

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

**8:00 – 8:30**

Delegate arrival and registration

**8:30 – 8:45**

- Safety Briefing – HYATT
- National Anthem – Natasha Babwah Tim-Kee
- Opening Prayer – Sister Helmata Sanghi, IRO TT

**8:45 – 9:30**

## Session 1: Reliving Hurricane Flora

- Allan Stewart, Director TEMA
- Alexander Wallace aka DJ Nandoo
- Hezekiah Wood, Retired School Teacher

**9:30 – 10:30**

## Session 2

- Welcome Address: Stacey-Ann Pi Osoria, TTDRM Conference Chair and PODS Managing Director
- Feature Speaker: Ronald Jackson, Head of Disaster Risk Reduction, Recovery and Resilience Building, UNDP
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Arlene Laing, Coordinating Director, Caribbean Meteorological Organisation
- Keynote Speaker: The Honourable Jearlene John, Minister of Works & Infrastructure

**10:30 – 12:00**

## Session 3 – Rethinking Disaster Risk Management Through the Lens of Systemic Risk

*Time to switch the focus from managing disasters to managing risk, how is Policy and Legislation supporting Climate Change & Adaptation and Urban Planning that builds a resilient nation*

- Mr. Allan Stewart, Director, Tobago Emergency Management Agency
- Brian Shields aka Mr. Weatherman
- Camille Guichard, Director (Ag.), Town and Country Planning Division, Ministry of Planning, Economic Affairs and Development
- Laishalla Carr, Environmental Management Specialist, Coastal Dynamics Ltd.

**Moderator: Paul Saunders, Operations Officer, (Environmental Sustainability), Caribbean Development Bank**

**12:00 – 1:30**

## OPENING OF EXHIBITION / LUNCH

**1:30 – 2:10**

## Session 4 – Preparedness in Action: Building Stronger Companies and Economies

*Understanding gaps in DRM and building a resilient private sector*

- Melissa Pierre, Arise T&T Lead and Manager, Initiatives and Policy, AMCHAM T&T
- Jaime Garcia Alba, Director of Green Corporate Advisory and Amazonia Forever Coordinator, IDB Invest

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**2:10 – 3:00**

## Session 5 – Exploring Strategic Evolutions in Disaster Risk Financing

*From Megastorms to Heatwaves and Droughts, today's complex threats require innovative and resilient-first Disaster Risk Financing*

- Elizabeth Emanuel, Head, CCRIF Technical Assistance Manager & Head CCRIF Development & Corporate Communications Manager Team, CCRIF SPC
- Chevanne Britton-Telesford, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Grenada

**Moderator: Paul Saunders, Operations Officer, (Environmental Sustainability), Caribbean Development Bank**

**3:00 – 3:30**

## COFFEE BREAK

**3:30 – 5:00**

## Session 6 – Analytics to Action for Resilient Systems

*Building resilient communities using data and risk assessments – planning homes, guiding reinsurance, and strengthening disaster response*

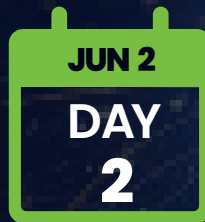
- Corey George, Catastrophic Risk Engineer
- Kelly Marshall, Vice President, Reinsurance, Sagicor General Insurance
- Bobby Andrews, Planning Coordinator – Urban and Regional Planning Department, Tobago House of Assembly
- Jason Henzell, Chariman, Jake's Hotel
- Nazeer Gopaul, Oceanographer & Director, Coastal Dynamics Limited

**Moderator: Dike Rostant**

**5:00 – 5:30**

Day 1 Wrap – Paul Saunders, Operations Officer, (Environmental Sustainability), Caribbean Development Bank

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**Session 7 – From Rubble to Resilience: ESG-Aligned Waste and Debris Management in the Caribbean**

*Explore best practice strategies for sustainable disposal, recovery, and circular economy solutions that protect the environment, strengthen communities, and support resilient infrastructure*

- Louis Trotman, Project Execution Officer & Naphthali John, Research Officer, BCRC Caribbean
- Ronald Roach – Director Climate Resilience, Environment, Water and Waste, Unite Caribbean Group

**Moderator: Paul Saunders, Operations Officer, (Environmental Sustainability), Caribbean Development Bank**

**9:30 – 10:30**

**Session 8 – Designing Resilient Communities for Emerging Urban Risks**

*Adaptive, safe and sustainable cities – the outcome of integrating disaster risk management, sustainability practices and planning regulations*

- Petal Joseph Roberts, The Sustainability Planner – Founder & Lead Consultant, i3 Green Consultants Ltd.
- Horace Glaze, Deputy Operations Manager, Jamaica Red Cross Society
- Ricardo Newallo, President, TT Institute of Architects
- Bobby Andrews, Planning Coordinator, Urban and Regional Planning Department, Tobago House of Assembly

**Moderator: Dike Rostant**

**10:30 – 11:00**

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**11:00 – 12:00**

**Session 9 – Harvesting Resilience: Adapting Agriculture and Food Security to Climate Change**

*Addressing our vulnerabilities in agriculture, food security and next generation farming through innovative adaptation strategies to manage climate change risks*

- Dr. Chaney St. Martin, International Specialist for the Caribbean, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture
- Dr Ronald Roopnarine, Senior Lecturer, Disaster Management and Deputy Dean FFA, UWI STA
- Avinash Singh, Farmer

**Moderator: Dike Rostant**

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**LUNCH / VISITING EXHIBITION**

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**Session 10 – The Black Swan: Preparing for the Unexpected and the Unpredictable**

*Bringing Order Out of Chaos – A systematic approach to managing incidents in high-risk industries*

- Shazam Edo, HSE & Risk Specialist
- Col. (Retired) Dave Williams, President, EMATT
- Allan Subero, Crisis and Continuity Management and Emergency Response Consultant
- Joshua Kalloo, Emergency Response Coordinator, TTEMAS
- Nigel Baker, NSB Advanced Enterprises

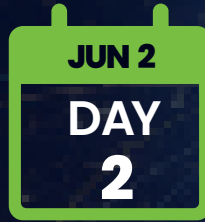
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**2:30 – 4:30**

**Session 11 – LEARNING LABS – Bridging Knowledge and Action**

- Sustainability in Action: An Urban Resilience Lab – Petal Joseph Roberts, The Sustainability Planner, Founder & Lead Consultant, i3 Green Consultants Ltd
- Inside the Unified Command System – Incident Commander & Control – Nigel Baker, CEO, NSB Advanced Enterprises, Lemuel Williams, Greencross & Col. (Retired) Dave Williams, President, EMATT
- Grant Proposal Writing in the Caribbean Context – Richardo Aiken, Community Development Specialist & Paul Saunders, Operations Officer (Environmental Sustainability), Caribbean Development Bank
- Fast, Secure, Resilient: Leveraging Existing Payments Infrastructure to Modernize Aid Disbursement – Erico Rodrigues, Director, Solution Architecture, & Virginia Velázquez Kranwinkel Senior Manager, Caribbean & Northern Triangle, VISA Government Solutions
- Worst-case power outages driven by extreme weather, cascading hazards, and cross-jurisdictional complexity – Kimberlee Battaglia, Business Continuity Emergency Management Program Manager

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**4:30 – 5:30**

**Session 12 – Armed for Resilience: Intelligence, Protection, and Rapid Response**

*Tools, Technology, and Vendor Innovations in DRR.*

- Kelly Roney, Authorized Managing Sales Representative – Whelen Engineering (Early Warning Systems)
- George Deussen, Vice President – Business and Strategic Development – Muscle Wall (Flood Protection)
- Daniel Rayford, Vice President, Certified FAA Part 107 pilot– Journey Drones Academy, (Drone Solutions)
- Manish Kothari, Vice President – Prism Lighting Services (Portable Lighting, Stretchers)
- Rodrigo de Alba, Sales Ambassador – Deployed Logix (Mobile Shelter Systems)



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**Session 13– AI in Disaster Risk Management**

- Dr. Letetia Addison – Lecturer/Researcher (UWI), Lead AI Expert , UNESCO Readiness Assessment Trinidad and Tobago

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**Session 14 – Connected for Crisis: Digital Innovation in Disaster Management**

*Innovations in communication that maintains connectivity, resilience needs unstoppable connectivity – Starlink*

- Ravindranath Gowami, Manager Information Resources at PowerGen / Region 9 Director – REACT International, Inc.
- Kimberlee Battaglia, Business Continuity Emergency Management Program Manager – Salt River Project

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**Session 15 – Case Study on Building Community Resilience in Jamaica**

*Hurricane Beryl & Melissa: From turbulence to transformation, turning Treasure Beach into a living blueprint of Caribbean community resilience and the lessons every community needs now*

- Conversation with Ronald Jackson – UNDP, Jason Henzell – Owner Jake’s Hotel and Dr. Ronald Roopnarine – CWWA Regional Response Mechanism

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**Session 16 – Health Matters in Resilience: Strengthening Disaster Preparedness in our Health systems**

*Protecting lives while also protecting human dignity and personal health – Health Security, Mental Health and Psychological Support, Sexual and Reproductive Health*

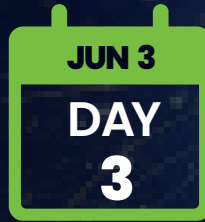
- Patti-Ann Williams, Chief Technical Coordinator, Disaster Preparedness – MOH
- Dr. Abiodun Aleem Dosumu, Consultant Psychiatrist, NWRHA
- Dr. Ayanna Sebro, Technical Director NACC – MOH
- Dr. Arianne Brown Jordan, Research Scientist/ Laboratory Coordinator, UWI
- Lemuel Williams, Certified Traumatologist, Greencross Academy of Traumatology, Trinidad and Tobago

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**Session 17 – Designing Resilience Through the Lens of Inclusion**

*Incorporating the needs of vulnerable communities and persons living with disabilities, to ensure effective design and integration with emergency management planning*

- Patricia De Leon-Henry, National Director, National Social Development Programme, Ministry of the People, Social Development and Family Services
- Jamal Legen, Deaf and Disability Advocate, President Deaf Caribbean Development
- Morgan Lewis, Autistic Self-Advocate
- Kenneth Suratt, Executive Officer, Trinidad and Tobago Blind Welfare Association
- Surindra Basdeo, Advocate for Persons with Disabilities and HSE Professional
- Qushiba la Fleur, Founder and CEO, WeCare Deaf Support Network

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**Session 18 – Rising as One: Charting the Caribbean’s Collective Path to Strength**

The Honourable Farley Chavez Augustine, Chief Secretary – Tobago House of Assembly

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Closing remarks and Conference Wrap

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