



THE VIRTUAL CARIBBEAN SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE PRE-MINISTERIAL FORUM

15 - 26 MARCH 2021



Regional Review on School Safety in the context of Systemic Risk: The Virtual Caribbean Safe School Initiative Pre-Ministerial Forum March 15-26, 2021

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Special Session 1: Opening Session by the Ministers of Education (INVITATION ONLY) Monday, March 15, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM AST

Session overview:
The sessions will seek to link the 2019 forum and the 2022 forum by providing an update on what has taken place especially as it relates to preparation and response to the COVID-19 and hurricane session. The session will set up the challenges and opportunities for planning in the context of systemic risk and to set the agenda, the outcomes, and objectives of the forum.

Moderators: *Mrs. Olga Mussington-Service, M.S, Manager Student Support Services Division, MOE, St. Maarten and Marcel Goyeneche, Event Facilitator*

Prayer

Welcome remarks

- Hon. Curtis King**, Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation of St. Vincent & the Grenadines
- Hon. Rodolphe E. Samuel**, Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport of Sint Maarten
- Ms. Elizabeth Riley**, Executive Director, CDEMA
- Ms. Mami Mizutori**, Special Representative of the Secretary General, UNDRR
- Mr. Aloys Kamuragiye**, Representative of the UNICEF Eastern Caribbean Area Office

Keynote presentation:

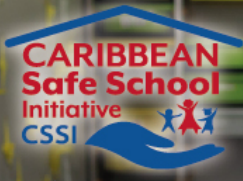
- School safety through Systemic Risk Lenses
- Mr. Raul Salazar**, Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) for the Americas and the Caribbean

Virtual Forum Objectives and Agenda

Words on School Safety by Ministers of Education

Virtual Photoshoot

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Special Session 2: Permanent Secretaries (INVITATION ONLY) Monday, March 15, 3:00-5:00 PM AST

Session overview:
Immediately following the Ministerial Session, Permanent Secretaries and the Ministries of Education will be engaged to set the agenda and agree on objectives and expected outcomes from an implementation standpoint.

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Saadia Sanchez-Vegas (Ph.D), Director and Representative, UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean

Segment 1

Moderator: Dr. Faryal Khan, Programme Specialist for Education, UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean

Overview and Context Setting

Dr. Jair Torres, Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor, UNDRR

Experiences from the Pacific

Dr. Angeela Jokhan, Permanent Secretary, Fiji Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts.

Segment 2

Moderator: Mr. Marcel Goyeneche, Event Facilitator

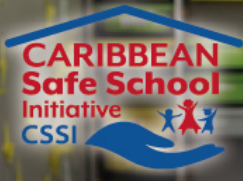
Guided Discussion with Permanent Secretaries

Priorities, Opportunities and Actions for advancing school safety in the Caribbean and the effective implementation of the Caribbean Road Map on School Safety.

Session Wrap

Dr. Faryal Khan, UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean

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Technical Session 1: School Safety Focal Points Discussion Tuesday, March 16, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM AST

Session overview:

School safety focal points in the Ministries of Education across the region who are carrying out the work on school safety, will be engaged to garner their positive and challenging experiences, lessons learnt, plans, strategies, implement methodologies and reports of good partnerships.

Welcome

Dr. Kerry-Ann Thompson, Facilitator, CDEMA

Presentation: Advocacy Meeting Scenario

Dr. Kerry-Ann Thompson, CDEMA

Advocacy Topics to be presented by Safe School Focal Point Groups

1. Effectively addressing abuse and violence in the education sector.
2. Importance of maintenance programmes and budget allocations to protect investments in the education sector.
3. Fostering engagement by schools in school disaster management, including risk identification, emergency plans, training, equipment, and drills.
4. Curricula review to incorporate disaster risk resilience education in coordination with examination bodies.

Q&A: audience questions

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Technical Session 2: National Disaster Management Offices' Directors Wednesday, March 17, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM AST

Session overview:

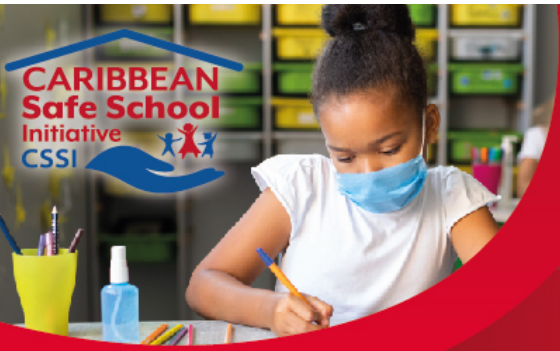
The session would aim to capture the good practices and lessons learnt from the COVID-19 experience, including how preparation activities for the hurricane season were impacted by the pandemic, and other interacting factors that have emerged within a multi-hazard context. It would provide a good forum for displaying good practices and opportunities for further coordination between Ministries of Education and National Disaster Risk Management Offices.

Moderator: Mr. Nahuel Arenas Garcia, Deputy Chief of Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean, UNDRR

Panel

- Mr. Jasen Penn**, Director (ag), Department of Disaster Management, Virgin Islands, (U.K.)
- Ms. Dorine Gustave**, Director (Ag), National Emergency Management Organisation, Saint Lucia
- Ms. Michelle Forbes**, Director, National Emergency Management Organisation, St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Ms. Andria Grosvenor**, Deputy Executive Director (Ag), CDEMA Coordinating Unit

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Technical Session 3: Inter-Sectoral Partners Friday, March 19, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM AST

<p>Session overview: The session would promote an open discussion between the Safe School focal points at the Ministries of Education, and active or potential partners from the areas of water and sanitation, health, infrastructure, and telecommunications, etcetera. Experiences of positive relations, strengthened relations and potential partnerships that were evidenced as part of the COVID-19 pandemic and hurricane season response would be highlighted, as a collaborative example aiming to build education sector resilience in the context of systemic risk.</p>	<p>Welcome & introduction <i>Co-facilitators: Mr. David Knaute, UNICEF Eastern Caribbean Area - Climate Change and Environment Consultant; Ms. Bella Kovner, Head of Technical Unit, IsraAID.</i></p> <p>Presentation: Overview of inter-sectoral work Mr. David Knaute, UNICEF Eastern Caribbean Area</p> <p>Panel: Experiences of good practices of school safety inter-sectoral initiatives Mr. Adrian Gibson, Chairman, Water and Sewerage Corporation, The Bahamas Ms. Jo-Anne Rolle-Carrette, Counselor, Ministry of Education, Human Resource Planning, Vocational Training and National Excellence, Commonwealth of Dominica Ms. Idelia Ferdinand, Ministry of Education and Reconciliation, St. Vincent and the Grenadines Mr. Samuel Katipa, Ministry of Education and Training, Republic of Vanuatu Dr. Aloys Kamuragiye, Representative of the UNICEF Eastern Caribbean Area Office</p> <p>Interactive discussion among participants</p>
<p>Good Practice Series: Presentations and interviews showcasing success stories around the region.</p>	<p>12:00 – 12:45 PM AST Segment 1: Inter-Sectoral Showcase <i>Moderator: Mr. Clive Murray, Community Resilience Specialist, CDEMA and Ms. Andrea Austin, Communication & Public Relations Specialist, CDEMA</i></p>

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Technical Session 4: Youth Monday, March 22, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM AST

<p>Session overview: The session will build on the outcomes of the Youth Forum that took place during the 2nd Ministerial Forum and will focus on the partnership and support that youth can provide to School Safety focal points on the implementation of the CSSI Road Map.</p>	<p>Welcome and Introduction Ms. Annel Lewis, Dominica CARICOM Youth Ambassador</p> <p>Presentation Mr. Clive Murray, Community Resilience Specialist, CDEMA</p> <p>Round Table Discussion <i>Moderator: Mr. Phael Lander, Dominica National Youth Council 1st Vice President</i> Ms. Angelen Dover, Dominica Youth Leader Representative Mr. Brendon Taylor, Barbados Youth Representative CDEMA Youth Steering Committee for Comprehensive Disaster Management Mr. Adelin Pierre, Focal Point for LAC at United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth. Ms. Priyanka Lalla, UNICEF youth advocate for the Eastern Caribbean</p> <p>Video Contribution from Youth Across the Region</p> <p>Q&A with speakers</p> <p>Case Study Presentation: Inclusion in Cayman: Stories and Solutions from Our Caymanian Youth</p> <p>Closing by: Mr. Phael Lander, Dominica National Youth Council 1st Vice President</p>
<p>Good Practice Series: Presentations and interviews showcasing success stories around the region.</p>	<p>12:00 – 12:45 PM AST Segment 2: Youth Showcase <i>Moderator: Mr. Clive Murray, Community Resilience Specialist, CDEMA and Ms. Andrea Austin, Communication & Public Relations Specialist, CDEMA</i></p>

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Good Practice Series:
Presentations and interviews showcasing success stories around the region.

1:30 –2:15 PM AST
Segment 3: Practitioners Showcase
Moderator: Mr. Clive Murray, Community Resilience Specialist CDEMA and Ms. Andrea Austin, Communication & Public Relations Specialist, CDEMA

Technical Session 5: Practitioners (Educators, Teachers, Principals, Communities) Monday, March 22, , 3:00-5:00 PM AST

Session overview:
School safety focal points will be exposed to targeting practitioners, including teachers, principals, and other members of the school community, that have implemented good practices over the last year in response to the education disruption that took place due to COVID-19. This space will allow to discover practices developed by practitioners throughout the region and that could be adopted and adapted regionally, and that might require support for their establishment as a long-term prevention and mitigation actions.

Welcome & Introductions
Moderator: Dr. Laurette Bristol, Programme Manager- HRD, CARICOM Secretariat

Country Case Interviews – Inspiring Practices in the Caribbean
Highlighting Special Education in Cayman Islands
Guest: **Mrs. Janice Headley**, Principal (ag) Lighthouse Special Education Institution
Moderator: Ms. Lilach Grunfeld Yona, Head of Education, IsraAID

Advancing Psycho-Social Support in St. Lucia
Mrs. Valerie Henry, President of the National Principals' Association
Mrs. Olga Mussington-Service, Manager Student Support Services Division, MOE, St. Maarten
Moderator: Dr. Allison Flax-Archer, Secretary General, BVI National Commission for UNESCO

Navigating Widespread School Population in Guyana
Dr. Marcel Hutson, Chief Education Officer of Guyana
Moderator: Ms. Natasha Forde, Ministry of Education, Sint Maarten

Exploring Multi-Hazard Context – The Bahamas
Ms. Benita Adderley, National School Safety and School Lunch Administrator, Ministry of Education, Bahamas
Moderator: Ms. Gayle Drakes, CDEMA

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Technical Session 6: School safety investments as a key element of economic recovery Tuesday, March 23, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM AST

Session overview:
The session would aim to establish a meaningful dialogue between representatives from Ministries of Finance and the school safety focal point at the Ministries of Education to highlight the fact that ensuring school safety is the starting point for reactivating the economy while discussing the fiscal limitations that might impact the region due to the economic crisis resulting from the COVID-19 disaster.

Welcome: **Ms. Saskia Carusi**, External relations officer, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean.

Moderator: **Dr. Isaac Solomon**, Vice President, Operations, Caribbean Development Bank

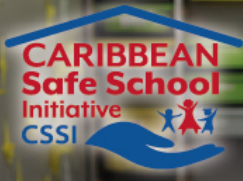
Simulating the Potential Impacts of COVID-19 School Closures on Schooling and Learning Outcomes: A Set of Global Estimates
Dr. João Pedro Azevedo, Lead Economist, Education, World Bank Group.

Using Data to make more efficient investments in safe school infrastructure
Ms. Cynthia Hobbs, Education Division, Inter-American Development Bank

Investing in Education and School Safety to Build more Diversified and Resilient post COVID-19 Economies
Hon. Andrew A. Fahie, Premier and Minister of Finance, British Virgin Islands.
Hon. Dr. Natalio D. Wheatley, Minister of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture, British Virgin Islands
Hon. Fayval Williams, Minister of Education, Youth and Information, Jamaica

Economic returns of investing in school safety actions
Dr. Kamal Ahmed, International Consultant on Disaster Risk Financing, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

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Special Session 3: Permanent Secretaries (INVITATION ONLY) Wednesday, March 24, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM AST

Session overview:
PS of Ministries of Education will be briefed on the proceedings and key findings from previous sessions to allow for the understanding of the range of issues and take-aways.

Welcome
Mr. Marcel Goyeneche, Event Facilitator

Presentation: Outcomes from Technical Sessions
Mrs. Olga Mussington-Service, M.S, Manager Student Support Services Division, MOE, St. Maarten

Open discussion with Permanent Secretaries: Challenges and opportunities

Preview of Special Session 10: Closing Session with Ministers of Education

Wednesday, March 24

Thursday, March 25: Working Day (No session)

It is expected that during this no-session-day Permanent Secretaries and School Safety Focal Points will brief their respective Ministers of Education aiming to decide on the key elements (3) to be proposed by the individual country during the closing session. It is expected that these elements would include topics to be discussed during the Third Ministerial Forum, such as improvements to the regional roadmap, and requests for technical support that will be required in the coming months.



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Special Session 4: Closing session targeting Ministers of Education (INVITATION ONLY) Friday, March 26, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM AST

Session overview:

Ministers will present the elements for discussion at the Third Ministerial Forum as a means of setting up the agenda and will inform regional and international partners about their technical support needs for the coming months. It would also be the occasion to officially launch the 3rd Ministerial Forum by the Government of Sint Maarten.

Welcome

Dr. Idelia Ferdinand, St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Main conclusions of the Virtual Forum

Hon. Curtis King, Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation of St. Vincent & the Grenadines

United Nation Support to the Caribbean Safe School Initiative

Mr. Didier Trebucq, Resident Coordinator Eastern Caribbean Countries

Ministerial dialogue

Chaired: **Hon. Curtis King**, Ministry of Education and National Reconciliation of St. Vincent & the Grenadines

Closing remarks and invitation to III CSSI Ministerial Forum

Hon. Rodolphe E. Samuel, Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport of Sint Maarten

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