

# Day 2: International Day for Disaster Reduction

## Plenary Session 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Tools that Help to Build the Resilience of Older People: Examples of Best Practice and lived experiences

**Chairperson: Horace Glaze, ODPEM**

### Participants

SACDA – Marlene Martin  
Community Members/Farmers—Wignal Fergie  
Parish Disaster Committees – Patricia Lewis  
St. Vincent Experience - Idelia Ferdinand  
Panos Caribbean - Indi McLymont-Lafayette

## Plenary Session 10:00-11:00am

Health and Social Care, Disasters and Older People

**Chairperson: HelpAge**

**Presenters: NCU, HelpAge**

**BREAK (11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)**

## Plenary Session 11:30-1pm

Older People's Experiences:

**Chairperson – Beverly Hall-Taylor**

Hurricane Ivan 2004  
Hurricane Dean 2007  
Hurricane Gustav 2008  
The Haiti Earthquake 2010  
Hurricane Sandy 2012

**Presenters: Grenada, St. Vincent, Jamaica, Belize**

**LUNCH 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Closing Session: **2:00 p.m.-3:00p.m.**

Summary of Conference Proceedings

Closing Remarks

## About HelpAge International

HelpAge International helps older people claim their rights, challenge discrimination and overcome poverty, so that they can lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives. HelpAge's work in Jamaica aims at tackling age discrimination, promoting solidarity between generations and moving towards a society for all ages.

### Our main areas of work are:

- Secure incomes
- Health
- HIV and AIDS and social care
- Disaster risk reduction
- Human rights and justice.

Through its disaster risk reduction programmes, HelpAge International, along with partners such as the USAID/OFDA and European Commission—Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection (ECHO), since 2009 have invested more than \$105 million in Disaster Risk Reduction and Response in four parishes, benefiting more than 20,000 persons.



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**Resilience is for life.**

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# About the International Day for Disaster Reduction (IDDR 2014)

The International Day for Disaster Reduction is a day to celebrate how people and communities are reducing their risk to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of DRR. It's also a day to encourage every citizen and government to take part in building more disaster resilient communities and nations.

The theme of the International Day for Disaster Reduction 2014 is on older people, including their needs and what they contribute to better planning and understanding of disaster risk in their communities. IDDR 2014 intends to switch on and amplify this critical issue now and for the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

The International Day for Disaster Reduction started in 1989 with the approval by the United Nations General Assembly. The UN General Assembly sees International Day as a way to promote a global culture of disaster reduction, including disaster prevention, mitigation and preparedness. Originally celebrated on the second Wednesday of October, the UN General Assembly decided in 2009 to designate October 13th as the date to celebrate IDDR.

<http://www.unisdr.org/2014/iddr/>

## Day 1: International Day for Disaster Reduction

### Opening Ceremony 9-11am:

Welcome and Opening Remarks:

**Chairperson – Cheryl Nichols - Director, Information & Training (Acting), ODPEM**

Remarks: **Jeffrey James-Caribbean Representative, HelpAge**

**UN Secretary General's Message: Arun Kashyap – UN Resident Coordinator**

### IDDR Video

Greetings: ODPEM – **Richard Thompson-Director General (Acting), ODPEM**

Remarks: **Nichole Graber-Simmons, Acting Mission Director (USAID, Jamaica)**

Cultural Item – **Voices for Climate Change Education Artistes**

Greetings: **Jesús Orús Báguena, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation**

Remarks: **Ronald Jackson, Executive Director, CDEMA**

Keynote Address and Global Survey Results: **Jerry Velasquez, Head of Outreach and Advocacy Section, UNISDR**

**National Experience of DRR: Maria A. Magana, Belize National Council on Ageing**

Special Address and launch of Conference: **Hon Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development Official Launch of the Conference**

**BREAK - 11:00-11:30**

### Plenary Session 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Jamaica's Disaster Risk Reduction Framework: Where do older people fit?  
Overview of Situation: Resources, Programmes, Challenges and Gaps; Population Ageing; Results of Survey; Pledge

**Chairperson: Audrey Mullings**  
**Presenters: ODPEM, HelpAge, PIOJ, Opal Bernard**

### Concurrent Sessions 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Gender Issues in Disaster Risk Reduction: Differentiated Needs, Experiences and Contributions of older men and women

**Chairperson: Mareeca Brown, PIOJ**  
**Presenters: UWI Gender Studies Unit, CDEMA, Bureau of Women's Affairs**

Living arrangements, Shelters and Shelter Management

**Chair: HelpAge**  
**Presenters: Habitat, Ida Northover**

**LUNCH— 1:30-2:30**

### Concurrent Sessions 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Social Protection, Disasters and Older People  
**Chairperson: Ronald Jackson, CDEMA**  
**Presenters: PIOJ, UWI Dept. of Social Work, HelpAge**

Relief, Recovery and Older People  
**Chairperson: Idelia Ferdinand (St. Vincent)**  
**Presenters: ODPEM, National Council for Senior Citizens, SACDA**

### Plenary Session 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Livelihoods, Disasters and Older People  
**Chairperson: USAID/OFDA**  
**Presenters: ACDI/VOCA, Rose-Ann Smith, RADA**