



## Side Event

### Concept Note Template

<b>Event title</b>	<b>The Resilience Imperative: Charting a Caribbean Development Pathway in the face of Uncertainty</b>
<b>Organizing Team Members</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ms. Andria Grosvenor, Planning and Business Development Manager, CDEMA</li><li>2. Mr. Horace Glaze, Senior Director, Preparedness and Emergency Operations, ODPEM, Jamaica</li><li>3. Ms. Maria Corbin, Executive Assistant, CDEMA</li><li>4. AOSIS Representative</li><li>5. Saskia Carusi, External Relations Officer, UNISDR, Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean</li></ol>
<b>Background and Rationale</b>	Small island states share a number of commonalities as small open island economies, often with a narrow natural resource base, a narrow production base with heavy dependence on the Services sector, especially tourism, and population concentrations on the coastal plains. High exposure to adverse natural hazard events as well as technological (man-made) hazards that claim lives, damage capital stock and affect livelihoods, retarding economic growth and social development. A less acknowledged effect is the social fallout on the vulnerable people which includes general and gender-differentiated effects on the affected population as well as on differently-abled persons. In many cases, the natural event is more severely felt in poorer areas, causing immeasurable misery to communities least able to withstand the event. Such events include drought, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, landslides and volcanoes (CDEMA, ECLAC, 2013). Natural hazards threaten to undermine the development gains of small island states and low-lying coastal states and strategic efforts must be harnessed to build

	<p>resilience and to achieve sustainable development.</p> <p>The catastrophic impacts of the unprecedented events in September 2017 emerging from the experiences with Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the troubling scenarios projected by scientists on the effects of climate variability and change on natural and man-induced hazards, the issues associated with uncertainty, as well as the potential for earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis in the seismically active Caribbean region, have led CARICOM Heads of Government to call for a revisit the Region's Resilience Agenda.</p> <p>CDEMA in collaboration with partners proposed a Pathway to Resilience for the Caribbean emerging from RP19 in Cartagena (June 2018) and presented this to the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community in July 2018. The Agency has been mandated to further develop this conceptual framework which is believed can be beneficial for all SIDS. The Global Platform is viewed as a critical forum to receive broad stakeholder feedback and input, including from our AOSIS partners for the mutual benefit of small island states. This forum will also be an input into the RP20 to be convened in the Caribbean for the very first time by hosts Jamaica in 2020.</p>
<b>Session objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Share the conceptual framework for a Caribbean Pathway to Resilience which emerged from a mandate by the Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community</li> <li>ii. Provide a forum for SIDS to explore the most appropriate pathways towards building resilience in small islands states amidst the complexity of challenges faced and the realities of an adverse hazard environment coupled with the uncertainty of climate variability and change.</li> <li>iii. Agree on the key components of a pathway required for safer, more resilient and sustainable small island states.</li> </ul>
<b>Agenda and Structure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Introduction from Chair (3 mins)</li> <li>b. Lead Presentation by CDEMA – (10 mins)</li> <li>c. Moderated Panel- Hard Talk format. Panellists will respond to specific targeted questions around the five (5) pillars of resilience to unearth the essential components required for change. (20 mins)</li> <li>d. Moderated Panel- Hard Talk format. Panellists will respond to another round of specific targeted questions around the five (5) pillars of resilience to highlight the challenges envisaged and propose solutions. (20 mins)</li> </ul>

	<p>e. Feedback and questions from the audience will be fielded. (30 mins)</p> <p>f. Moderator Summary (5 mins)</p> <p><b><i>The UNISDR has introduced an app for session management and opportunities will be grasped for utilising the app either to receive questions or crowd source on some specific areas for validation.</i></b></p>
<b>Expected Outcomes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A relevant resilient development pathway framework for SIDS</li> <li>2. Some key actions for advancing the framework in SIDS</li> </ol>
<b>Special commitments / Announcements</b>	<p>The theme of the session - <b><i>The Resilience Imperative: Charting a Caribbean Development Pathway in the face of Uncertainty</i></b> aligns well with the overall conference theme.</p> <p>The intent of this session seeks to advance a political directive for the Caribbean which will be a useful feed into the High-Level Political Forum sessions in 2019. The session also seeks to highlight the issue of climate variability and change which is both a global issue but is of unique concern to SIDS.</p> <p>The next Regional Platform will be convened in Jamaica in 2020, which will seek to highlight and advance this issue.</p>
<b>Proposed Moderator of the Session</b>	<p>Journalist – Jamaica</p> <p>Emily Crooks-Shields</p>
<b>List of Panellists</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Lead Presenter: Ronald Jackson, Executive Director, CDEMA</li> <li>ii. Ambassador Douglas Slater, Assistant Secretary General, CARICOM</li> <li>iii. Dr. Virginia Clerveaux, Director Department of Disaster Management and Emergencies Turks and Caicos Islands and representative of the Chairman of the Council of CDEMA (TBC)</li> <li>iv. Ambassador Lois Young, Permanent Representative of Belize to the United Nations and Chair of the AOSIS (TBC)</li> <li>v. Mr. Carlos Fuller, AOSIS Lead Negotiator on Climate Change</li> <li>vi. Ms. Cointha Thomas, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Saint Lucia (TBC)</li> <li>vii. Ms. Lizra Fabien, Executive Director, Dominica Association of Industry and Commerce (DAIC) and Chair of Network of Caribbean Chamber of Commerce (CARICHAM)</li> </ol>
<b>Reference Documents</b>	<i>Green Paper on Disaster Resilience</i>
<b>Date and Location</b>	<p>Thursday, May 16, 2019</p> <p>12:30 - 14:00</p>

	<p>Room 18</p> <p>Centre International de Conférences Genève (CICG),</p>
<b>Technical equipment requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Microphones for speakers available on head table</li> <li>- 1 remote microphone for audience</li> <li>- 1 large screen and projector for video projection</li> <li>- 1 laptop PC for presentation for the panel plus one clicker</li> <li>- 1 flipchart</li> </ul> <p><b>Room 18:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capacity: 111 seats, in theatre style set up</li> <li>- Space for 2-5 wheelchairs</li> <li>- 6 speaker seats plus relevant number of tables for panel</li> </ul>