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Regional Caribbean Risk Management and Adaptation Network

Disaster Context

The Caribbean region is characterized by its growing levels of risk and vulnerability associated with climatic change, climatic variability and other disasters. The subsequent losses are hampering development projects and severely affecting UNDP's main objective of reducing poverty.

National and regional projects implemented in the Caribbean over the last 20 years have increased capacity to respond, prepare, and adapt to climatic changes and other threats. Nevertheless, risk management and recovery projects still need to be incorporated into disaster projects to reduce risk and increase sustainability. While there is information related to risk, vulnerability and risk management in the region, it is incomplete or it is not easily accessible.

Project Title

The Caribbean Risk Management and Adaptation Network: Havana Initiative (RLA/01/013)

Sectors

- Risk and climatic change management
- Institutional building
- Coordination and collaboration
- Capacity-building
- Resource mobilization

Funding

UNDP Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean and UNDP contributed \$290,000. The Canadian Government contributed 190,000 Canadian dollars (US\$125,000).

Partners

- Caribbean governments
- Public institutions

- Academic and scientific institutions
- Private sector representatives
- Civil society organisations

Programme Activities

- Establishing cooperation mechanisms through seminars, workshops, expert group meetings, comparative analysis, and information technology
- Building databases and sharing information to facilitate access to risk and climatic change information such as disaster inventories, risk management initiatives, institution directories and publication and documentation banks
- Developing capacities and raising awareness
- Mobilising of resources
- Sharing lessons learned