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# 1. BACKGROUND

Jamaica's hosting of the VII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean under the theme "Building Resilient Economies in the Americas and the Caribbean" is aimed at raising awareness of the challenges facing Small Island Developing States of the Caribbean region and the wider Americas. At the VI Regional Platform on Disaster Reduction in the Americas, held in Cartagena Colombia June 20 – 22, 2018, a decision was taken to convene the next forum in Jamaica. This will be the first time a regional platform will be held in the Caribbean, one of the world's most vulnerable regions to extreme weather events and seismic activity. Approximately 85% of the population of the Caribbean lives on or near the coast, which makes them particularly vulnerable to storms, storm surges, flooding and earthquakes. The United Nations lists Jamaica among the countries most exposed to natural hazards such as earthquakes, hurricanes, landslides and flooding. The Hon. Desmond McKenzie, Minister of Local Government & Community Development and Deputy Chairman of the National Disaster Risk Management Council (NDRMC) said "the forum will raise awareness not just for Jamaica, but for the region on a whole to have a real platform for expression of our positions on disaster risk and all the associated issues".

The Regional Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction evolved steadily over the life of the 2005-2015 Hyogo Framework. In the final years of the Hyogo Framework, platform participants called for stronger recognition of regional mechanisms to implement and oversee disaster risk reduction. Risks and vulnerabilities go beyond national boundaries and hence often need to be addressed across borders. In the post-2015 Sendai Framework era, regional platforms remain a key opportunity to tackle trans-boundary issues around disaster prevention and preparedness, provide leadership and direction and propose solutions to address disaster risk and to build the resilience of communities and nations.





## 2. DATE AND VENUE



The VII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean July 8 – 10, 2020 under the theme ***“Building Resilient Economies in the Americas and the Caribbean”***. The VII Regional Platform will be held at the ***Montego Bay Convention Centre Rose Hall, Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica, W.I.***

Situated along the elegant corridor of Rose Hall, Montego Bay, the Montego Bay Convention Centre with its ocean front location and panoramic views offers the very best meeting and convention facilities in the Caribbean. With a combined total of 139,302 square feet of meeting, exhibition and ballroom spaces this world-class facility will provide superior event management and personalized first-class service.

A five-time recipient of the World Travel Award for being the Caribbean's leading Meetings and Conference Centre, the Montego Bay Convention Centre is the place to book all your meetings, events, trade shows and special occasions.

Visit the Convention Centre  
<http://www.mbconventioncentre.com>

Take a Virtual Tour  
<http://www.virtualworldinternet.com/portfolio/montego-bay-convention-centre-jamaica>



## 3. ONLINE REGISTRATION

*All participants are required to complete online registration prior to the conference.*

*To register please visit:  
Additionally, all media personnel are also required to register here:*

*Registration Dates: January 2020 – March 2020*

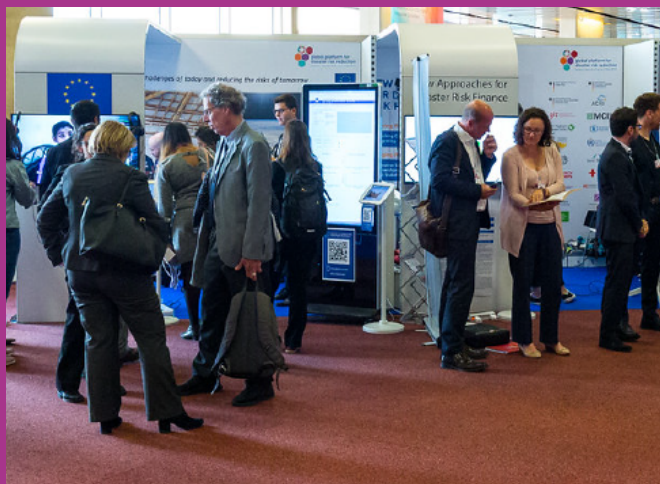
*Registration is based on a first come, first serve basis.*

## 4. DISTRIBUTION OF CREDENTIALS

*Participants are expected to collect conference packets at the Registration Tent located in front of Exhibition Hall A at the Montego Bay Conference Centre as follows:*

*Packets will include individual badges and other important information.*

*All media credentials will be distributed on site starting on July 8, 2020.*



## 5. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

### CONTACT DETAILS

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## 6. ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Each participant is responsible for ensuring the necessary documentation to enter Jamaica. If you require a visa, please allow sufficient time for due processing. For further information or assistance regarding visas please visit [www.pica.gov.jm](http://www.pica.gov.jm) or send an email to [visajamaica@pica.gov.jm](mailto:visajamaica@pica.gov.jm)





# 7. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Jamaica has a travel requirement in place for Yellow Fever. All persons older than one year, who are travelling from a country where there is a risk of Yellow Fever transmission, and persons who are transiting through a country with risk of Yellow Fever transmission for more than twelve hours, are required to show proof of vaccination against Yellow Fever before entering the country.



**I** Nationals of the following countries need to show **proof of vaccination against**

- **Yellow Fever:** Angola, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, French Guiana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda and Venezuela.

**II** Nationals of the following countries need to show **proof of vaccination against**

- **measles, rubella and polio:** Albania, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Republic of, Slovenia.

**III** No travel requirements for Malaria are in place. Persons arriving from

- countries endemic for Malaria will be interviewed at the Health Desk at the airport. Persons who are arriving from countries with risk for transmission of other Diseases of Public Health concern will be treated as per any restrictions / instructions in place at the time from the Ministry of Health.

List of Countries for which there are Health Requirements	
Albania	Kenya
Argentina	Panama
Belarus	Suriname
Brazil	Tonga
Colombia	Trinidad & Tobago
Ecuador	Uganda
Gambia	Venezuela
Guyana	

NOTE: Travelers should check the International Travel and Health website for updates.



## 8. TRANSPORTATION

There are two (2) international airports in Jamaica, the **Donald Sangster International Airport** located in Montego Bay and the **Norman Manley International Airport** located in Kingston.

It is recommended that participants arrive at the **Donald Sangster International Airport** as this is closer to the conference venue.

**Participants travelling from or through Europe have the following flight options into Montego Bay:**

- i. Condor from Germany
- ii. Virgin Airways and British Airways from the UK

**Participants travelling from or through Canada have the following flight options into Montego Bay:**

- i. Air Canada
- ii. West Jet

**Participants travelling from or through the USA have the following flight options into Montego Bay:**

- i. Delta Airlines
- ii. Jetblue
- iii. American Airlines
- iv. United Airlines
- v. Caribbean Airlines

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Upon arrival in Jamaica, the host country will provide a shuttle bus service to participants from the Sangster International Airport (MBJ) to official hotels and back.

Participants arriving in Kingston may take the Knutsford Express in order to travel to Montego Bay by road. This however would be at the expense of the participant.

During the Conference period, shuttle buses will provide transportation for participants from the official hotels to the Conference venue and other venues programmed.



## 9. ACCOMMODATION

The hotels listed below offer specially discounted rates for the participants. Payment by credit card and bank transfer is acceptable. It is **highly recommended** that participants reserve accommodation as early as possible as the special room rates have been obtained for delegates.

The following is the list of official hotels which have been selected by the Host Government. Shuttle buses will provide transportation from these hotels to the Conference venues. In order to make bookings, please follow the links provided for the respective hotels below:

1. **Iberostar** <http://www.iberostarrosehall.com/>
2. **Hilton Rosehall** <https://www.resortsbyhilton.com/rose-hall>
3. **S Hotel Jamaica** <https://www.shoteljamaica.com/>
4. **Holiday Inn Resort** <http://caribbeanhi.com/>
5. **Sea Garden Hotel** <https://seagardenjamaica.com/>
6. **Jewel Grande** <https://www.jewelgrande.com/>
7. **Hyatt Ziva & Zilara** <https://www.resortsbyhyatt.com/ziva-rose-hall>
8. **Sandals** <https://www.sandals.com/jamaica/>





## 10. QUICK INFO



### Languages at the Conference

The working languages of the Conference are English and Spanish.

### Credit Cards

International credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and other cards) are accepted in most locations (hotels, restaurants, convenience stores, mass retailers) in Jamaica. **However, they may not be accepted by small enterprises, markets, transportation services, and other establishments.**



### Banking

Banking hours island-wide are 08:30 to 14:00, Mondays to Thursdays, and 08:30 to 16:00, Fridays.

### Currency

The official currency of Jamaica is the Jamaican Dollar. The official rate of exchange fluctuates daily depending on the foreign exchange market. Foreign Currency may be exchanged for Jamaican Dollars at banks or licensed exchange bureaus in airports and hotels.



### Climate

The average maximum daytime temperature in Jamaica in July is **33°C (91°F)** with high heat & humidity. There are usually 7 hours of sunshine each day, which represents 58% of the 11 hours of daylight. The average sea temperature in and around Jamaica in July is **29°C (84°F)**.



## Electricity Usage

In Jamaica 110 volts/50 cycles is standard.

## Medical Facilities

There are several hospitals and clinics within the Montego Bay area and medical posts will be operated at the conference venue and selected hotels.

## Shopping

Jamaica is truly a shopper's paradise. The national motto – "Out of Many, One People" – is mirrored in the exceptional quality and variety of arts and crafts available at craft markets. Handcrafted mahogany sculptures, paintings, pottery, hand sewn embroidery, straw accessories and fabulous tropical fashions are just a taste of all that is available.

An endless variety of local exotic spices are also available. So too is an abundance of our world-famous Blue Mountain Coffee and fine blends of premium Jamaican rums. Jamaica's duty-free shops also carry an extensive array of goods.



# 11.FACTS ABOUT MONTEGO BAY



Popular for its duty-free shopping, cruise line terminal and a series of white-sand beaches, Montego Bay is Jamaica's premiere tourist destination. It also happens to be the second largest city in Jamaica after Kingston, the capital. Below is an overview of the city.

1. Montego Bay is located in the Parish of St. James, which was named by Sir Thomas Modyford in 1655 on behalf of the Duke of York.
2. Earlier maps of Montego Bay show it as being called "Bahia de Manteca" or "Lard Bay".
3. The Christmas Rebellion of 1831-32, led by Sam Sharpe took place in Montego Bay. Today, he is one of Jamaica's National Heroes.
4. Montego Bay was accorded a City Status in on May 1, 1981.
5. The major attractions in Montego Bay includes; The White Witch Rose Hall Great House and Doctor's Cave Beach. In close proximity to Montego Bay are world renowned attractions such as Dunn's River Falls, Dolphin Cove and Mystic Mountain in Ocho Rios and Chukka – Good Hope, Falmouth, Cockpit Country Adventure Tours in Trelawny. Through a raft of modernization measures, Montego Bay is preparing to be the next major destination in the hospitality industry. Montego Bay is serene, idyllic, picturesque, scenic, romantic...and all those phrases people use to describe a good holiday destination.

For additional information on Jamaica visit: <https://www.visitjamaica.com/>







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