Opening Ceremony

09:00-11:30, Friday, February 1, 2019, Bougainvillea Conference Centre, Bay Gardens Hotel, Saint Lucia

The opening ceremony will provide an introduction of the achievements of the Project in the beneficiary countries (Antigua and Barbuda, Republic of Cuba, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Dominican Republic, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines).

The National Anthem of Saint Lucia

Opening Prayer

Opening Remarks

Moderator: Mr. Andrew George, Programme Officer, National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO)

The following speakers are confirmed:

Speakers:
Tamara Lovell: Regional Disaster Risk Management Coordinator, English-Speaking Caribbean and Republic of Suriname, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Lise Tonelli: Coordinator for the Caribbean, European Commission Directorate-General Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection – ECHO
Chisa Mikami: Resident Representative (a.i), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Barbados and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)

The Honourable Allen Chastanet, Prime Minister, Saint Lucia

Keynote Address:
Emerging Policy Considerations for Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems in the Caribbean

Ronald Jackson, Executive Director Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)

High-Level Panel Discussion: Addressing Emerging Policy Considerations

Moderator: Mr. Andrew George, Programme Officer, National Emergency Management Organisation

Panellists:

The Honourable Allen Chastanet, Prime Minister, Saint Lucia

Mr. Ronald Jackson, Executive Director Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)

Ms. Maritza Garcia, President of the Cuban Environmental Agency (AMA).

Official Handover of Project Package

Moderator: Mr. Andrew George, Programme Officer, National Emergency Management Organisation

Participants: Prime Minister of Saint Lucia/Minister and National Directors

Media will be invited to the opening ceremony.

The “Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems: Achievements and Strategic Path Forward High-Level Meeting” will take place on February 1, 2019 in Saint Lucia. The workshop is organized by CDEMA in close collaboration with UNDP and IFRC, under the framework of the 2017-2018 DIPECHO Action Plan for the Caribbean.

Meeting Outcomes:

1. Handover packages marking the strategic process and way forward received by High-level officials of beneficiary countries

2. EWS policy implications identified, based on project results

3. Key strategic, planning and programming actions identified for regional coordination by the Regional EWS Consortium

Opportunities for cooperation and collaboration identified for enhanced implementation of projects under the 2019 ECHO HIP