

**Goal of Approach:**

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) is the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) organisation responsible for the harmonisation of work associated with disaster management. CDEMA has adopted several methodologies to plan and deliver Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) at the national level. Specifically, the Comprehensive Disaster Management Framework has been employed to rationalise all phases of the disaster management cycle, taking into account all peoples and sectors.

CDEMA as the broker of the Enhanced Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Programme Framework (2007-2012), a roadmap for building resilience to hazards within CDEMA Participating States in collaboration with regional institutions and development partners, is strengthening, national and community level capacity for mitigation, management and coordinated response to natural and technological hazards and the effects of climate change in each of its eighteen Participating States.

The development of country work programmes by the CDEMA Participating States serves as an important tool for the implementation of CDM at the national level as well as a mechanism for effective monitoring, reporting and evaluation of the overall CDM strategy and larger global Hyogo Framework for Action.

CDEMA is therefore providing the necessary tools to its Participating States to ensure the incorporation of climate change adaptation through up-scaled and enhanced disaster risk management programming to cope with the impacts of climate change, and to ensure that regional and national sustainable development goals are achieved. The results-based nature of the CDM country work programme provides not only the entry points for mainstreaming climate change adaptation, but also ensures that the adaptation options that are mainstreamed are defined in results-based language, thus providing some degree of rigour for focused and action oriented adaptation measures.

The Mainstreaming Climate Change into Disaster Risk Management for the Caribbean Region Project, funded by the Austrian Development Agency, and executed by CDEMA, in collaboration with the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), and the Working Group on Climate Change and Disaster Management have developed the Guidance Tool for Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation into the CDM Country Work Programme (G Tool) to help CDEMA Participating States (PS) incorporate climate change adaptation (CCA) into national Disaster Risk Management (DRM) plans and strategies.

The G Tool presents a practical and participatory process of mainstreaming climate change adaptation measures into the CDM country work programme. It promotes planned adaptation that takes advantage of current national needs to respond to current and anticipated climate threats. It also takes advantage of opportunities provided by current institutional modalities to secure short and medium-term adaptation success, while maintaining a long-term adaptation perspective.

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### Main elements of the implementation strategy

The Goals of the G-Tool are:

1. To provide stakeholders with a comprehensive, common understanding of climate variability and climate change.
2. To introduce stakeholders to the ideas and language of natural disasters and adaptation to the natural hazards.
3. To provide detailed guidance on how to mainstream climate change adaptation into the CDM country work programme .

The G Tool process includes the following key steps:

1. Scoping, stakeholder identification, and problem identification.
2. Review and assimilation of technical and socio-economic background information relevant to the identification and mainstreaming of adaptation options.
3. Analysis of factors affecting the mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation (using SWOT Analysis).
4. Preparation for a multi-stakeholder workshop (by participants and workshop facilitators).
5. Scenario development and the identification of climate change impacts, adaptation options and mainstreaming entry-points (prior to and during the workshop).
6. Implementation of workshop outputs (after the workshop).

### Targeted beneficiaries

*CDEMA eighteen (18) Participating States*

### Any significant lessons learned

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### Resource requirements

*including information/data needs, capacity needs and financial resources*

### Potential for replication or scaling-up

The tool can be utilized by any country aiming to enhance linkages between DRR and CC programme. The tool is located at the link below:

[http://www.cdema.org/ccdm/index.php?option=com\\_phocadownload&view=category&id=1:national-](http://www.cdema.org/ccdm/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=category&id=1:national-)

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**Any additional information**

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