



Strengthen integrated and cohesive preparedness capacity at a regional,
national and community level in the Caribbean

Regional Early Warning Systems Consortium: Concept

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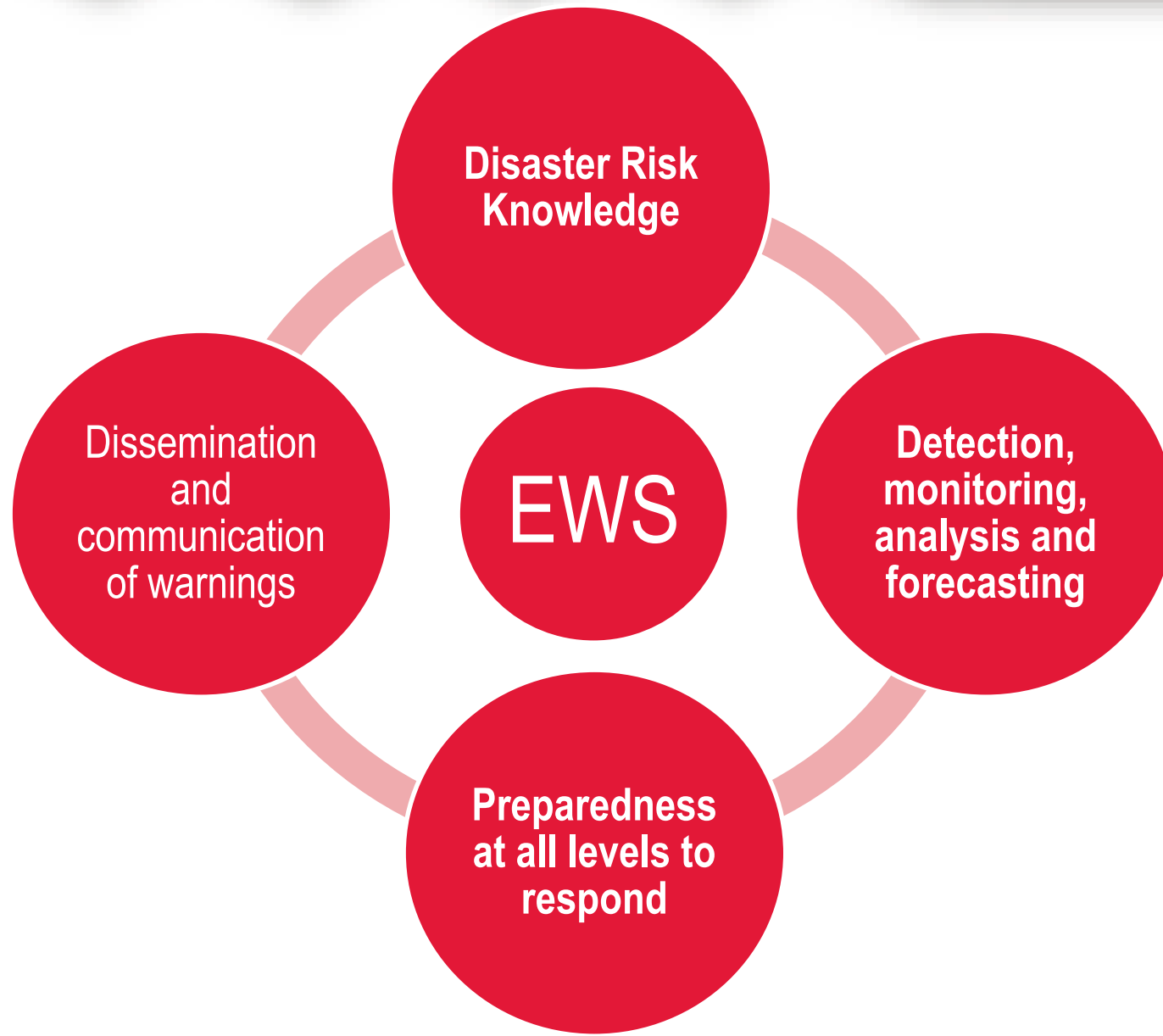
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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- ❖ **Synopsis of EWS in Caribbean 2016 and Recommendations**
- ❖ **Problem Statement**
- ❖ **A Strategic Approach**
- ❖ **REWSC Objectives and Key Next Steps**



OBSERVATIONS 2005-2015

Ref. Collymore 2016

- ❖ Diverse ad hoc interventions; Variable by hazard
- ❖ Since 2003 >US\$50M invested
- ❖ At least 75% focused on warning tools, equipment and capacity building
- ❖ Some progress in advancing EWS
 - Integrated EWS at 'embyonic stage' – cyclones, flood, tsunami, volcanic hazards
 - Increasing use of science – CIMH drought, cyclones and severe weather; Seismic Research Centre

RECOMMENDATIONS

Ref. Collymore 2016

- ❖ Establish strategic vision for EWS development
- ❖ EWS Policy
- ❖ Prioritization of the investment in EWS – focus on the essential
- ❖ Revisit and strengthen governance frameworks for EWS
- ❖ Consolidation of National integrated EWS
- ❖ EWS more visible in national and regional strategies and programmes

PROBLEM STATEMENT

UNISDR: for EWS to work effectively

- ❖ “... (the) four inter-related components (of EWS) need to be coordinated within and across sectors and multiple levels ... Failure in one component or a lack of coordination across them could lead to failure of the whole system.”

PROBLEM STATEMENT – CURRENT STATUS

- ❖ Many organisations and countries doing excellent work on different pillars of the EWS for different hazards but no established coordination
- ❖ Strategic vision to be articulated
- ❖ Need for strengthened coordination of EWS interventions in the region within and across the four pillars
- ❖ Significant gaps exist in disaster risk knowledge, hazard specific development required for landslides and severe localised weather systems, varied capacity for interpreting the products at national level, strengthened message communication, accurate picture of population capacity

A STRATEGIC APPROACH: EWS CONSORTIUM

- ❖ Regional Early Warning Systems Consortium was proposed with the purpose of advancing and strengthening coordination of EWS
- ❖ Function: strategic and advisory body for the advancement and strengthened coordination of Early Warning Systems within the Caribbean Region
- ❖ First Meeting in June 2017

A STRATEGIC APPROACH

- ❖ A multi-stakeholder group of national and regional agencies with mandates and/or activities targeted at the development and enhancement of early warning systems across multiple hazards.
- ❖ provide guidance to Participating States of CDEMA, individually and collectively, on areas pertinent to integrated MHEWS systems that deliver on regional and global outcomes and targets
- ❖ Guidance for donor investment across pillars

OBJECTIVES OF CONSORTIUM

- ❖ To provide strategic direction to the development and sustainability of MHEWS in the region from the regional to community levels
 - Provide oversight for EWS developments in the Caribbean region
 - Revisit and propose areas of strengthening for the EWS governance framework
 - Review and provide policy direction to CDEMA and countries on EWS
 - Ensure that EWS as a theme is more visible in National and Regional Strategies and Programs

OBJECTIVES OF CONSORTIUM CONT'D

- Support the implementation of national and regional EWS initiatives
- Keep under review the status of EWS in the Caribbean Region

ASSUMPTIONS

- EWS Consortium members are committed to the Consortium objective of strengthened coordination and advancement of EWS;
- Development partners who support the area of EWS recognize and support the objectives of the Consortium.

KEY NEXT STEPS

- ❖ Consensus on the strategic vision for EWS in the Caribbean and mission of the Consortium
- ❖ An action plan to support the mission of the Consortium that is updated and reported against, on a yearly basis
- ❖ Suggested Result Areas:
 - Regional strategic vision
 - Establish standards in support of EWS
 - Monitoring and evaluation
- ❖ A mapping of agencies, mandates roles and responsibilities against the four EWS pillars

THANK YOU

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