

**3RD MEETING OF THE GREEN RESPONSE COORDINATING COMMITTEE - ACS, ODPM, IFRC, TTRCS meet to discuss Disaster Risk Reduction 'Green Response' project**



Port-of-Spain,

Trinidad and Tobago (May 17th, 2013) - The Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction Directorate of the Association of Caribbean States, in conjunction with the Office of

Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM), International Federation of Red

Cross (IFRC) and the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society (TTRCS) met

Wednesday 15th of May, 2013 to discuss the implementation of the "Green Response to Disasters" project. <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

The meeting, held at the ACS Secretariat, was

attended by: Director of Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction at the ACS,

Eduardo Gonzalez; Advisor for Transport and Disaster Risk Reduction at the ACS,

Mathieu Fontanaud; Regional Coordinator at the ODPM, Denise Anderson; Integrated

Programme Coordinator at the IFRC, Marisa Clarke-Marshall and Director of

Disaster Management at the TTRCS, Earl Hernandez;

Director <?xml:namespace prefix = st1 ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:smarrtags"

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delivered the opening remarks in which he stressed his commitment and support towards the aforementioned project, the 'Green Response to Disasters' - an initiative that directly correlates with one of the priority areas of the Association.

The meeting outlined key aspects for the undertaking of the project, such as the creation of working groups; designation of tasks and responsibilities; sourcing and allocation of financial resources and the assigning of a regional coordinator to oversee the project.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on the 11th of June, 2013.