



# Regional workshop

## Addressing coordination and data sharing challenges for better environment, climate change and disaster indicators

*Agenda & Background Note*

22-24 November 2022 | Main Meeting Room | Hyatt Regency Trinidad, Trinidad & Tobago

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### BACKGROUND

The Statistics Division and the Subregional Headquarters for the Caribbean of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), in collaboration with United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission, have been working together over the past year and a half at the country level to strengthen institutional and statistical capacities of selected Caribbean countries to better produce, disseminate and use environment, climate change and disaster indicators. Work at the country level has helped in identifying coordination and data sharing as the most critical areas where exchange of knowledge and experiences and peer learning at the regional level bring the most value for countries. Therefore, as part of the Development Account 12th Tranche (DA12) project on **Caribbean SIDS relevant climate change and disasters indicators for evidence-based policies**, a regional workshop is being organized to facilitate exchange of ideas and peer learning among project beneficiary and non-beneficiary countries.

### OBJECTIVE OF THE WORKSHOP

This workshop will bring stakeholders from National Statistical Offices, Ministries of Environment, and Emergency and Disaster Management authorities of members and associate members of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) to share experiences and knowledge, and promote peer learning on strengthening the environment, climate change, and disaster statistical areas in their organisations and promoting the use of data in decision making.

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- Enable a safe space for participants to discuss specific challenges on coordination and data sharing processes of environment, climate change and disaster statistics and share knowledge, experiences, and success stories in addressing these challenges
- Show advances of ECLAC's regional resilience database and receive feedback from the participants
- Identify the most pressing national needs in the areas of environment, climate change and disaster data that could be addressed by ECLAC in the next stages of the DA12 project

## AGENDA

DAY 1 – 22 November, 2022	
8:30 - 9:00	Registration
	<b>Moderator:</b> <a href="#">Abdullahi Abdulkadri</a> , Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean
	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>
	<a href="#">Diane Quarless</a> , Director, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean
	<a href="#">Rolando Ocampo</a> , Director, Statistics Division, ECLAC (virtual)
9:00 - 10:00	<p><a href="#">Faustina Wiggins</a>, Environmental Statistician, Regional Statistics Programme, CARICOM Secretariat</p> <p><a href="#">Bibi Farzana Yusuf-Leon</a>, Technical Specialist, IWEco, Biodiversity and Ecosystems Management Programme, Environmental Sustainability Division, OECS Commission</p> <p><a href="#">Shannon Farnum</a>, Senior Programme Officer - Research (Ag) in the Office of the Executive Director, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)</p> <p><a href="#">Marcus Newbury</a>, Statistician, Environment Statistics Section, UNSD (virtual)</p>
	*Photo of the authorities and participants
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Introductory Presentation: The DA12th project</b> , <a href="#">Georgina Alcantar</a> , Chief, Environment and Climate Change Statistics Unit, Statistics Division ECLAC
	<b>Session 1: Disaster Statistics: Advances in the region</b>
	Moderator: <a href="#">Georgina Alcantar</a> , Chief, Environment and Climate Change Statistics Unit, Statistics Division ECLAC
10:20 – 11:10	<p><b>1. Display: Developing a regional resilience database for more effective decision making</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of the regional resilience database, <a href="#">Francisco Jiménez</a>, ECLAC, 10'</li> <li>- Visualization exercises, <a href="#">José Luis Olarte</a>, ECLAC, 15'</li> <li>- Interactive feedback from the participants (Slido), 10'</li> <li>- Q&amp;A, 15'</li> </ul>
11:10 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 12:00	<p><b>2. Presentation: Statistical Conference of the Americas: Working group on disaster statistics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of the working group advances, <a href="#">Jennifer Guralnick</a>, UNDRR, 20'</li> <li>- Q&amp;A, 10'</li> </ul>
	<b>Session 2: How to strengthen sustained production, collection, dissemination and use of environment, climate change and disaster statistics?</b>
	Moderator: <a href="#">Karina Cázarez</a> , Consultant, ECLAC
12:00 – 12:30	<p><b>1. Presentations: steps to develop the environment / climate change data area in my organisation</b></p> <p>Input:</p> <p><u>Suriname</u> - <a href="#">Anjali de Abreu-Kisoensingh</a>, GBS &amp; <a href="#">Donovan Bogor</a>, NIMO</p> <p>This session will show the timeline and developmental steps to create an environment/climate change statistics area. Participants will learn about different practices and solutions adopted by their peers to advance quicker in developing this area.</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 14:00	<p><b>Group work 1: participants discuss and define critical steps to develop the environment, climate change and/or disaster are in their organisations</b></p> <p>Facilitators:</p>

	<p>Group 1: Karina Cázarez, ECLAC Group 2: Janet Geoghagen-Martin, ECLAC</p> <p>Monitoring key messages:</p> <p>Georgina Alcantar, ECLAC Abdullahi Abdulkadri, ECLAC</p>
14:00 – 14:30	<p><b>2. Presentations: Preparing an environment/climate change/disaster statistics compendium which impacts policymaking</b></p> <p>Input:</p> <p><a href="#">Grenada</a> - <a href="#">Junior Alexis</a>, Central Statistics Office &amp; <a href="#">Aria Louis</a>, Ministry of Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy</p> <p>This session will provide information about the preparation, publishing, and dissemination of an environment/climate change/disaster statistics compendium and how such publication impacts policymaking processes</p>
14:30 – 15:00	<p><b>Group work 2: participants discuss and define critical steps to develop and use an environment/climate change statistical compendium for policymaking</b></p> <p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Group 1: Karina Cázarez, ECLAC Group 2: Janet Geoghagen-Martin, ECLAC</p> <p>Monitoring Key messages:</p> <p>Georgina Alcantar, ECLAC Abdullahi Abdulkadri, ECLAC</p>
15:00 – 15:30	<p><b>Reporting back from group work</b></p> <p>Moderators: <a href="#">Georgina Alcantar</a> &amp; <a href="#">Abdullahi Abdulkadri</a>, ECLAC</p> <p>Volunteer 1<sup>st</sup> round of Presentations Groups 1 &amp; 2 Volunteer 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Presentations Group 1 &amp; 2</p>
15:30 – 16:20	<p><b>Panel discussion: How do better environment, climate change and disaster indicators at the national level contribute to building resilience at the regional level?</b></p> <p>Moderator: <a href="#">Georgina Alcantar</a>, Chief, Environment and Climate Change Statistics Unit, Statistics Division, ECLAC</p> <p><a href="#">Faustina Wiggins</a>, CARICOM <a href="#">Shannon Farnum</a>, CDEMA <a href="#">Bibi Farzana Yusuf-Leon</a>, OECS <a href="#">Indira Persaud</a>, UNSD</p> <p>This discussion will reflect on the crucial role and impact that national data and indicators have beyond the country by contributing to build climate resilience and disaster preparedness at the regional level.</p>
16:20 – 16:30	<p><b>Conclusion of the day</b>, <a href="#">Abdullahi Abdulkadri</a>, ECLAC</p>

## DAY 2 – 23 November, 2022

8:30 - 9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:20	<p><b>Welcome, overview of Day 1 and introduction to the working group sessions</b></p> <p>Moderator: <a href="#">Abdullahi Abdulkadri</a>, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean</p>
9:20 – 11:20	<p><b>Session 3: Dynamic working groups - better coordination and collaboration for more quality environment, climate change and disaster statistics and indicators</b></p> <p>*All input gives pitch their topic (10 min each) and then group splits into three. There are 3 rounds of 20 min discussion</p> <p><b>1. The role of a national statistical office in enhancing environment, climate change and disaster statistics</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <a href="#">Janet Geoghagen-Martin</a>, Environment and Climate Change Statistics Unit, ECLAC Headquarters</p> <p>Input:</p> <p><a href="#">Trinidad and Tobago</a> - <a href="#">Satee Boodoo</a>, Central Statistical Office</p> <p>In this session, participants will learn about the role of a national statistical office in the process of collecting, analysing, and disseminating environment, climate change and disaster statistics and indicators. They will discuss the current limitations of most common roles and identify areas for improvement.</p> <p><b>2. Effective collaboration within the National Statistical System</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <a href="#">Karina Cázarez</a>, Consultant, ECLAC</p> <p>Input:</p> <p><a href="#">Saint Lucia</a> - <a href="#">Uranda Caesar</a>, Central Statistical Office</p> <p>In this session, participants will learn about good practices to enhance collaboration within the NSS and share success stories that could apply or serve as inspiration for other countries in the region.</p> <p><b>3. Engaging with key stakeholders beyond NSS to improve environment, climate change and disaster data</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <a href="#">Indira Persaud</a>, Associate Statistician, Environment Statistics Section, UNSD</p> <p>Input:</p> <p><a href="#">Antigua and Barbuda</a> – <a href="#">Jaabari Reynolds</a>, Department of Environment (DOE)</p> <p>In this session, participants will get insights into the advantages of collaborating with actors beyond the NSS and practical examples of how to approach them. Furthermore, by exchanging with their peers, participants will identify strategic areas for engagement with the private sector, civil society, academia, the media, etc.</p>
11:20 – 12:00	<p>Reporting back from working groups</p> <p>By <a href="#">facilitator</a> of each group</p>

12:00 – 12:30	<b>Slido session: takeaways from session 2</b>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 14:20	<p><b>Panel discussion: How do you support and promote better coordination of key agencies for the environment, climate change and disaster data areas in Caribbean countries?</b></p> <p>Moderator: <a href="#">Artie Dubrie</a>, Coordinator, Sustainable Development and Disaster Unit, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean</p> <p><a href="#">Laverne Walker</a>, ECLAC POS  <a href="#">Bibi Farzana Yusuf-Leon</a>, OECS  <a href="#">Shannon Farnum</a>, CDEMA  <a href="#">Faustina Wiggins</a>, CARICOM</p>
14:20 – 15:25	<p><b>Session 4: Where and how to leverage non-traditional data sources to produce and better use environment, climate change and disaster indicators?</b></p> <p>Moderator: <a href="#">Daniel León</a>, Associate Social Affairs Officer, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean</p> <p><b>Slido session:</b> introduction to session 3 – non-traditional data, 10’</p> <p><b>Presentations: country examples on where non-traditional data can be helpful</b></p> <p><u>Saint Kitts and Nevis</u> - <a href="#">Livingston Pemberton</a>, National Emergency Management Agency, Ministry of National Security &amp; <a href="#">Samantha Huggins-Wattley</a>, Statistics Department Ministry of Sustainable Development (<a href="#">tbc</a>)</p> <p><u>Trinidad &amp; Tobago</u> – <a href="#">Muhammad Anwar Baksh</a>, Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM)</p> <p>Q&amp;A, 15’</p>
15:25 – 15:30	<b>Conclusion of the day</b> , <a href="#">Abdullahi Abdulkadri</a> , ECLAC

## DAY 3 – 24 November, 2022

8:30 - 9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:15	<p><b>Welcome, overview of Day 2 and introduction to the “World Café” tables</b></p> <p>Moderator: <a href="#">Georgina Alcantar</a>, Chief, Environment and Climate Change Statistics Unit, Statistics Division, ECLAC</p>
	<p><b>Session 5: World Café tables: better data sharing processes for effective policy making</b></p> <p><b>1. What type of agreements are effective to enable data sharing? Share the experience from your country</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <a href="#">Karina Cázares</a>, Consultant, ECLAC</p> <p>This table will provide an opportunity for participants to share experiences on what type of data agreements have worked to enable data sharing and what does not work or should be changed for future agreements.</p>
9:15 – 11:40	<p><b>2. What are the required tools, knowledge and skills that helps enable a more effective data sharing among national agencies?</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <a href="#">Janet Geoghagen-Martin</a>, Consultant, ECLAC</p> <p>This table will allow participants to share experiences on the specific skills and knowledge of technical staff engaged in collecting and sharing data processes that have contributed to effective data sharing.</p>
* Coffee break 10:15 – 10:45	<p><b>3. How to facilitate adoption of harmonised formats for data collection? Success stories that could be implemented across various national agencies</b></p> <p>Facilitator: <a href="#">Indira Persaud</a>, Associate Statistician, Environment Statistics Section, UNSD</p> <p>This table will provide an opportunity for participants to share experiences on simple and concrete changes that have helped in transitioning from an approach of multiplicity of data format and platforms across national agencies to a more harmonised one that facilitates data sharing.</p>
11:40 – 12:00	Feedback from each table facilitator
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Slido session: lessons learned to improve data sharing</b>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
	<p><b>Session 6: Identifying countries' capacity development priorities and the way forward</b></p> <p>Moderator: <a href="#">Abdullahi Abdulkadri</a>, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean</p>
13:30 – 14:45	<p><b>1. Brainstorming interactive activity (Slido): sharing priority capacity development areas for the Caribbean and what you would like to see in the next regional workshop</b></p> <p>Input &amp; discussion: all participants, 40'</p> <p><b>2. Presentation: DA12 project next steps</b></p> <p>Input: ECLAC, 20'</p>



	Q&A, 15'
14:45 – 15:00	Evaluation of the Regional workshop
15:00 – 15:20	<b>Closing remarks</b> <a href="#">Diane Quarless</a> , Director, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean
15:20 – 15:50	Presentation of Certificates
15:50 – 16:00	<b>Conclusion of the day</b> , <a href="#">Georgina Alcantar</a> , ECLAC