

# Integrating Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in NDCs Panelists

CARIBBEAN NDC SUPPORT VIRTUAL EXCHANGE SERIES: SESSION 2



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> NDC SESSION LAUNCHED

### Learn more about adaptation within the NDC

On 10 July 2020, the [Caribbean NDC Support Virtual Exchange Platform](#) held its 2nd Session: Integrating Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Several Caribbean countries have indicated they will be incorporating adaptation into their revised/updated NDCs; however, there is a lack of clarity on how best to integrate these elements into NDCs, which was also highlighted in the poll conducted during the first virtual exchange in May. Hence the second virtual exchange was designed to address how adaptation and DRR topics can be integrated to NDCs.

Partners from United Nations Climate Change (UNFCCC), NDC Partnership, AOSIS, Inter-American Development Bank, UN Environment Programme, FAO, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Global Water Partnership, and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification joined together with RCC St George's / CCMRVH to successfully launch the second session of the Caribbean NDC Support Virtual Exchange. The exchange was attended by 94 representatives from Caribbean countries and international partners who were invited.

Prior to the launch, pre-recorded presentations were made available to the participants to enhance their understanding on how best to integrate adaptation, resilience, and disaster risk reduction into NDCs. A wide range of topics were covered such as general outline of challenges and progress of Climate Change Adaptation in Caribbean by CCCCC, Focus on how adaptation in key sectors (agriculture, land management, infrastructure, water security) can be integrated in NDCs. The recordings of the presentations can be accessed [here](#).

In the virtual exchange that followed on 10 July, Matti Goldberg, from the UNFCCC Adaptation Division, presented on the [adaptation components of the NDCs and their relevant guidelines and considerations](#). He highlighted three points: guidelines that are relevant to the development of NDCs; the relationship between adaptation components of the NDCs and other adaptation arrangements under the Convention and Paris Agreement; and the possibilities of combining those arrangements efficiently.

Senior Technical Officer (Adaptation), Climate Change Division, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, Jamaica, Ms. Le-Anne Roper, shared [Jamaica's approach; moving from intended NDC \(INDC\) to updated NDC](#). She highlighted three key changes that were made to the initial INDC: the first being the INDC was predicated primarily on the energy policy, whereas the updated NDC focused on the wider scope of energy, land-use change and forestry. Her division was able to quantify emissions from the energy sector as well as the land-use change and policy sector. Secondly, with regards to targets, the previous NDC had roughly 7.8% emission reduction relative to the business as usual (BAU). However, in the updated NDC, they had a higher target of 25.4% emission reduction relative to BAU. Finally, the previous NDC provided a general overview of adaptation in Jamaica. With the updated NDC, she stated that “they have moved to looking at what are some of the adaptation and other co-benefits which have been identified as part of the NDC.”

During the follow-up stage, participants were asked to provide feedback on the effectiveness of the session and discussions on the pre-recorded lectures. Furthermore, a help desk has been established through which Parties can reach UN Climate Change directly on matters relating to adaptation. Participants were also invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virtual Exchange: Linking Sustainable Development and NDCs Confirmation. This session will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2020.