

DRAFT AGENDA

Parliamentary Action for Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness in the Caribbean

Virtual | September 25, 2024
12:30-14:30 (UTC – 04:00)

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Disaster risk reduction and preparedness are priority areas for action in the Caribbean, and emphasis on this agenda is continuing to grow due to the increasing intensity and frequency of natural hazards, spurred by the impacts of climate change. Reducing disaster risk, effective and inclusive disaster response, and improved disaster resilience are objectives to which parliamentarians can make significant contributions, and around which Caribbean parliamentary stakeholders have expressed interest in accessing specialized knowledge to support their work. **In response to this interest, this meeting will create space for parliamentarians to engage with and receive focused guidance from a diverse group of experts specializing in various aspects of disaster risk management.**

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Introductory remarks

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- The Honourable **Bridgid Annisette-George** (Trinidad and Tobago), Speaker of the House of Representatives and Vice-President of ParlAmericas

Expert Insights: Advancing Inclusive Disaster Risk Management in Parliament

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This section will feature expert presentations which will provide recommendations for parliamentary interventions that can enhance disaster prevention and response. Additionally, this segment will address specific questions and concerns expressed by parliaments, offering practical solutions and strategies.

Moderator: Senator The Honourable Dr. **Erecia Hepburn Forbes** (The Bahamas)

- o *Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems: Perspectives on Sustainable and Inclusive Governance:* **Jair Torres**, UNDRR
- o *Better Practice and Lessons learned in Inclusive Disaster Risk Management:* **Tonni Brodber**, Representative of the UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean
- o *Linking Shock-Responsive Social Protection to Disaster Risk Financing: Lessons from on the ground in response to disasters:* **Nicholas Gainger**, World Food Programme
- o *Resilience Infrastructure, the urgency from legislation and institutional architecture to cope with climate change and disasters:* **Cristobal Lopez Maciel**, UNDRR

Open Dialogue and Questions: Avenues for Disaster Risk Management

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This segment will **allow parliamentarians and other invited stakeholders to ask questions to the experts, share their own case studies on disaster management, and engage in dialogue about the practices they have implemented to inclusively reduce disaster risk.** It will also provide a platform for them to highlight their current work on the matter, as well as opportunities for further parliamentary actions and identify where they need further support, and identify strategies to enhance disaster risk governance.

Moderator: Senator The Honourable Dr. **Erecia Hepburn Forbes** (The Bahamas)

Concluding Remarks and Evaluation

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