results / good practices related to the 4 thematic areas of the DIPECHO action plan:
 - Early Warning Systems

- Information & knowledge management on DRR (DRR Country Document)
 - Institutionalization of DRR processes (Sendai Framework / CDM Strategy)
 - Communication on DRR
- b. Challenges in implementation, lessons learned and good practices
 - c. Identify linkages to other ongoing activities
 - d. Highlight how sustainability of achievement can be ensured
 - e. Any follow up / replication planned

Time allocated for presentations:

- a. Cuba – 3 projects: UNDP, CARE/Oxfam, Save the Children (30 min)
- b. Dominican Republic – 2 project – (20 min)
- c. Haiti - 3 project: UNDP, Oxfam/Handicap/UNESCO, COOPI/ GOAL (30 min)
- d. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines – 1 project: French Red Cross (10 min)
- e. 2 bi-national projects: Alianza por la Solidaridad, PAHO/WHO (15 min)
- f. 3 Regional project: IFRC, UNDP, UNISDR – (each 10 min)

2. Revision of DIPECHO thematic work plans

During the workshop Petit Comité members will present the level of achievements under each thematic area:

- Early Warning Systems
- Information & knowledge management on DRR (country document)
- Institutionalization of DRR processes (Sendai Framework / CDM Strategy)
- Communication on DRR

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The level of progress/achievement will be presented by highlighting success stories and challenges. The thematic working groups shall further provide recommendations regarding the joint actions and the joint work plans and its implementation. Participants will be invited to provide feedback to the recommendations.

3. New and ongoing DRR initiatives

This session will provide the opportunity to present new or on-going initiatives that are financially supported by ECHO as well as other disaster risk reduction initiatives that are relevant for the region. The session is aiming at enhancing communication among partners working in the Caribbean and areas of possible collaboration can be identified. It seeks to strengthen synergies among partners and projects.

3.1 Drought preparedness in Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba

ECHO is supporting drought preparedness and response in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba. The projects that started in 2016 will therefore present plans and progress achieved so far.

DIPECHO partners and national system partners are jointly invited to present the plans and shall also provide a broader context regarding to drought preparedness at the national level. Countries will nominate a representative that will speak on drought preparedness. Each panelist will have 10 min.

Panel discussion around the following questions:

1. What is the status of drought preparedness at the national level?
2. How do the planned activities contribute to the national plan for DRR?
3. Which stakeholders will be involved and how will sustainability ensured?

The panel discussion will be followed by 30 min questions and answers that provide the opportunities for countries to share their experience in drought preparedness.

3.2 Share your new DRR initiatives

During the workshop all participants will be able to share new or on-going DRR initiatives. Participants will be invited to identify the CDM / Sendai priority areas under which the activity falls.