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Port-of-Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, October 02, 2013

### **Annotated Agenda**

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**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Wednesday 02 October, 2013**

08:00 - 09:00	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS
09:00 – 9:15	<p><b>I. Opening Ceremony</b></p> <p>National Anthem of Trinidad and Tobago</p> <p>Welcome remarks by Honduras in its capacity as <b>Chair of the ACS Special Committee for Disaster Risk Reduction</b>- Mr. Carlos Castillo, Director of International Relations- COPECO.</p> <p>Opening remarks by the <b>Secretary General of the ACS</b>, H.E. Alfonso Múnera Cavadía.</p> <p>Remarks by Mexico in its capacity as <b>Chair of the Ministerial Council of the ACS</b>.</p> <p>Remarks by the <b>Director of Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction of the ACS</b>, Mr. George Nicholson.</p>
09:15 - 09:20	<p><b>II. Approval of the Agenda and Procedural Matters</b></p> <p>The Meeting will examine the Draft Agenda presented by the Secretariat, in conjunction with the Chairman, and will address other Procedural Matters for subsequent deliberation.</p> <p><b>Reference documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/PA (<i>Agenda</i>)</li> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/PA/ANN (<i>Annotated agenda</i>)</li> </ul>
09:20 - 09:35	<p><b>III. Presentation on the mandate of the V Summit</b></p> <p>The Directorate of Disaster Risk Reduction will present the progress made regarding the mandate emanating from the V Summit of Heads of State and/or Government of the ACS.</p> <p><b>Reference documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.001 (<i>Directorate's Report</i>)</li> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.002 (<i>Declaration of Pétion-ville</i>)</li> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.003 (<i>Plan of Action of Pétion-ville</i>)</li> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.004 (<i>Rapporteur's Report: XX Meeting</i>)</li> </ul>

09:35 – 09:50	<p><b>IV. Presentation on “SHOCS II”</b></p> <p>Mr. Mathieu Fontanaud, Advisor in Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction (ACS), will present the progress made on the project: “Strengthening Hydrometeorological Operations and Services in the Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SHOCS II)”.</p> <p><b>Reference document:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.005 (<i>SHOCS I Report</i>)</li> </ul>
09:50 – 10:05	<p><b>V. Presentation on “Green Response”</b></p> <p>Dr. Stephen Ramroop, Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) of Trinidad and Tobago, will present the advances made on the project “Green Response”.</p>
10:05 – 10:20	<b>BREAK</b>
10:20 - 10:35	<p><b>VI. Presentation on the “International (virtual) Diploma in risk management and disaster reduction” (ESAP)</b></p> <p>Ms. Maria Margarita Arias, Coordinator for International Cooperation, National Unit for Disaster Risk Management (UNGRD), will present the advances made on the project “International Diploma (virtual) in Disaster Risk Reduction Management”.</p> <p><b>Reference document:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.006 (<i>PCD- International Diploma [virtual]</i>)</li> </ul>
10:35 - 10:50	<p><b>VII. Presentation on “the rough season”</b></p> <p>Ms. Nayaatha Taitt, Research Assistant for Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction of ACS, will present the advances made on the radio soap opera “the rough season”.</p>
10:50 - 11:05	<p><b>VIII. Presentation on “Joint risk management training project for the French West Indies, Guyana and Caribbean area”</b></p> <p>Mr Lieutenant-colonel Denis LOPEZ, chef d'état-major interministériel de zone Antilles, will present the “Joint risk management training project for the French West Indies, Guyana and Caribbean area” towards a “Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Master degree”</p> <p><b>Reference documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.007 (<i>Brief on the Risk Management Training</i>)</li> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.008 (<i>PCD- Regional Master Degree</i>)</li> </ul>
11:05 - 12:00	<p><b>IX. Presentation on IDRL and the Model Act</b></p> <p>Ms. Isabelle Granger, Coordinator for the Americas Disaster Law Programme of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), will present the “Guidelines for the domestic facilitation and regulation of international disaster relief and initial recovery assistance (IDRL) and the Model Act for the IDRL Guidelines implementation”.</p> <p>Dr. Stephen Ramroop, Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) of Trinidad and Tobago will describe Trinidad and Tobago's experience incorporating IDRL into its national legislation.</p> <p>Consultation on the Draft Model Emergency Decree</p>

	<p><b>Reference documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.009 (<i>IDRL Guidelines</i>)</li> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.010 (<i>Model Act on IDRL</i>)</li> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/WP.001 (<i>Draft Model Emergency Decree</i>)</li> </ul>
12:00 – 12:15	<p><b>X. Presentation by Mexico</b></p> <p>Mexico, in its capacity as <b>Chair of the Ministerial Council of the ACS</b>, and represented by H.E. Mario Eugenio Arriola Woog, Ambassador of United Mexican States, will present on upcoming Workshop on Disaster Risk Management to be held in Mexico.</p>
12:15 – 12:30	<p><b>XI. Presentation by Honduras</b></p> <p>Honduras, in its capacity as <b>Chair of the ACS Special Committee for Disaster Risk Reduction</b>, and represented by Mr. Carlos Castillo, Director of International Relations (COPECO), will present on how Honduras and the region has benefitted from advancements in DRR cooperation, the modernization of COPECO, best practices and lessons learnt.</p>
12:30 – 12:45	<p><b>XII. Presentation on the initiative “HOPEFOR”</b></p> <p>Dominican Republic, in its capacity as <b>Vice-Chair of the ACS Special Committee for Disaster Risk Reduction</b>, and represented by H.E. Jose Serulle Ramia, Ambassador of Dominican Republic to Trinidad and Tobago, will present on the HOPEFOR initiative.</p>
12:45 – 13:00	<p><b>XIII. Presentation by Guadeloupe</b></p> <p>Guadeloupe, in its capacity as <b>Vice-Chair of the ACS Special Committee for Disaster Risk Reduction</b>, and represented by Mr. Lionel Sarotte, Officer responsible for Regional Cooperation and Cooperation Services of the Regional Council of Guadeloupe (France), and Gilles Bajazet, Deputy Director of Common Technical Services for the programme INTERREG, will present the INTERREG projects carried out by Guadeloupe in the area of Disaster Risk Reduction.</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>LUNCH + OFFICIAL PHOTO</b>
14:00 – 14:15	<p><b>XIV. OCHA</b></p> <p>Mr. Douglas Reimer, Head of Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (OCHA), will present on the MIAH Process: Building Regional Humanitarian Partnerships.</p>
14:15 – 14:30	<p><b>XV. CEPREDENAC</b></p> <p>Mr. Marco Saborio, Representative of Costa Rica in its capacity of Chairman Pro tempore of the Coordination Centre for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America (CEPREDENAC), will present on the new initiatives and advances in DRR that are being implemented by CEPREDENAC in Central America.</p>
14:30 – 14:45	<p><b>XVI. PAHO</b></p> <p>Ms. Lealou Reballos, Specialist in Disaster Risk Reduction (PAHO), will present on the new initiatives and advances in DRR and health that are being implemented by PAHO in Latin America and the Caribbean.</p>

14:45 – 15:00	<p><b>XVII. DIPECHO</b></p> <p>DIPECHO partners will present key messages from the DIPECHO planning workshop.</p>
15:00 – 15:15	<p><b>XVIII. UNISDR</b></p> <p>Mr. Ricardo Mena, Head of the Americas (UNISDR), will present on the post-2015 Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction (HFA2) which will then be taken into account during the drafting of the ACS Work Programme 2014-2015.</p>
15:15 – 15:30	<p><b>XIX. BREAK</b></p>
15:30 – 16:15	<p><b>XX. Presentation and Discussion of the ACS Work Programme 2014-2015</b></p> <p>Mr. George Nicholson, ACS Director of Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction, will discuss the work programme for the period 2014-2015.</p> <p><b>Reference documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.011 (<i>Ministerial Agreement 10/07</i>)</li> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21 /WP.002 (<i>Draft Work Programme 2014-2015</i>)</li> </ul>
16:15 – 16:25	<p><b>XXI. Other matters:</b></p> <p>Status Report of institutional contacts by country</p> <p><b>Reference document:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/WP.003 (<i>Table of Institutional Contacts</i>)</li> </ul> <p>Confirmation of date for the circulation of the Rapporteur's Report</p> <p><b>Reference document:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACS/2013/DRR.21/INF.012 (<i>Ministerial Agreement 13/10</i>)</li> </ul>
16:25 – 16:30	<p><b>XXII. Close of the meeting</b></p>