UNFCCC Expert Meeting on Adaptation for Small Island Developing States Kingston, Jamaica, 5-7 february 2007

France's support to north-south collaboration for adaptation to climate change (some examples)

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France is involved :

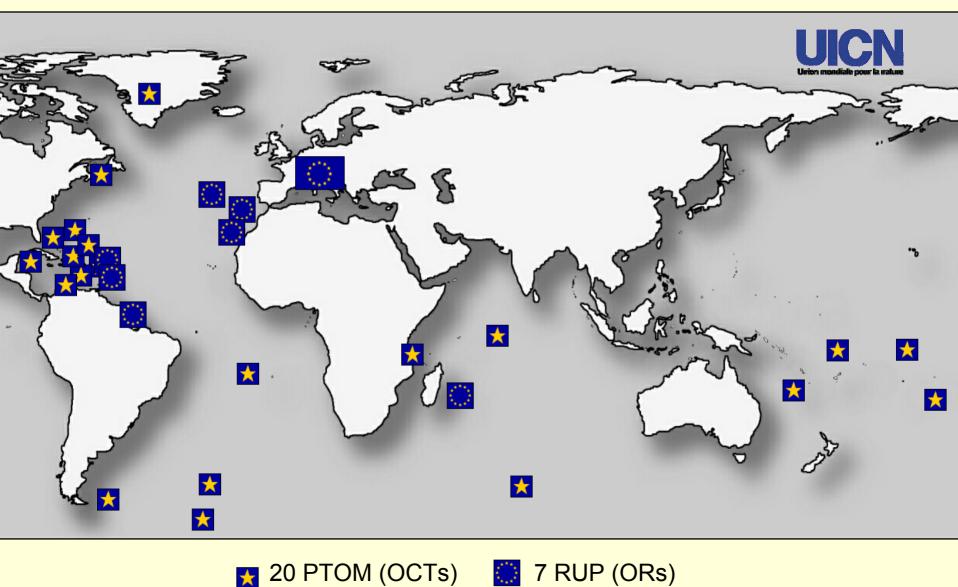
- directly in the effort for the reduction of emissions

- as a international partner for development, cooperation and adaptation

 through its presence in the 3 oceans
4 outermost regions (ORs) and 6 overseas countries and territories (OCTs)

- as an actor of overseas cooperation with Europe support (Spain and Portugal = ORs ; Great Britain, Netherlands and Denmark = OCTs)

An example of major potential for cooperation with European support





« Climate change : the Caribbean in danger ! »

11-13 dec 2006 Fort de France (Martinique)

International meeting organised by : Conseil Général de la Martinique (*Overseas department*) & ONERC (*National Observatory about climate change impacts*)

http://www.climatcaraibe.cg972.fr

Who came to Fort de France ?

- ACS (Association of Caribbean States) (Ruben Silié)
- CARICOM Climate Change Center (Belize Kenrick Leslie)
- Dominica / Institute of tropical marine ecology (Sascha Steiner)
- European Commission Delegation of Barbados (Amos Tincani)
- European Commission (Bruxelles Climate Unit Abigail Howells)
- Greenpeace international (Laetitia De Marez)
- Haïti / Environment minister
- IPCC scientifics (USA : Kevin Trenberth ; France : Anny Cazenave)
- IUCN (Regional Office for Europe Jean-Philippe Palasi)
- SIDS / Univ. West Indies (Albert Binger)
- UNFCCC (June Budhooram)
- UNWMO (Region IV Carlos Fuller)
- UNWTO (Sustenable Development Unit Eugenio Yunis)
- Martinique, Guadeloupe, Guyane, La Réunion and France's policymakers, scientifics and executive agencies

Some results (1/2)

- High level of information and awareness to Caribbean people and policymakers
- Enhancing dialogue and collaboration between scientific and politic matters
- Enhancing dialogue and collaboration between mitigation and adaptation issues
- Promotion of the transfer of technologies for adaptation in sector of risks and preparedness of disasters (hurricanes...) (Martinique → Haïti or Martinique → CDERA)
- Improving data disseminating in the « Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level » (PSMSL) global system of observation
- Improving rapprochement between satellite data production (French Guyana) and potential end-users

Some results (2/2)

- Political final declaration read by Claude LISE, president of the Martinique General Council and senator
- Enhanced attention given to :
 - the key role ORs and OCTs can play
 - the importance and potential of regional cooperation with EU support
- Partnership ONERC-IUCN (The world conservation union), to :

better take into account climate change impact on ecosystems
organise the conference « Islands of Europe and the world facing ecological challenges » at the end of 2007 (in La Réunion)



Enhancing regional and national capacity bulding for the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

- This project aims to enhance regional cooperation among countries in IOC : Comores, France (Réunion), Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles
- Budget of 3 millions euros. One third will be assume by a subvention of the french Global Environment Facility (*FFEM : Fonds Français* pour l'Environnement Mondial)

The project has 5 components :

- Capacity building on climate observation and comprehension
- Climate change effects assessment and analysis
- Extreme event warning and risk prevision plans strengthening
- Adaptation policies and measures strengthening
- Regional structure for cooperation and coordination creation