



Supporting the national adoption of gender-responsive disaster and crisis planning
Virtual roundtable for parliamentarians and ministers of the English Caribbean

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 | 10:30-12:30 EDT (GMT-4) *

This virtual roundtable will create an opportunity for parliamentarians and ministers from across the Caribbean to exchange with each other and international actors on their experiences adopting a gender-responsive approach to disaster and crisis planning to strengthen resilience and ensure that the differentiated needs of people of all backgrounds are met. Through a guided discussion organized around key questions, participants will share strategies, practical initiatives, and collaborations that they have found to be effective, as well as the challenges that limit the adoption of such an approach, or that hinder the efficacy of methods used. The information gleaned will inform future activities and resources by UN Women MCO - Caribbean and ParlAmericas to support Caribbean islands in their efforts to implement inclusive disaster and crisis responses.

Opening remarks

The Honourable Dewitt Halson Moultrie, Speaker of the House of Assembly of The Bahamas
 and host of the meeting

Tonni Brodber, Representative a.i., UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean

The Honourable Andy Daniel, Speaker of the House of Assembly of St. Lucia
 and Member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors

Introduction by the meeting facilitator

Senator the Honourable Ranard Henfield, The Parliament of The Bahamas

Facilitated parliamentary roundtable

Questions to be discussed:

1. What gender-responsive actions have been taken by your countries to strengthen your responses to disasters and crises and build resilience? What inclusive decision-making practices have been adopted to develop these responses?
2. What challenges (including those caused by the COVID-19 pandemic) do you face in trying to adopt gender-responsive approaches to disaster and crisis planning – or in implementing planned actions effectively? What tools would be helpful to support in overcoming these?

Closing remarks

The Honourable Dr. Mildred Hall-Watson, President of the Senate, The Parliament of The Bahamas

Tonni Brodber, Representative a.i., UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean

***Meeting time in regional time zones**

8:30 (GMT-6)	9:30 (GMT-5)	10:30 (GMT-4)	11:30 (GMT-3)
Belize	Jamaica	Antigua and Barbuda The Bahamas Barbados Dominica Grenada	Guyana Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Trinidad and Tobago
			Suriname



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