



Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management

The Hilton Barbados, December 11-14, 2006

"Building Resilient Communities through Comprehensive Disaster Management"

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About this Conference

The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA) in association with its Partners will host the Inaugural Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management at the Hilton Barbados, Needham's Point, Barbados, December 11-14, 2006.

After five years of operationalising and implementing the [Comprehensive Disaster Management \(CDM\) Strategy](#) across the Region it is now time to share experiences and to engage in frank assessments of progress on the rolling out of the CDM programmes in support of Disaster Risk Reduction Initiatives in the Caribbean.

The Caribbean Strategy on CDM was launched in 2001 with the primary objective of providing a framework for structuring coordinated action towards disaster loss reduction. This Strategy fully endorsed and adopted at the national, regional sectoral and agency levels all across the Caribbean Region is accepted as the platform to transform the disaster management landscape in the region from being response focused to move to a holistic and integrated risk reduction approach for the sustainable development of the Caribbean.

This Inaugural CDM Conference, in keeping with the CDM concept of engaging all stakeholders will provide a unique forum for the networking of disaster management practitioners, Donors, NGOs, public and private sectors, researchers and civil society.

The [Conference programme](#) is structured for optimal benefit to participants and to achieve the Conference objectives. The professional sessions, panel discussions, keynote addresses, Knowledge Fair and Exhibition issues will include:

- Showcasing of CDM related tools, model products, information and education materials.
- Highlighting best practices in disaster loss reduction and institutionalization of the process through selected sectoral and national case studies.
- An assessment of the prioritized programme for disaster reduction in the Region.
- CDM and the Caribbean Regional Programming Framework.

This is a must attend conference for all disaster management stakeholders to share information and become actively involved in implementing CDM. [Register early](#).



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CONFERENCE DATES

The first Comprehensive Disaster Management Conference will be convened by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency and its Partners at the Hilton Hotel, St. Michael, Barbados on December 11 - 14, 2006.

CDM CONFERENCE PURPOSE

The purpose of the annual CDM Conference will be to

- Assess the progress of implementation of CDM in the region
- Identify priority future interventions
- Determine a plan of action for accelerating and making effective progress

CONFERENCE THEME 2006

"Building Resilient Communities through Comprehensive Disaster Management"

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

1. To showcase CDM related tools, model products, information and education materials
2. To highlight 'successes' through selected presentations and structured discussions that demonstrate CDM penetration and institutionalization
3. To present the revised CDM Strategy and Results Framework
4. To demonstrate the linkages between the CDM Strategy and the Caribbean Regional Programming Framework that implements the aims of the MDGs, the Hyogo Framework

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

In keeping with the Conference theme and to achieve conference objectives, the Conference has been structured in three parts. Part One will consist of Professional Development Sessions, Part Two will focus on Showcasing CDM and Part Three will address the outcomes of the CDM Review Process and linkages to the Global Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Agenda.

A must see Knowledge Fair and Exhibition will be available for the duration of the Conference for participants viewing and for availing themselves of current thinking and knowledge on a variety of disaster management topics. The Fair and Exhibition will be organized by the UNDP in collaboration with CDERA.

Part One: Professional Development Sessions Monday, December 11, 2006

Coordinated, organized and delivered by CDM partners, each Professional Development Session is designed to instruct participants and share knowledge and information key CDM related tools, methodologies and resources in concise and structured half day sessions designed to maximize the disaster manager's professional development experience. Each session is designed to accommodate a maximum of sixty persons and places will be offered on a first come first serve basis so register early!

The CDM Professional Development Sessions will take the format of two half-day workshops running in consecutive sessions December 11, 2006 in the morning from 8:30am – 12:00 noon and in the afternoon from 1:30 – 5:30pm. Plans are now being finalized to also stage a one day concurrent workshop on Multi-hazard Contingency Planning for the Tourism Sector on Monday December 11, 2006.

Part Two: Showcasing CDM
Tuesday to Wednesday, December 12-13, 2006

These sessions will showcase CDM "successes" within a global context, by highlight CDM initiatives that have been undertaken which have/are contributing to mainstreaming CDM at all levels in keeping with Objectives 1 and 2 of the Conference. The first day sessions will run from 8:30am and close at 3:30pm to facilitate participants viewing and participation in the Knowledge Fair and Exhibition before the formal Conference Opening which is scheduled to commence at 6:30pm. Day two will see a continuing focus on CDM mainstreaming efforts delivered in varying formats.

Part Three: CDM Review
Thursday, December 14, 2006

CDERA and its Partners with funding support from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will undertake a review of the CDM Strategy leading up to the Conference. Days 3 will feature a series of presentations on the outcomes of the review process led by the CDM Consultants. Sessions will run from 8:30am to 4:00pm on Thursday December 14 followed by a wrap up panel discussion and formal closing of the Conference. Immediately following the formal sessions, participants will be invited to complete their participation in and viewing of the Knowledge Fair and Exhibition.

The Conference closes with an objective outlook for the Caribbean Disaster Management Programme over the next five to ten years.

CONFERENCE PUBLICITY

The primary vehicle for promoting the Inaugural CDM Conference will be the CDERA Website at <http://www.cdera.org/>. Information will be posted to this site on a regular basis to inform prospective participants of progress on planning, registration details, accommodation options and on the Conference Programme. Summary information will also be carried on partner websites for which links will be provided on the CDERA website.

The CDM Conference will also be promoted through a number of activities which will be undertaken during the period September – December 2006 to mark CDERA's 15th Anniversary.

CONFERENCE INVITEES

There are three categories of invitees to the Conference which is targeting disaster management practitioners, policy makers, civil society and donor agencies.

1. Participants Sponsored by the Conference Organizers (limited funding is being secured)
2. Participants sponsored by their respective Agency/Business
3. Self sponsored "Walk-ins" (limited numbers)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Invited Participants are required to register for the Conference using the prescribed form(s) via the CDERA Website. Information of Registration Packages available and deadlines will be communicated via the CDERA Website.

CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE ON COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT

December 11 – 14, 2006

Bridgetown, BARBADOS

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Professional Development Sessions	Showcasing CDM	Showcasing CDM cont'd	CDM Strategy Review & Outcomes
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Business Continuity Planning	Session 1: Governance, Organisational, Institutional and Policy Framework for Risk Reduction CDERA	Session 3: Reducing Underlying Risk Factors CHAMP Safer building Safe Hospitals and Clinics	Session 5 Assessing CDM Achievements – Plenary
9:30 – 10:00	B R E A K			
10:00 – 11:00	Business Continuity Planning Cont'd	CDM Partners Policy & Programming Frameworks Panel: DFID, IDB, CIDA, USAID	Monitoring and Early Warning Systems (EWS)	Session 6: CDM Strategy Revisited – Plenary
11:00 – 12:00		National (SVG & BVI) Programming Frameworks		Session 4: Charting Progress: The CDM Monitoring Framework
12:00 – 1:30	L U N C H			
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Understanding Risk Reduction	Session 2: Risk Identification, Assessments - An overview and open discussion	Session 4: Prep for Effective Response & Recovery	Session 7: Strategic Framework for CDM Implementation and Resourcing
2:30 – 3:30 PM		Case Studies – QRAP - BVI	Summary/Review of 2006 Operations – Issues/Lessons Learnt	Session 8: CDM and Global Risk Reduction Agenda
3:30 – 4:00 PM	B R E A K			
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Understanding Risk Reduction	<u>Knowledge Fair & Viewing of Exhibition</u>	Post Impact Assessments	The Next Steps – CDERA Closing Remarks
		Official Opening of Conference & Launch of Knowledge Fair / Exhibition – 6:30pm	What has been the experience in building resilient communities Wrap Up Panel Discussion	