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STRENGTHEN INTEGRATED AND COHESIVE PREPAREDNESS CAPACITY AT A REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY LEVEL IN THE CARIBBEAN

Prepared through knowledge and planning

Third Meeting of the Regional Early Warning System Consortium

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Amendments to REWSC Terms of Reference (REWSC 19-06-04/ DOC 2.4)

Section of Document		Comment/Suggested changes	How addressed
Background	The Regional Early Warning System Consortium has been established to address this recognized gap	(what was the date of the establishment and how was it established).	The Regional Early Warning System Consortium is being established to address this recognized gap.
		Recommendation to further enhance the TOR to reflect the existing regional arrangements which support the EWS for the various hazard..	Included: Existing regional arrangements that support national systems also exist such as the Early Warning Information Systems Across Climate Timescales (EWISACTs). The REWSC will seek to complement those existing arrangements and build efficiencies through stronger coordination to address multiple hazards. ICG Caribe is reflected as a member.
The Role and Functions of the Regional Early Warning Systems Consortium	Promote the articulation of the scientific and technical processes of data acquisition, data sharing, hazard modeling and forecasting in support of EWS	(the data sharing arrangements will have to be discussed by the Boards of Institutions to ensure consistency and agreement with established procedure and processes)	Agreed. It is recognized that there are already established processes and procedures guiding each agency
	Facilitate collaboration and cooperation among	Suggested insertion of ... the management,	State amended to state 'Facilitate collaboration



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	institutions which support the Early Warning Systems Agenda	maintenance and operation of...' Query - what is the agenda?	and cooperation among regional and national institutions which support the regional vision for Early Warning Systems in the Caribbean.
Membership/ Composition of the Regional Early Warning Systems Consortium		By the inclusion of Jamaica, aren't we mixing up national and regional institutions? Why not include other countries? Why not other sectors such CARDI and CTO among others?	The national perspective on the regional MHEWS is an important element to be represented in the regional EWS Consortium. There can be a discussion however on the most suitable country representation. It is agreed that CARDI should be represented among the membership of the Consortium as a hazard-specific monitoring agency.
		What rules govern the observers?	These will be articulated in the agreement.
		Suggested that the membership of the consortium should include social scientist and regional governing bodies such as CARICOM and OECS as observers/members.	OECS included as an observer
Frequency of Meetings	A majority (51%) of the representatives of the REWSC as named in Item 20 above will constitute a quorum and must be present for meetings to be convened.	Are agreements made by the quorum binding on institutions not present in the quorum?) (Do the observers form the quorum or are they just limited to commenting?)	Yes, as this is accepted practice. Observers status is reflected in the TOR - 'The following institutions will have observer status in the Consortium. Observers are non-voting members that will provide



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			technical input to the Consortium.’
	In keeping with its specific functions and responsibilities, the REWSC shall regulate its procedures for conduct of the meetings and regulate its own proceedings.	(the use of shall indicates binding agreement that will require institutional sign off)	Agreed. The REWSC is expected to be launched in December, 2019 with an agreement to be signed by all agencies constituting the Consortium.
Duration of Regional Early Warning Systems Consortium	The REWSC will sit for the duration of the current CDM Strategy to 2024	(it seems that the Consortium is tied to commitment periods of the CDM Strategy when the participating institutions are working on other organizational strategic periods ... can this be revised to shorter more commitment period that recognizes these realities)	It is of strategic important to link the REWSC to the CDM Strategy which has been endorse at the highest political level in the region. This does no violence to the strategic/programming periods of individual institutions within the REWSC.
Chairmanship of the REWSC		Is there us process for changing or rotating the chairmanship at prescribed periods? What is the Sub-Committee and who are its members? What mechanism(s) will the Chair use to ensure adequate follow up?	Rotating chairmanship should be discussed at the next meeting for agreement among members. The sub-committee to be replaced with ‘Consortium’
Secretariat	The CDEMA CU will serve as Secretary of the REWSC	(Secretariat?)	Agreed
Meeting Location	Meetings of the REWSC may be “face-to-face” at a location that is agreed to by the membership of the committee, virtual or a combination thereof	(how will the cost be covered for the face-to-face meetings – will the members have to cover their cost?) What are the rules governing the Consortium? Is this more of a “working group” rather than a consortium?	Members will cover their cost for participation The rules will be elaborated in the Consortium agreement The REWSC is intended to be a Consortium. Statement amended: Opportunities shall be sought by the CDEMA Coordinating Unit as



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			<p>well as Consortium members through their programmes to cover the costs of their participation.</p>
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