

Information event on the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage (WIM):

Country practices – Saint Lucia and the Eastern Caribbean

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Outline

- Setting the context & opportunities
- Chapter on limits to adaptation in Saint Lucia's 2018 – 2028 national adaptation plan (NAP)
- Strategic Plan 2020-2023: Human Mobility in the Context of Climate Change (HMCCC) for the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission
- Related approaches across disaster risk, emergency management & research needs
- Madrid decision on the 2019 review of the WIM in support of national & regional action to address L&D

Setting the context

- Context & opportunities: **extreme weather events & longer-term slow onset events**, e.g.
 - **2020 Atlantic hurricane season**: NOAA predicts 13 – 19 named storms; 6 – 10 becoming hurricanes; **3 – 6 Category 3 or higher**
 - **Key economic sectors** such as agriculture, including fisheries and tourism are expected to be negatively affected by **sea level rise, coastal erosion, water scarcity & heat stress**
 - Public Financial Management Bill contemplates **reform of public finance in Saint Lucia**, including consideration of **re-defining disasters to include pandemics-signs of the times**

Chapter on limits to adaptation: SLU's 2018 – 2020 NAP

- [Chapter 15](#) in the plan for which the **structure** is as follows:
 - **Context** setting
 - **Cross-sectoral adaptation priorities**
 - **Sectoral adaptation priorities:** water, agriculture, fisheries, infrastructure and spatial planning, natural resource management/resilient ecosystems (terrestrial, coastal & marine), education, health, tourism
- Chapter contents: **limits to adaptation (IPCC terminology)**
 - **15.1 Loss and damage**
 - **Impacts** of climate change that are **experienced despite best efforts at mitigation & adaptation**
 - Considers **potential loss & damage** for SLU across each of the sectoral priorities
 - **15.2 Minimising, averting & addressing loss and damage**
 - Outlines the **WIM Excom's five workstreams**
 - Highlights **potential actions for SLU** to address loss and damage within a framework provided by **comprehensive climate risk management**

Strategic Plan 2020-2023: HMCCC for the OECS Commission

- Jointly prepared by GIZ and the OECS Commission
- **Four strategic areas**
 - Develop **structural processes** to address HMCCC in the OECS commission
 - Increase **awareness and knowledge** on HMCCC in OECS Member States
 - Strengthen **regional mechanisms to support equitable & effective management** of HMCCC within the OECS region
 - Facilitate **collaboration & knowledge exchange** on HMCCC beyond the OECS region
- Includes an **implementation plan** for each of the four areas, as well as a **monitoring & communication** element
- **Timelines** for implementation include **time for procurement of support**, which can include a **mix of bilateral & multilateral funding**
- **Cat 5 Hurricanes Irma and Maria-2017-Antigua and Barbuda; Dominica**

Related approaches across disaster risk, emergency management & research needs

- **Disaster Risk Financing Strategy (Finance)**
 - Objective is to **secure economic & fiscal resilience through the assessment, reduction & management of risk**
 - **4 strategic priority areas:**
 - **Data collection & management** for evidence-based **decision-making**
 - **Strengthen public financial management** to foster **legal & administrative environment** for best practices
 - **Improve fiscal protection & timely access to financing** post disaster emergency response & recovery needs, including **parametric insurance** facilities & **social safety nets** for low income households
 - **Increase collaboration with the private sector** to improve availability and **affordability of catastrophe risk insurance products**
- **Shock Responsive Social Protection (Equity)**
 - Focuses on those living **below the poverty line and other vulnerable households**
 - Delivery mechanisms **include cash & in-kind assistance post disaster** to finance basic needs

Related approaches across disaster risk, emergency management & research needs cont'd

- **Proposed five-year country programme for the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO)**
 - Sectors of focus for **business continuity plans**: Tourism, Agriculture, Health, Education
 - Consideration of **human mobility in the context of climate change**
- **Climate Change Research Policy & Strategy (Sustainable Development)**
 - Responds to the urgent need at all levels for the **generation, access to & use of science-based information** to facilitate the identification, implementation, monitoring & evaluation of **effective & efficient climate actions**, including addressing loss & damage-informed **decision-making**
 - Some **12 key thematic areas for research**, including, among others:
 - **Coastal, marine & ocean environments (including sea level rise, ocean acidification)**
 - **Human mobility (including displacement, national planned relocation)**
 - **Climate risk transfer mechanisms**
 - The delivery of this policy and strategy is **critical to delivering on each of the prior points** in providing the **necessary data to implement & monitor** them

Madrid decision on the 2019 review of the WIM to support national & regional action to address L&D

- **General reflection:** going into the review, SIDS & other particularly vulnerable developing countries expressed the concern that the **work of the WIM & its Excom had not sufficiently 'reached the ground' & had yet to enter the realm of finance**
- The decision incorporates a **number of requests & invitations to incentivize action & support at the regional & national levels**, e.g.
 - **To the Excom**: fostering the sharing of relevant knowledge; disseminate information on risk assessment methodologies; **linkage with SCF; work with the GCF** to clarify how developing countries can access funds for L&D; establish an **expert group on action & support**
 - **To Parties**: promote coherence in approaches, including for considering future risk, reducing exposure, increasing resilience & monitoring progress
 - **To relevant organizations**: collaborate with the Excom to develop products for raising awareness
- The establishment of the **Santiago Network to catalyse the technical assistance** of relevant organizations, bodies, networks and experts, for the implementation of relevant approaches at the local, national and regional level in particularly vulnerable developing countries
- **Bottom line: targeted action, bolstered by sufficient, timely & accessible financing, is critical to implementing the foregoing initiatives, requests & invitations, in the best interest of SIDS & other particularly vulnerable developing countries**

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