

**HURRICANE SYMPOSIUM: Response and Resilience to Hurricanes in the Caribbean in a Changing Climate: Best Practices and Lessons Learned**

Thursday October 3, 2024

The E. Nigel Harris Council Room, Regional Headquarters  
The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:15am – 8:55am	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
9:00am – 9:25am	<p><b>Ceremonial Signing:</b> The University of the West Indies (UWI) and the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> PVC Aldrie Henry Lee (UWI) <b>Remarks:</b> PVC Sandra Maynard (UWI)</p>
9:30am – 10:10am	<p align="center"><b>Opening Ceremony</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Professor Tannecia Stephenson, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology (UWI)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome and Launch of Symposium Video</li> <li>2. Remarks: Dr. Anna Stewart-Ibarra: Executive Director, IAI</li> <li>3. Remarks: Mr. Rodney Martinez Guingla: World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Representative for North America, Central America, and the Caribbean</li> <li>4. Presentation: Dr. Jhordane Jones, Climate Studies Group Mona (CSGM)</li> <li>5. Remarks: Ms. Elizabeth Emanuel, Lead Consultant, CCRIF Corporate Communications Teams</li> <li>6. Presentation: Mr. Evan Thompson, Principal Director: MetService, Jamaica and President, Regional Association of World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Member States in North America, Central America and the Caribbean</li> </ol>
10:15am – 11:15am	<p align="center"><b>Impact and Response Panel</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Have We Gotten It Right Yet? Caribbean accounts of preparing and responding to Tropical Cyclones: 2004 – 2024</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Dr. David Smith, Coordinator: The Institute for Sustainable Development (UWI)</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Mr. Delroy Mclean, Senior Director: Enterprise, Government and Multinationals, Cable and Wireless Communications, Jamaica</li> <li>b) Mr. Ricardo Case, Director of Engineering Services, JPSCo, Jamaica</li> <li>c) Ms. Teresita DaSilva, Preparedness and Planning Manager Hazard Management Cayman Islands</li> <li>d) Nakhle Hado, Director of Agriculture and Fisheries (<i>with responsibilities for</i>) Preparedness and Response, Food for the Poor, Jamaica</li> <li>e) Elizabeth Riley, Executive Director, Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), Barbados</li> </ol>
11:15am – 11:25am	<b>STRETCH BREAK</b>

11:30am – 12:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Plenary</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> Empowering the Next Generation for a Resilient Future: Traditions of the Elders, Hurricane Literacy, Public Awareness, Technology, Youth Advocacy and Resilient Development</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Dr. Anne-Teresa Birthwright, IAI- STeP Alumni, Vice President, Jamaican Women in Coffee</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ms. Jovana Hoschtialek, Founder, 195in365 Inc, Grenada</li> <li>b) Ms. Shauna-Lee Steele, PhD Student, (UWI)</li> <li>c) Mr. Curtis Clennon, President, Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Corps (UWI), Jamaica</li> </ul>
12:00pm – 12:50pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Resilience Panel</b></p> <p><b>Title:</b> The Caribbean Resilient State and Resilient Zone Proposition – 2024 and beyond</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Mr. Jeremy Collymore, Chair, Advisory Board DRRC (UWI), Disaster and Resilience Specialist</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ms. Elizabeth Emanuel, Lead Consultant, CCRIF</li> <li>b) Ms. Teresita DaSilva, Preparedness and Planning Manager Hazard Management Cayman Islands</li> <li>c) Dr. Terence Walters, National Disaster Coordinator, National Disaster Management Agency, Grenada</li> <li>d) Mr. Kishan Khoday, Resident Representative, The Bahamas, Belize, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Jamaica and Turks &amp; Caicos United Nations Development Programme</li> <li>e) Mr. Ricard Thompson, Executive Director, Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, Jamaica</li> </ul>
12:50pm - 1:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closing Remarks, Wrap up and the Way Forward</b></p> <p>Speaker: <i>Mr. Jeremy Collymore, Chair, Advisory Board DRRC (UWI), Disaster and Resilience Specialist</i></p>

Lunch will be served outside of the Council Room

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