

# CHARTING THE COURSE OF CDM: REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL PROGRESS



Barbados Sub-Regional Focal Point

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# OBJECTIVES

- ◆ To Highlight Progress and Challenges in Implementing CDM at the National level
- ◆ To Recommend Action in Advancing CDM implementation at the National Level





# Composition of SRFP

- ◆ Barbados Sub Regional Focal Point consists of:
  - Barbados
  - Saint Lucia
  - Saint Vincent & the Grenadines
  - Dominica

# Observations

- ◆ National Disaster Management Programmes at Different Levels
- ◆ Different levels of Staffing and Resource Capacity
- ◆ Similar Experiences and Vulnerabilities
- ◆ Different National Approaches in implementing CDM.



# Priority Outcomes



1. Enhanced Institutional Support for CDM Programme Implementation
2. Establishment of Effective Mechanism and Programme for Management and Sharing of CDM Knowledge
3. Mainstreaming of Disaster Risk Management into Key Economic Sectors: tourism, health, utilities, etc
4. Enhanced Community Resilience At The National Level To Mitigate And Respond To Disasters And The Adverse Effects Of Climate Variability And Change

# Outcome 1

## Barbados

- ◆ Ministerial Endorsement of CDM
- ◆ Promulgation of Legislation
- ◆ Institutional Framework expanded to include multi-hazard planning mechanism
- ◆ Establishment, Equipping and Functioning of National Emergency Operations Center
- ◆ Enhanced Emergency Telecommunication System
- ◆ Increased staff/resources at the National Disaster Office



# Outcome 1

## ◆ Saint Lucia

- Institutional Review and Minimal Strengthening of National Disaster Office
- Cabinet Approval of National Disaster Plan
- Disaster Legislation Enacted



# Outcome 1

## ◆ Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

- Promulgation Of New DM Act To Repeal 1993 Act
- Organizational Review And Restructuring To Be Able Meet The Demands Of Disaster Risk Reduction In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Disaster Office Relocated Under Office Of The PM
- Establishment Of A Strategic Goal For DM And Local Governance
- Sensitization Of Policy- Makers





## Outcome 2

### ◆ Barbados

- Public Awareness Mechanism established but No specific Programme developed. Action ad hoc

### ◆ St. Lucia

- Providing public outreach information available to key line Ministries
- Development and Production of DM Literature and Audio Visual Aids Materials

### ◆ St. Vincent and the Grenadines

- Improving information sources available to private and public sector
- Conducting, documenting and sharing research into hazards

# Outcome 3

## ◆ Barbados

- Mainstreaming Underway In The Tourism Sector
- Continued Targeting of Public Sector
- 2008 Programme To Target Utility, Agriculture And Education Sectors
- Planned inauguration of Mitigation Council

## ◆ St. Lucia

- Mainstreaming Of DRR In Physical Planning Sectors
- Greater DM Consciousness In The Business And Public Sectors
- Disaster Risk Management Techniques Used In Some Hazardous Areas.
- Collaboration With Regional And International Agencies In The Promotion Of DRR Practices.



# Outcome 3

## ◆ St. Vincent and the Grenadines

- Mainstreaming underway in Agricultural, Tourism Sectors
- Enhancing private sector participation and action in DRR



# Outcome 4

## ◆ Barbados

- Community Advisory Council Established
- Institutional Review Targeted For 2008 To Fashion Reform In The Community Mechanism
- Resource Outfitting Of Community Units Ongoing
- Training Programme Developed

## ◆ Saint. Lucia

- Expanding Community Based Risk Management Training Programme
- Visual Material For Community Training Developed



# Outcome 4

## Saint Vincent And The Grenadines

- ◆ Replicate And Community Profiling Hazard Mapping Programme Piloted In Marriagua Under CADM Project
- ◆ Successful Completion Of Project And Use Of Certain Processes Now Done At Community Level
- ◆ Training Of Rural Communities In Risk Mgt. As Part Of Community Mobilization Programme



# Goals for 2008

## Barbados

- ◆ Mainstreaming In Public And Private Sectors Including Utility And Agricultural Sectors
- ◆ Realigning Of Work Programme To Conform With CDM Framework
- ◆ Expanding Of Legislative Framework To Include Orders And Other Legal Instruments
- ◆ National CDM Consultation





# Challenges

- ◆ CDM Concept not widely known in the Countries outside of the NDO, hence implementation is tedious
- ◆ NDO does not have the capacity to successfully implement the CDM
- ◆ Difficulty realigning country programmes to the CDM Framework
- ◆ Resources – Human and Financial



## Challenges (SLU)

- ◆ Getting Political Action in support of National level CDM implementation
- ◆ Limited Human and Material Resources
- ◆ Limited use of available data and information into Physical Planning
- ◆ Infusion of DM education in existing Curricula
- ◆ Practical Buy-In by Decision Makers



# Recommendations

- ◆ Use existing public education programmes as a means of informing the public about the CDM
- ◆ Build capacity at National Level to implement CDM
- ◆ Continue support for countries to rearticulate National Level Programming within the CDM Framework



# Recommendations

- ◆ Governments to show support outlined at the CARICOM level by providing support to National Offices
- ◆ Governments to articulate CDM within the Central Government Policy