

From Vulnerability to Resilience: Exchange of Experiences in the Greater Caribbean Region

DECLARATION OF MANAGUA

Jointly meeting for the first time in Managua, Nicaragua, Representatives of Risk Management Systems from Countries belonging to the Greater Caribbean and High Authorities of ACS, CDEMA and CEPREDENAC to identify priorities, good practices and mechanisms of cooperation that contribute to disaster risk reduction (DRR) in the Region, having consider that:

- We have witnessed the devastation and destruction suffered by our Caribbean countries in the second half of last year, both small island territories and continental countries, as a result of natural events that reminded us of the Region's high vulnerability.
- There is evidence that there will be an increase in the frequency and severity of events in the Region that can potentially reduce years of development as a result of their impact on human, economic and social capital.
- Each of the Caribbean Sub Regions have developed experiences and articulated mechanisms to reduce the risk of disasters, which are a valuable capital for further support to national efforts towards building resilience and enhancing response capabilities in emergency situations.

Accordingly, we declare that:

- Given the extent of existing vulnerabilities and recognizing the high level of exposure, we commit to work to strengthen the unity, collaboration, exchange of experiences and building of regional capacities to Reduce Disaster Risk.
- It is necessary that the main outcomes of the meeting be considered by Member Countries belonging to AEC, CEPREDENAC and CDEMA, convert these results into action, and to further promote similar periodic meetings that allow for continuous building of effective collaboration mechanisms in the Region.
- It is relevant that the ACS, CEPREDENAC and CDEMA present the results of this meeting in the VI Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Cartagena from 20-22 June 2018, with a view to contributing to the efforts to advance a common agenda for the implementation of the priorities of Sendai Framework in the Americas.
- We are committed to support the efforts made by the ACS, CEPREDENAC and CDEMA to create effective collaboration mechanisms among its members and across sub-regions to increase resilience in the Region.

Given in the city of Managua, on the 8th day of March 2018