



**CARICOM-UN HIGH LEVEL PLEDGING CONFERENCE**  
**Building a More Climate-Resilient Community**  
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<b>20 Nov: TECHNICAL CONSULTATIONS</b> <b>UN Headquarters, Conference Room 4</b>	
9:00-9:15	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CARICOM Secretary-General, <b>Irwin LaRocque</b>.</li> <li>- UNDP Administrator, <b>Achim Steiner</b>.</li> </ul>
9:15-12:15	<p><b>Session I: Hurricanes Maria and Irma – Overview of Assessments</b></p> <p><i>Objective: To provide an overview of the impact of Hurricanes Irma and Maria on the Caribbean; present the country recovery needs, priorities and recovery strategy; and give partners an opportunity for technical level enquires and inputs. The head of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) will provide an overview presentation. This will be followed by presentations by Senior Government representatives of the affected countries and territories. Perspectives will be provided by partners, including those who conducted post disaster assessments.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Co-chairs: <b>Jolita Butkeviciene</b>, Director for Latin America and Caribbean, European Commission; <b>Ede Jorge Ijjasz-Vasquez</b>, Senior Director of Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice, World Bank.</i></li> <li>- <i>Introduction by Co-chairs.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Regional Situational Overview – Impact of Hurricanes Irma and Maria on the Caribbean: informed by key Findings from Post Disaster Needs Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presenter: Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), Executive Director, <b>Ronald Jackson</b>.</li> <li>- Presentation of Country Needs and Priorities by Government officials:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anguilla: <i>Permanent Secretary Finance, <b>Aidan Harrigan</b>.</i></li> <li>○ Antigua and Barbuda: <i>Permanent Representative to the UN, <b>Aubrey Webson</b>.</i></li> <li>○ The Bahamas, <i>Director, National Emergency Management Agency, <b>Captain Stephen Russell</b>.</i></li> <li>○ The British Virgin Islands, <i>Chairman, Disaster Recovery Coordination Committee, <b>Brodick Penn</b>.</i></li> <li>○ Dominica: <i>Ministry of Finance, Financial Secretary, <b>Rosamund Edwards</b>.</i></li> <li>○ Turks and Caicos Islands: <i>Director Department of Disaster Management and Emergency, <b>Virginia Clerveaux</b>.</i></li> <li>○ St. Maarten: <i>Head Chairman, Working Group of the National Recovery Plan, <b>Dennis Richardson</b>.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical perspectives from development partners who undertook assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ECLAC: <i>Chief, Sub-Regional Headquarters for the Caribbean, <b>Diane Quarless</b>.</i></li> <li>o UN: <i>Resident Coordinator Barbados and OECS, <b>Stephen O'Malley</b>.</i></li> <li>o UNDP: <i>Building Damage Assessment, Regional Advisor <b>Ugo Blanco</b>.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>- Interactive dialogue.</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:15 – 13:10</b></p>	<p><b>Session II: Risk Informed Development– Securing a Resilient Future for Caribbean SIDS</b></p> <p><i>Objective: To discuss how the Caribbean can improve its resilience to extreme climate events through risk informed development planning, climate adaptation and mitigation measures.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Chair: <b>Kenrick Leslie</b>, Executive Director, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC).</i></li> <li>- Introduction by Chair.</li> <li>- Risk-Informed Development Planning: UNDP, <i>Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, <b>Jessica Faieta</b>.</i></li> <li>- Climate Resilient Infrastructure: <i>Caribbean Development Bank, President, <b>Warren Smith</b>.</i></li> <li>- Interactive Dialogue.</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:10 – 14:30</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>
<p><b>14:30 – 17:15</b></p> <p><b>14:30 – 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session III: Financing Resilience in the hurricane affected states and territories and in the wider Caribbean</b></p> <p><i>Objective: To look at key variables and propose possible options that can help transform the financing landscape for Caribbean SIDS to help build resilience.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Co-Chairs: <b>Joseph Cox</b>, Assistant Secretary General, Trade and Economic Integration, CARICOM Secretariat; and <b>Richard Blewitt</b>, UN Resident Coordinator, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Maarten, Suriname, Aruba and Curaçao.</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Panel 1 – Building an Innovative Financing Architecture for Climate Resilience</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction by Co-Chairs.</li> <li>- Debt Swaps for Climate Action: <i>ECLAC, Chief of Economic Development Division, <b>Daniel Titelman</b>.</i></li> <li>- Access to Concessional Financing – An imperative for Caribbean SIDS: <i>Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, Governor, <b>Timothy Antoine</b>.</i></li> <li>- Blended financing models for energy diversification: <i>International Finance Corporation, <b>Arun Sharma</b>.</i></li> <li>- Resilience Bond, <i>(tbc)</i></li> <li>- Enhancing capabilities of Private Sector for a Climate Resilient Caribbean: <i>Inter-American Development Bank, <b>Musheer Kamau</b>.</i></li> <li>- Interactive Dialogue.</li> </ul>

16:00 – 17:15	<p><b>Panel 2: Moving from Risk to Resilience through insurance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-Chairs: <b>Simon Young</b>, Strategic Advisor, Willis Re; and <b>Isaac Anthony</b>, CEO, Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF).</li> <li>- Opening statement: <b>Geraldine O’Callaghan</b>, Deputy Director for Asia, Overseas Territories and the Caribbean, DFID/UK.</li> <li>- Panelists: <b>Nikhil da Victoria Lobo</b>, Swiss Re/Global Risk Community; <b>Aidan Harrigan</b>, Government of Anguilla. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Risk Foundation: modelling and use of risk quantification tools.</li> <li>○ Insurance Ecosystem: incentives to build resilience at household and business levels.</li> <li>○ Risk-Informing Reconstruction: Making long-term risk management, including ex ante risk financing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Interactive Dialogue.</li> </ul>
17:15 – 17:30	<p><b>Close</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CARICOM Secretary-General, <b>Irwin LaRocque</b>.</li> <li>- UNDP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, <b>Jessica Faieta</b>.</li> </ul>



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9:00-9:45	<p><b>Opening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome, CARICOM Secretary-General, <b>Irwin LaRocque</b>.</li> <li>- Statement by United Nations Secretary-General, <b>Antonio Guterres</b>.</li> <li>- Statement by President of General Assembly, <b>Miroslav Lajčák</b>.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Short Film</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Statement by Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, <b>Gaston Browne</b>.</li> <li>- Statement by Prime Minister of Dominica, <b>Roosevelt Skerrit</b>.</li> <li>- Statement by Chairman of CARICOM, Prime Minister of Grenada, <b>Keith Mitchell</b></li> <li>- Moderator: UNDP Administrator, <b>Achim Steiner</b>.</li> </ul>
10:00-11:40	<p><b>Vision for a Resilient Caribbean – Building a Partnership for Transformation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-chairs: Chair of CARICOM, Prime Minister of Grenada, <b>Keith Mitchell</b>; and Under Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, <b>Catherine Pollard</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Country presentations (overview of assessments, national vision for resilience and support required).</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Antigua and Barbuda, <b>Prime Minister Gaston Browne</b>.</li> <li>- Dominica, <b>Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit</b>.</li> <li>- Anguilla, <b>Premier Victor Banks</b>.</li> <li>- British Virgin Islands, <b>Premier Orlando Smith</b>.</li> <li>- Turks and Caicos Islands, <b>Premier Sharlene Cartwright-Robinson</b>.</li> <li>- St. Maarten, <b>Acting Prime Minister Rafael Boasman</b>.</li> </ul>
11:40 - 13:10	<p><b>Perspectives on Financing Reconstruction and Resilience and Key Takeaways from Technical Consultations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Keynote Speaker: Saint Lucia <b>Prime Minister Allen Chastanet</b> (CARICOM Lead Head of Government for Sustainable Development)</li> <li>- Statements by:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UNDP Administrator, <b>Achim Steiner</b>.</li> <li>- European Union: Commissioner for International Cooperation for Development, <b>Neven Mimica</b>.</li> <li>- World Bank: Vice President Latin America and Caribbean, <b>Jorge Familiar</b>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OCHA, Assistant Secretary-General, <b><i>Ursula Muller.</i></b></li> <li>- Bilateral Partners.</li> <li>- Private Sector / Private Foundations.</li> </ul>
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<b>14:30 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Pledges and Statements of Support</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Co-chairs: Chair of CARICOM, Prime Minister of Grenada, <b><i>Keith Mitchell</i></b>; UNDP Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, <b><i>Jessica Faieta.</i></b></li> <li>- Keynote Statement: UN Deputy Secretary-General, <b><i>Amina Mohammed.</i></b></li> <li>- Special Guest: Clinton Foundation, <b><i>President W. Clinton (tbc).</i></b></li> <li>- Pledges and Statements by Member States and Partners (continued).</li> </ul>
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