



**FAO/CRFM/CDEMA/CCCCC Regional Workshop on Formulation of a
Strategy, Action Plan and Programme Proposal on Disaster Risk
Management, Climate Change Adaptation in Fisheries and Aquaculture in
the CARICOM and Wider Caribbean Region
Knutsford Court Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica,
10 – 12 December 2012**

Draft Prospectus

Background

Fisheries and aquaculture are important to the lives and livelihoods of most people in the Caribbean region for quality animal protein, essential fatty acids, vitamins and minerals, food security and income (personal and national). People involved in the sector are, however, vulnerable to hazards and disasters such as hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tsunamis and disease outbreaks. Vulnerability is partly inherent to the dynamic nature of land-water interfaces, but it is growing because of increased incidences of hazards and the influences of climate change. If we are to ensure that the benefits which flow to communities and nations from fisheries and aquaculture are to continue then it is essential that appropriate strategy and action plans are developed to deal with the increasing vulnerability of the sector to the risks of disasters and climate change.

Interconnectedness of hazards and climate change suggests the need for an integrated approach to address them simultaneously in disaster risk management (DRM) and climate change adaptation (CCA). Ecosystem-based and precautionary approaches to fisheries and aquaculture are essential. These need to be closely linked to wider development processes and be fully mainstreamed into sectoral and cross-sectoral development policies and plans. Effective disaster risk management and climate change adaptation require coordination, consultation and cooperation among global, regional, sub-regional, national and local stakeholders and partners.

Within the CARICOM region, the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM), the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), the Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission (WECAFC), the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) share interest in comprehensive disaster risk management and adaptation to climate change in respect of the fisheries and aquaculture sector.

The workshop on “Formulation of a strategy, action plan and programme proposal on disaster risk management, and climate change adaptation in fisheries and aquaculture in the CARICOM region” is organised by FAO and CRFM with the support from Sweden through the FMM FAO Multidonor Mechanism (FMM/GLO/003/MUL) and Japan through the project on “Fisheries management and marine conservation within a changing ecosystem context” (GCP /INT/253/JPN). The workshop is being organized in collaboration with CDEMA, CCCCC, WECAFC and other members of the Agriculture Sub-Sector Committee/Technical Management Advisory Committee (ASSC/TMAC). Informing the

workshop is an assessment study report, strategy, action plan, and results-based programme proposal on disaster risk management, climate change adaptation in fisheries and aquaculture in the CARICOM region.

Purpose and expected outputs

The overall purpose of this workshop is to contribute to strengthening regional and national inter sectoral cooperation and the development of capacity to address climate change impacts and disasters in the fisheries and aquaculture sector. The workshop should offer advice to the above-mentioned agencies with regard to the content of the three draft reports that were produced in preparation for this meeting, but especially it should guide the agencies on the way forward to implement the strategy and action plan and programme proposal in order to benefit the people of the region.

The expected outputs are therefore:

- 1) *Assessment study* on the impact of climate change and disasters on the fisheries and aquaculture sector in the CARICOM region that
 - a) identifies major gaps in the existing knowledge in order to assess vulnerability in these systems and
 - b) determines potential measures for reducing vulnerability to disasters and climate change
- 2) *Strategy and action plan* for integrating DRM, CCA and fisheries and aquaculture, with a focus on small-scale fisheries and small-scale aquaculture, that provides policy guidance to enable diverse stakeholders to reduce vulnerability to disasters and climate change within a regional framework of wider sustainable development objectives
- 3) *Results-based programme proposal* with supporting project concept notes towards implementation and resource mobilization that has sufficient buy-in and approval from stakeholders such as to favour its successful resource mobilisation and implementation in the way forward

Structure and approach

In order to achieve the expected outputs, draft reports of the three outputs will be distributed to participants for consideration at the regional workshop. Participants are encouraged to share the draft reports and consult with others in their home countries and organisations for guidance prior to attending the workshop. Such participants include governmental and non-governmental persons involved in fisheries, aquaculture, DRM and CCA in the CARICOM region. Specially invited non-CARICOM regional participants are expected to enrich the discussions and decisions with information and experiences. Participants will meet in plenary, and in small working groups to which resource persons are assigned.

The plenary sessions on Day 1 will be primarily to critically comment on the three draft reports presented. Small working groups on Days 2 and 3 will focus on addressing the matters, priorities and critical gaps, in the reports and the decisions and recommendations required to have the revised draft strategy and action plan and revised draft programme proposal presented, accepted and approved at multiple levels by the various stakeholders such as the CRFM, FAO/WECAFC, CDEMA and CCCCC for implementation.

Participants will be encouraged to provide editorial comments on the draft reports separately to the workshop secretariat. The small groups are expected to be self-organised on the basis of interest and capacity rather than be allocated unless the workshop organizers perceive imbalances. The plenary sessions and small working groups will require strong leadership

from chairpersons, assisted by resource persons, to meet the expected outputs. Groups will select their own chairpersons and rapporteurs.

The workshop will conclude with a summary of the main considerations, decisions and recommendations. These will subsequently be fleshed out and the customary report components added by the writing team upon conclusion of the workshop to provide a formal draft workshop report.

Schedule

Date: 10-12 December 2012
Location: Knutsford Court Hotel, Kingston, Jamaica

Target Participants

Forty-five (45) persons, including two participants each (Chief Fisheries Officer or his designate and a Senior Officer from a national agency involved in Climate Change Mitigation and/or Adaptation or Disaster Risk Management) from the CRFM participating and wider Caribbean countries and additional representatives from regional organizations.

The Project will cover the cost of travel, accommodation and per diem for the participants.

Resource Persons

UWI-CERMES as the consulting agency, assisted by resource persons from FAO, CRFM, CDEMA and CCCCC, will provide technical support for the conducting of the workshop. The administrative and logistical arrangements for the workshop will be handled by the CRFM Secretariat.

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Draft Annotated Agenda

Day 1 – Monday, 10 December 2012	
0830 - 0900	Registration of participants, and distribution of documents
0900 - 0915	Brief welcome Election of a chairperson and introduction of participants <i>A chair will be selected. The Chair will invite each participant to introduce him/her-self and agency.</i>
0915 - 0925	Review of Agenda and meeting arrangements <i>The Chairperson will review the agenda and request that it be adopted by the Meeting. The Chairperson will also confirm general meeting arrangements.</i>
0925 - 0930	Workshop objectives – CRFM
0930 - 1015	Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global overview of FAO work on disasters and climate change in fisheries and aquaculture – FAO• Implementing the CARICOM Regional Framework for Achieving Development Resilient to Climate Change - CCCCC
1015 -1030	Discussion
1030 – 1100	COFFEE BREAK
1100 - 1130	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementing the Comprehensive Disaster Management Strategy - CDEMA• Regional initiatives in advancing disaster risk management and climate change adaptation in fisheries and aquaculture - CRFM <i>These presentations will provide an overview of the mandates, strategies and plans of the FAO, CCCCC, CDEMA and CRFM as they relate to climate change adaptation and disaster risk management and fisheries and aquaculture.</i>
1130 - 1145	Discussion
1145 - 1215	Presentation: Draft Assessment Study on Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Management and Fisheries and Aquaculture in the CARICOM Region and Country Summaries - UWI – CERMES <i>The presentation will provide an overview of the Draft Assessment Study and Country Summaries.</i>
1215 - 1245	Discussion <i>Participants will discuss the Draft Assessment Study and Country Summaries, focusing on the identification of the main matters, priorities and gaps to be addressed at the workshop and beyond.</i>

1245- 1345	LUNCH
1345 -1430	<p>Presentation: Draft Strategy and Action Plan on Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Management and Fisheries and Aquaculture, with a focus on Small Scale Fisheries and Small Scale Aquaculture, in the CARICOM Region – UWI-CERMES</p> <p><i>The presentation will provide an overview of the Draft Strategy and Action Plan.</i></p>
1430 - 1500	<p>Discussion</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss the Draft Strategy and Action Plan, focusing on the identification of the main matters, priorities and gaps to be addressed at the workshop and beyond.</i></p>
1500 - 1530	COFFEE BREAK
1530 -1615	<p>Presentation: Draft Programme Proposal on Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Management and Fisheries and Aquaculture, with a focus on Small Scale Fisheries and Small Scale Aquaculture, in the CARICOM Region – UWI-CERMES</p> <p><i>The presentation will provide an overview of the Draft Programme Proposal, including the Project Profiles, dealing with Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Management and Fisheries and Aquaculture.</i></p>
1615 - 1645	<p>Discussion</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss the Draft Programme Proposal, focusing on the identification of the main matters, priorities and gaps to be addressed at the workshop and beyond.</i></p>
1645 - 1700	<p>Presentation: Status of GEF Project Proposal on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Eastern Caribbean Fisheries Sector - FAO</p> <p><i>The presentation will provide a brief update on the development of the GEF Project Proposal on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Eastern Caribbean Fisheries Sector.</i></p>
1700 -1715	Discussion & Close
Optional	Social networking event
Day 2 – Tuesday, 11 December 2012	
0900-0915	<p>Presentation: Summary of the previous day’s proceedings, highlighting matters to be addressed in the Draft Assessment Study, Draft Strategy and Action Plan and Draft Programme Proposal.</p> <p><i>The presentation will provide a summary of the previous day’s proceedings, highlighting matters to be addressed in the drafts of the Assessment Study, Strategy and Action Plan and Programme Proposal.</i></p>
0915 - 1000	<p>Discussion</p> <p><i>Participants will reflect in plenary on the first day’s proceedings and review the main matters, priorities and critical gaps to be addressed in the draft reports. They will set up small working groups of 7-9 people to address specific topics identified during the plenary discussions on the drafts of the Assessment Study, Strategy and Action Plan and Programme Proposal.</i></p>

1000 - 1030	COFFEE BREAK
1030 - 1230	Deliberations in small groups assisted by resource persons <i>The working groups will further address the matters, priorities and critical gaps identified within the drafts of the Assessment Study, Strategy and Action Plan and Programme Proposal and provide editorial comments and recommendations for the finalization of the reports.</i>
1230- 1330	LUNCH
1330 - 1500	Deliberations in small groups assisted by resource persons <i>The working groups will further address the matters, priorities and critical gaps identified within the drafts of the Assessment Study, Strategy and Action Plan and Programme Proposal and provide editorial comments and recommendations for the finalization of the reports.</i>
1500 - 1530	COFFEE BREAK
1530 - 1700	Presentation and plenary discussion of working group reports <i>The working groups will present their reports. These presentations will be followed by discussions in plenary.</i>
1700	Close
Day 3 - Wednesday, 12 December 2012	
0900 - 0915	Presentation: Summary of the previous day's proceedings, highlighting matters still to be addressed in the drafts of the Assessment Study, Strategy and Action Plan and Programme Proposal. Reflections on the second day and identification of any remaining matters to be addressed.
0915 - 1000	Resumption of small groups to address any matters brought up upon reflection <i>Participants will reflect in plenary on the second day's proceedings and review the main matters still to be addressed within the working groups. Then, the small groups will resume to address any matters brought up by plenary discussion.</i>
1000 - 1030	COFFEE BREAK
1030 - 1130	Continuation of small groups to address any matters brought up upon reflection and to finalise their presentations for the plenary. Review of the process for the endorsement of the Assessment Study, Strategy and Action Plan and Programme Proposal by the CRFM and partner agencies as well as the way forward in terms of resource mobilisation and implementation of the Programme Proposal.

1130-1225	<p>Presentations and discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final interactive presentations by the working groups on the main matters identified for attention within the drafts of the Assessment Study, Strategy and Action Plan and Programme Proposal. • Process for the endorsement of the Assessment Study, Strategy and Action Plan and Programme Proposal by the CRFM and partner agencies as well as the way forward in terms of resource mobilisation and implementation of the Programme Proposal. • Summary of main considerations, decisions and recommendations to be included in the workshop report and for other further action. <p><i>These presentations will cover the final outputs from the working groups in relation to refining and finalising the drafts of Assessment Study, Strategy and Action Plan and Programme Proposal; the process for endorsement and moving forward; and the summary of the main considerations, decisions and recommendations.</i></p>
1225 - 1230	Close of the workshop
1230 -1330	LUNCH
1330 - 1500	FAO, CRFM, CCCCC, CDEMA and UWI-CERMES will conduct post-evaluation, debriefing and planning session for the way forward.
1500	Close of Lead Agencies discussions.