Caribbean Disaster Preparedness Seminar  
January 2001  
Agenda

**Theme:** Political and Economic Decision Making Responsibilities for Disaster Loss Reduction

**Target audience:** Ministers of Finance, Directors of Civil Defense, and RSS members

**Day 1: Vulnerability Assessment And Indexing**

- Forging a multi-hazard assessment for Kingston experiences
- Vulnerability Index - Overview, political implications and technical challenges
- Multilateral Financial Institutions (MFI), and Mitigation & Reconstruction Financing
  1. Bank policies on mitigation and reconstruction financing challenges in implementation of their policy.
     - IDB & World Bank
     - CDB: Neville Nicholls
  2. Presentation by recipient countries: Implementation guidelines and constraints
     - St. Kitts-Nevis
     - Grenada
     - Belize
  3. Investment in disaster management organizations (two presentations, one by CDERA and CEPREDEMAC.
  4. Regional Overview and individual presentations by designated countries regarding emerging systems. (Intent is to show Ministers the value of pre-investment in disaster management).

- Early warning systems: Policy implications of using and monitoring EW systems
  1. *Case Study – Rio Lempa Project:* Joao de Queiroz, Guatemala & Jorge Cabrera
  2. *Hurricane tracking and forecasting: deciding on closing down the country:* Dr. Carby and Dr. Richard Pasch– U.S. National Hurricane Center
3. *Storm surge forecasting: development and evacuation planning*  
*implications (terms of policy and procedures)*: Horace Burton - Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology

**Day 2: Economic Impact of Disaster loss experiences – Economic & social Implications**

- ECCB (Easter Caribbean Central Bank) – Economic impact of last five years on the sub region
- Focus on Implications and Development: Tourism: Disaster Losses- Impact on projected development
- Health Sector: public health impact of disasters on sustainable development.
- Case study: Investment in mitigation and reconstruction in health facilities.
- Case study: Mitigation in reconstruction
- Catastrophic Insurance and Financing Instruments
  1. Experience in catastrophe insurance policy and practices in L.A. (The Mexican Experience)
  3. Catastrophic Insurance and costs for insurance companies for developing countries