



*11<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Conference on  
Comprehensive Disaster Management*

2 December – 6 December 2019  
Sonesta Maho Beach Resort  
Sint Maarten

*“CDM: The Road to Resilience Checkpoint  
2019 – Safeguarding Our Communities,  
Livelihoods and Economies”*

***Information Note-Delegates***

**Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management. We hope that this conference would be a rewarding and valuable experience for you.**

**For your guidance and direction, please familiarise yourself with the information contained in this document.**

### *Summary Procedures*

- 1. If you have not already registered for the Conference, please visit the CDM Conference website at <https://bit.ly/2NXynGL>. Whether sponsored or un-sponsored to attend, **all delegates** are required to complete this process.*
- 2. If you are not sponsored by CDEMA please make your hotel bookings as guided on our website <https://www.cdema.org/cdm11/index.php/about/venue>*
- 3. On arrival at the Princess Juliana International Airport, Sint Maarten cabs/taxi will be readily available at a rate of approximately **US\$ 5.00** per person*
- 4. Subsequent to your hotel check-in, **please** proceed to the **Welcome & Registration Desk** to receive additional information regarding your participation in the 11<sup>th</sup> CDM Conference. The personnel at the **Welcome & Registration Desk** will guide you, based on your delegate profile. You will also be provided with your name badge and package.*

*Enjoy the 2019 Conference experience!*

**Conference Organisers:** The Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management is a signature event of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and its partners. Visit our website at ([www.cdema.org/cdm11](http://www.cdema.org/cdm11)) for more information.

**Conference Co-host:** The 11<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Conference on Comprehensive Disaster Management is being co-hosted by the Government of Sint Maarten

**Visa Requirements:** Visitors wishing to travel to Sint Maarten for vacation or business may require a Visa for entry into the country. Be sure to check [https://www.cdema.org/cdm11/visa\\_requirements\\_s.pdf](https://www.cdema.org/cdm11/visa_requirements_s.pdf) to determine the visa requirements for your country.

**Accommodation:** The “all inclusive” hotel rate at the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort is **US\$215 single occupancy, inclusive of taxes.**

Please be advised the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort is fully booked for most of the conference period (Dec 2 – 6<sup>th</sup> 2019). The Conference Planning Team sincerely apologise for this inconvenience.

Two alternate hotels have been identified, *Simpson Bay Resort* and *Holland House Beach Hotel*, to facilitate participants’ accommodation. Should you be unable to secure a reservation at the Sonesta Maho Beach Resort, you are invited to seek accommodation at the alternate hotels.

**Simpson Bay Resort**

- Studio Room at a rate of USD 161.00 per night inclusive of taxes;
- Junior Suite at a rate of USD 177.00 per night inclusive of taxes;
- One Bedroom Suite at a rate of USD 177.00 per night inclusive of taxes;
- One Bedroom Ocean front at a rate of USD 216.00 per night inclusive of taxes

Persons making reservations should make them via emails [SBRreservations@simpsonbayresort.com](mailto:SBRreservations@simpsonbayresort.com) and [mperosa@royalresorts.com](mailto:mperosa@royalresorts.com) and should make reference to CDM Conference.

**Holland House Beach Hotel**

- City View Room at a rate of USD 199.24 per night inclusive of taxes and breakfast;
- Ocean View Room at a rate of USD 235.46 per night inclusive of taxes and breakfast.

Persons making reservations should make them via email [reservations@hollandhousehotel.com](mailto:reservations@hollandhousehotel.com) and should make reference to CDM Conference.

**Conf. Venue Info:**

Sonesta Maho Beach Resort, Casino & Spa is the largest Limitless All-Inclusive family resort in Sint. Maarten offering an exhilarating and fun vacation experience combined with stellar customer service and offerings for all ages.

**Address:** 1 Rhine Road Maho Village, Maho Beach, Sint Maarten; **Tele #:** +1 721-545-2115 [www.sonesta.com/mahobeach](http://www.sonesta.com/mahobeach)

**Conference On-site**

**Registration:**

**All participants will require a badge to enter Conference sessions.** Registration for the Conference and to uplift badges will commence on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Participants are encouraged to complete this process early to avoid queues.

**Closing Ceremony,**

**Awards and Gala Dinner:** This “black tie” event will be convened on **Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 7:30pm – 10:00pm.** Tickets to this event are at a cost of **US\$80.00** and may be obtained from the registration desk. All “*full conference*” registrants will receive a complimentary ticket.

**Transportation:**

Car rental is relatively economical in Sint Maarten. Should you decide to hire a vehicle, the following companies have been recommended.

<https://www.sixt.com/car-rental/sint-maarten/philipsburg/>

<https://hertz.sxmrentacar.com/reservations/>

<https://www.avis.com/en/locations/zy/saint-maarten/sxm>

[www.saxcarrental.com](http://www.saxcarrental.com)

Taxi fare from the Airport to the Sonesta is approximately \$7/couple

Taxi fare from the Airport to Holland house is approximately \$20/couple

Taxi Fare from the Airport to Simpson Bay is approximately \$15/couple

**Conference Tour:**

The Planning Committee has organised an enlightening “Sint Maarten Island Tour” on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2019. Noting the impact of 2017 Hurricane(s) on both Dutch and French St. Maarten, the tour will be primarily focused on the rehabilitation efforts within the country. The cost of tour is US\$30 per person.

**Dress Code:**

The dress code for the Conference is **business attire.**

**Language:**

The Conference is being offered in **English.**

- Special Dietary Needs:** Persons with special dietary needs are required to indicate at the point of registration. If you have not done so, please indicate at the Welcome Desk.
- Internet Services:** On check-in at the Sonesta Maho and Ocean Point Beach Resorts, you will be provided with instructions on accessing the internet.
- Weather:** The weather in Sint Maarten is generally between a daily average maximum temperature of 85.0 F degrees and a daily average minimum temperature of 75.0 F degrees during the December period.
- Power Outlets:** Electrical outlets in Sint Maarten are 110 voltage at 60 Hz, which is compatible with all US appliances
- Medical booth:** A medical booth will be set up at the hotel, staffed with medical personnel, for the duration of the conference
- Currency:** The Island's official currency is the Antillean guilder, but the American dollar is extensively used. The exchange rate between the two currencies is fixed. One American dollar can be exchanged for 1.80 Antillean guilders.