




Perspective on harmonization around hazards and harmonization within the EWS component – Dissemination and Communication

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▶ Presentation Outline

- Harmonization and its benefits
 - Current Examples employed in-country
 - Ongoing Projects
 - Way Forward
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Harmonization Definition


Making systems or rules similar in different countries or organizations



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- ▶ Facilitates interoperability
 - ▶ Standardize the way we do business as emergency and public safety personnel
 - ▶ Reduces complexity in the system
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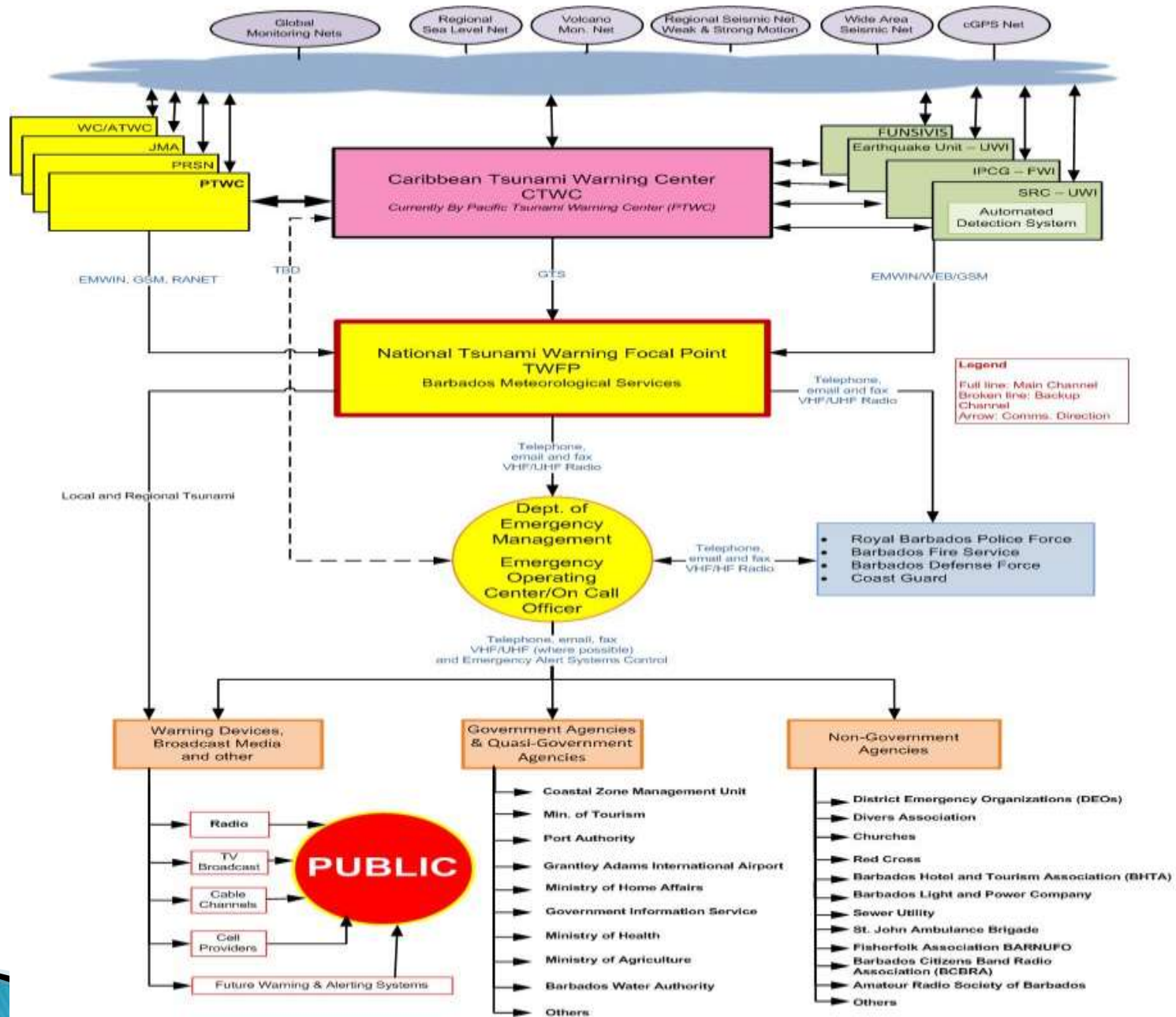
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- ▶ more credible and effective information being disseminated
 - ▶ better coordination
 - ▶ enhanced cooperation and communication within communities
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WHAT CURRENTLY EXISTS:

- ▶ National Emergency Telecommunications Network
 - Communication protocol and standardized information identifying the minimum acceptable levels for communication and dissemination
 - Multiplicity of stakeholders: community, national agencies, regional agencies
 - Routine testing
 - ▶ National Alert System
 - ▶ Standardisation of warning messages
 - ▶ Synchronisation of Plans and Procedures
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- ▶ Technical Committee Meetings
 - ▶ NETC – National Emergency Telecommunications Committee
 - ▶ TSCCH – Technical Standing Committee on Coastal Hazards
 - ▶ PIESC – Public Information and Education Standing Committee
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Priority Areas of Focus

- ▶ 1. Warning Communication and Dissemination
 - Policy Recommendations
 - Creation and refinement of standards
 - Establishment of strategies to sustain and improve existing systems
 - Testing and validation of SOPs eg National , interagency/ intra-agency , community exercises; routine testing,


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Priority Areas of Focus cont'd

- ▶ 1. Warning Communication and Dissemination
 - Continued Stakeholder Advocacy :emergency response personnel, private sector, service providers, community
 - Continued capacity building of stakeholders and agencies eg through training, procurement of equipment.
 - Hazard Awareness Programme ongoing , explaining to public the systems we have in place

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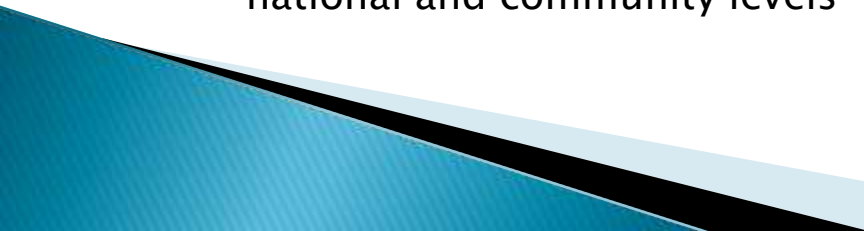
ONGOING PROJECTS:

- ▶ Improving National Communications Network and Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (MHEWS)
 - ▶ Major project aims :
 - improve communication and dissemination network
 - Enhancement of alerting and information dissemination protocols
 - enhanced national capacities for public warning
 - ▶ Major proposed Project outcomes :
 - Upgrade existing modes and incorporation of new modes for message dissemination
 - enhanced response for multi-hazards
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- ▶ *The Community Based Early Warning System in Barbados Project (Holetown)*
- ▶ Major project aims :
 - improve awareness to natural hazards through enhanced public education and awareness
 - reduce vulnerability to natural hazards through alerting protocols including multiple warning
 - enhanced national capacities for public warning
- ▶ Major proposed Project outcomes :
 - the installation of a redundant EWS based in Holetown
 - enhanced community awareness of and preparedness for multi-hazards

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- ▶ Strengthening Resilience and Coping Capacities in the Caribbean through Integrated Early Warning Systems (DIPECHO) Project
 - ▶ Martins Bay , St. John & Shermans, St. Lucy
 - ▶ Major project aims :
 - Improved risk identification and multi-hazard early warning systems
 - Strengthened community resilience
 - ▶ Major proposed Project outcomes :
 - Regional harmonisation and knowledge sharing for EWS
 - Knowledge of risk and vulnerability enhanced in communities to improve preparedness and response Framework for CAP-compliant all-hazard early warning systems integrated at national and community levels
 - Framework for CAP-compliant all-hazard early warning systems integrated at national and community levels
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▶ Way Forward

- Continued engagement and sensitisation of stakeholders and public
- Training for personnel who are part of the communication and dissemination process
- Refinement of SOPs
- Expansion of Mass Alerting System
- Improvement of MHEWS –Use of CAP
- Development of guidance documentation eg Media Guide
- Establish strategies for the development and implementation of methods and technologies to strengthen the media and dissemination of early warnings
- Compliance incentives
- Continued participation in national and international initiatives

The End Thank you

Questions and Comments