CDEMA’s Model National Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Policy

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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Background – Advancing CDM Implementation
- Developing a Model National CDM Policy
- Policy Elements/Framework
- Guiding Principles
ADVANCING CDM IMPLEMENTATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

REACTIVE

- Focus evolved from principally concerned with response to events to one based on disaster risk reduction through greater attention to mitigation, preparedness and recovery

PROACTIVE

- This paradigm shift in our approach to risk management necessitates more proactive and strategic planning to galvanize the necessary support by decision makers, encourage sector mainstreaming of CDM, enhance knowledge management on CDM and strengthen community resilience
ADVANCING CDM IMPLEMENTATION AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

- Recommended key tools for CDM implementation, mainstreaming and institutionalisation:
  - Long term policy framework for implementing CDM
  - National plan of action for implementing the national CDM policy
  - Prescribe the necessary actions to be followed by society to ensure there is compliance with the principles and concepts of CDM
  - A road map for countries to implement CDM and a basic framework to facilitate the monitoring of achievements
  - Measurement of progress being made towards expected results and documenting lessons learned for enhancing work programmes
DEVELOPING A MODEL NATIONAL CDM POLICY

Purpose:

- Model CDM Policy to help countries develop their own policy frameworks;
- Model template for elaborating a CDM Strategy, within the framework of the CDM policy, in CDEMA PS; and
- Model template for developing a national plan of action which will give effect to the Strategy.
DEVELOPING A MODEL NATIONAL CDM POLICY
THE PROCESS...

- Established a Work Programme Development and Review Sub-Committee (WPDR SC) of the CDEMA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) (May 2011)
- Engaged wider stakeholder involvement in a regional consultation (July 2011)
- The final model CDM Policy, Strategy and Plan of Action Templates were shared with all CDEMA PS on 31st January 2012
- The WPDRSC recommended that the model national CDM policy, strategy, plan of action templates and adaptation guide be presented to the CDEMA TAC for endorsement by CDEMA Council (March 29, 2012)
- CDEMA Council endorsed the Model National CDM Policy on 29th June 2012.
MODEL CDM POLICY ELEMENTS
A TRIPARTITE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

CDM APPROACH
- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

CDM ENABLING FRAMEWORK
- Strengthened enabling environment
- Robust Governance
- Decision Support Systems

CDM MAINSTREAMING FRAMEWORK
- Project Evaluation and Development
- Project Investment
- Budgeting
- Implementation, M&E

Sustainable development of the Caribbean through safer and resilient communities
MODEL CDM POLICY ELEMENTS
A TRIPARTITE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

CDM Approach
• Is a seamless set of activities and interventions from preparation to mitigation, planning to prediction and response to recovery. Appropriate actions at all points in the process lead to greater preparedness, better warnings, reduced vulnerability or the prevention of disasters during the next iteration of the process.

CDM Enabling Environment
• Provides the necessary institutional, policy and legislative framework; a robust governance system, and a suite of decision support systems that will allow key players – communities, government and the private sector – to engage in risk reduction behaviour.

CDM Mainstreaming Framework
• Provides the necessary tools and guidelines for mainstreaming CDM into national development and sectoral plans. It also provides important toolkits for mainstreaming cross sectoral issues such as gender, vulnerable groups and poverty into disaster management programmes and intervention.
POLICY STATEMENT

- This Model National CDM Policy is designed to achieve sustainable development in the State. In keeping with this overarching goal and cognisant that:
  - The appropriate approach for the CDM Policy must combine the community (bottom-up) and the national (top-down) levels;
  - There must be a long-term, programmatic, and whole-of government approach; and
  - That knowledge management and institutional support and capacity are required.
THE MODEL NATIONAL CDM POLICY

VISION

• Sustainable Development through Safer and Resilient Communities

POLICY GOALS

• To promote sustainable development through the reduction of disaster risks and vulnerability of society to natural and man-made hazards.
• To integrate CDM into all aspects of development and at all levels of everyday activity by the entire society

POLICY OBJECTIVE

• To strengthen national and community level capacity for adaptation, management, and coordinated response to natural and technological hazards, and the effects of climate change
THE MODEL POLICY GUIDING PRINCIPLES...

The Model National CDM Policy is guided by the following working parameters:

1. The policy should be implemented within the framework of amended existing legislation
2. The policy does not require renegotiations or amendments to existing strategic partnerships that NDOs have with public and private sector agencies and other civil society organisations at the national level; and other regional and international organisations
3. New funding requirements will result from the policy, but reallocations of existing sectoral budgets may be considered together with new funding sources.
4. The policy should be endorsed by national Cabinets of Ministers and other stakeholders.

5. The policy should contribute to the PS’s government’s priority or directives in disaster risk reduction and adaptation to climate change.

5. The policy should have a cost neutral impact on households.
THANK YOU

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