

Forum Decisions

Third Caribbean Safe School Ministerial Forum

30th of June 2022

Sint Maarten

The Caribbean Safe School initiative (CSSI) Ministers at the III Caribbean Safe School Ministerial Forum on School Safety held in Sint Maarten we agree:

1. Formalize the organizing committee of the forum, as a permanent secretariat with participation of the chair, the incoming chair, the UN agencies such as United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA). Other members could be included as recommended by the Chair of CSSI and the Secretariat.
2. The Secretariat will liaison with, coordinate and participate in the Comprehensive Disaster Management strategy (CDM) education sector subcommittee as guided by CDEMA.
3. The CSSI Ministerial forum will take place every three years, the next one to be held on the 2025 (end of March preferably).
4. The results of the CSSI Ministerial forum will feed into the Regional and Global Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction as well as the CDM conference. The Chair of the initiative will attend the Ministerial and high-level meeting of the Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean. The CDM conference will include a safe school and youth programme to contribute to the monitoring of the road map.
5. Efforts will be made to improve linkages into existing governance arrangements in the region (OECS and CARICOM Ministerial forums).
6. A Ministerial Pre Forum meeting (virtual or jointly with other event) will take place in between the Ministerial Forum to take stock of current challenges and opportunities as well as to collect inputs for the preparation of the next forum.
7. Taking into consideration the critical role of the safe school focal points (SSFP) in advancing the implementation of the road map we agree to establish two yearly focal point meetings to be held, one virtually and one in person, possibly to be hosted by the incoming chair.
8. To support the governance structure for decision making and engagement such as the CSSI officers as proposed by the youth themselves at the youth forum.
9. The roadmap will be reviewed periodically and advances will be discussed at the SSFP meetings and updated/modified at the Ministerial Forums.
10. Establish the Caribbean School Safety Initiative Day and develop a theme Song through a competition with youth and school engagement.