

ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)

20th MEETING OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION
 Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, 22nd-23rd November, 2012

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

DAY 1: THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER

02:00-02:30	REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS
02:30-03:30	<p style="text-align: center;">I. Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Welcome remarks by the Secretary General of the ACS, the Honourable Ambassador Alfonso Múnera Cavadia.</p> <p>Opening remarks by the Chairman of the ACS Special Committee for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2012 - Dominican Republic.</p> <p>Presentation of the report by Colombia on exercising the Chairmanship in 2011.</p> <p>Remarks by the Director of Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction of the ACS, Mr. Eduardo José González Angulo.</p> <p>Reference documents: ACS/2012/DRR.20/INF.002</p>
03:30-03:45	<p style="text-align: center;">II. Approval of the Agenda and Procedural Matters</p> <p>The Meeting will examine the Draft Agenda presented by the Secretariat in coordination with the Chairman and will address other Procedural Matters for the subsequent deliberations.</p> <p>Reference documents: ACS/2012/DRR.20/PA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACS/2012/DRR.20/PA/Ann</p>
03:45-04:00	BREAK
04:00-04:45	<p style="text-align: center;">III. Presentation on the progress made in the "SHOCS" Project</p> <p>Dr. Martti Heikinheimo, Consulting Service Development Director of the Finnish Meteorological Institute, will present the results of the project: "Strengthening Hydrometeorological Operations and Services in the Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SHOCS)".</p>

04:45-06:00	<p>IV. Presentation of the “SHOCS II” Project</p> <p>Mrs. Hannele Halmeranta, Programme Officer, Office of Ambassador-at-Large to the Caribbean, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, will present the “SHOCS II” Project.</p> <p>Reference documents: ACS/2012/DRR.20/WP.001</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACS/2012/DRR.20/INF.004</p>
DAY 2: FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER	
08:30-09:30	<p>V. Presentation of the “Green Response” project</p> <p>Welcome remarks by the Secretary General of the ACS, the Ambassador Alfonso Múnera Cavadia.</p> <p>Opening remarks by the Chairman of the ACS Special Committee for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2012, the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic in Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency José Serulle Ramia</p> <p>Remarks by the Honourable Minister of Planning and Sustainable Development of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Bhoendradatt Tewarie</p> <p>Remarks by the Honourable Minister of Health of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Fuad Khan</p> <p>The Chairman will invite to the Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Howard Arfin, Caribbean Regional Representative/Head of Office, of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to introduce the Project. • Dr. Stephen Ramroop, Executive Director of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) of Trinidad and Tobago and Mr. Earl Hernandez from the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross, to present the “Green Response” Project. <p>Reference documents: ACS/2012/DRR.20/WP.003</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACS/2012/DRR.20/INF.006</p>
09:30-10:15	<p>VI. Presentation of the “Urban Risk” project</p> <p>The Chairman will invite to María Margarita Arias, Coordinator of International Cooperation of the National Unit for Disaster Risk Management (UNGRD) to present the “Urban Risk” Project.</p> <p>Reference documents: ACS/2012/DRR.20/WP.002</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACS/2012/DRR.20/INF.005</p>

10:15-10:30	<p>VII. Presentation on the progress made in the project: “International Diploma (virtual) in risk management and disaster reduction” (ESAP)</p> <p>María Margarita Arias, Coordinator of International Cooperation of the National Unit for Disaster Risk Management (UNGRD) will present the project entitled: “International Diploma (virtual) in Disaster Risk Reduction Management”.</p>
10:30-10:45	BREAK
10:45-11:00	<p>VIII. Presentation on the progress made in the Project: “Regional risk management training centre in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic”</p> <p>The Ambassador of the Dominican Republic in Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency José Serulle Ramia and General Luna Paulino, Chairman of the National Emergency Commission (CNE) of the Dominican Republic, will present the advancements made in the project entitled: “Risk Management Training Centre in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic”.</p>
11:00-11:15	<p>IX. Presentation on the progress made in the Project on the radio soap opera “Rough Season”</p> <p>The ACS Directorate of Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction will present the advancements made in the abovementioned project.</p>
11:15-11:45	<p>X. Presentation on the progress made in the Implementation of the Hyogo Framework of Action in the Region of the Americas</p> <p>Ms. Rosemary Lall, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Programme Officer for Energy, Environment and Disaster Management, will present the progress made in the implementation of the Hyogo Framework of Action in the areas of disaster management and reduction.</p>
11:45-12:15	<p>XI. Presentation on the progress made regarding the Strategy for managing disasters in Central America</p> <p>The Executive Secretary of the Centre for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America (CEPREDENAC), Mr. Iván Morales, will present the advancements made in this matter.</p>
12:15-02:00	BREAK FOR LUNCH
02:00-02:30	<p>XII. Presentation on Humanitarian Assistance in Latin America and the Caribbean - OCHA</p> <p>The Office Director - OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs), Mr. Douglas Reimer, will present the abovementioned topic.</p>
02:30-03:00	<p>XIII. Report on the “Natural Disasters Agreement”</p>

	<p>The Directorate of Disaster Risk Reduction will present the status of the ratification of the agreement by the Members.</p> <p>Reference document: ACS/2012/DRR.20/INF.010</p>
03:00-03:45	<p>XIV. Presentation on 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>The Chairman will invite to the Meeting Mrs. Isabelle Granger, Coordinator for the Americas Disaster Law Programme of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and Dr Barbara Carby, Chair of the Disaster Risk Reduction Centre of UWI to provide details on the abovementioned topics.</p> <p>Reference documents: ACS/2012/DRR.20/INF.011</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACS/2012/DRR.20/INF.012</p>
03:45-04:00	BREAK
04:00-04:10	<p>XV. Proposal for the Renewal of the "Saint-Marc Plan of Action"</p> <p>The Chairman will invite the participants to discuss the Renewal of the "Saint Marc Plan of Action".</p> <p>Reference document: ACS/2012/DRR.20/INF.013</p>
04:10-04:20	<p>XVI. Presentation and discussion of the Work Programme 2012-2013</p> <p>The ACS Director of Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction will discuss the work programme for the period 2012-2013.</p> <p>Reference documents: ACS/2012/DRR.20/INF.014</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACS/2012/DRR.20 /WP.005</p>
04:20-04:25	<p>XVII. Report on the status of institutional contacts by country (Secretariat)</p> <p>Reference document: ACS/2012/DRR.20/WP.006</p>
04:25-04:30	<p>XVIII. Proposals for the date and venue of the next meeting</p> <p>Reference document: ACS/2012/DRR.20 /INF.015</p>
04:30-04:45	<p>XIX. Other matters</p>
04:45	<p>XX. Close of the meeting</p>