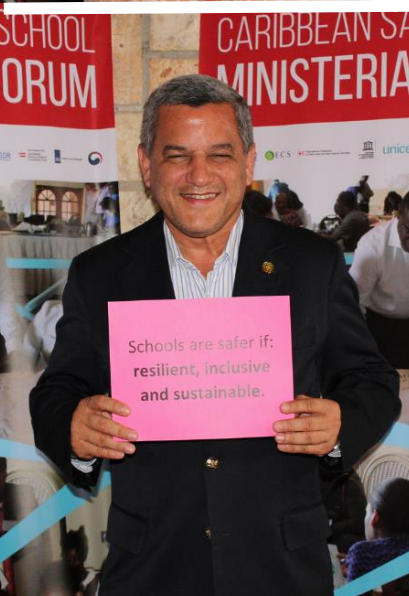




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Annex I: Antigua and Barbuda Declaration on School Safety in the Caribbean

First meeting of Ministers of Education and High-level Authorities of the Education Sector on the Implementation of the Worldwide Initiative on School Safety and the Comprehensive Safe School Framework

3rd April 2017

We, the Caribbean Ministers of Education, High-level Officials of the Education Sector and interested stakeholders, having participated in the Caribbean Safe School Forum on 3-4 April 2017 in Antigua, examined critical issues impacting disaster risk management and its relevance to the education sector in the Caribbean region:

1. Reaffirm the right to quality and inclusive education for all.
2. Recognise that our Caribbean region's geographical location and development opportunities influence our exposure and vulnerability to natural anthropogenic or socio-natural hazards that can potentially cause disasters.
3. Recognise the threats that climate change and climate variability pose to the countries of the Caribbean and to the education sector in particular.
4. Acknowledge the opportunities that climate change and climate variability present for driving sustainable development.
5. Reaffirm the recommendations of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Caribbean Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Strategy and Programming Framework 2014-2024, the Samoa Pathway, the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and other relevant declarations.
6. Embrace the Comprehensive School Safety Framework and the Caribbean Model Safe School Programme as internationally recognised approaches to reducing risk to various hazards in the education sector.
7. Note the progress made by Caribbean countries to incorporate disaster risk management in the curriculum at all levels which highlights the development of appropriate teaching skills and materials
8. Underscore the importance of embracing harmonized approaches that strengthen disaster risk reduction in the education sector by using coherent methodologies and tools that are adapted to the context of Caribbean nations.
9. Emphasize the need to implement policies that ensure new and existing educational infrastructure and school facilities are
 - i. Fully accessible to all, particularly for persons who are differently abled;
 - ii. Constructed and maintained to conform with national, regional and international risk management guidelines, standards and building codes.

10. Acknowledge the need to provide adequate follow-up to track and measure progress on the implementation of the points identified on the Road Map on School Safety.

Based on the foregoing, we, the Caribbean Ministers of Education and High-level Officials with interest in the Education Sector, commit to:

- i. Engage in the multi-stakeholder “Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools (WISS)”, by supporting the implementation of the Comprehensive Safe School Framework and the Model Safe School Programme in the Caribbean for public and private facilities at all levels.
- ii. Build resilience in the education sector.
- iii. Source financial and other resources from the national, regional, and the international community, from public and private sectors, to be channeled towards strengthening efforts in DRR linked to the education sector.
- iv. Coordinate with national and regional disaster management bodies to integrate the tenets of Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) into education policies and plans and to ensure alignment with existing national and regional disaster risk reduction and climate change resilience building strategies.
- v. Strengthen the coordination and cooperation mechanisms among stakeholders at the community, national, regional and international levels.
- vi. Build stronger collaboration among the Ministries of Education in the Caribbean with relevant private sector entities, non-governmental organisations as well as other regional and international entities.
- vii. Define and put in place a framework to track and measure progress on the implementation of the actions identified in the Road Map on School Safety to be authorized by the Minister of Education.

We express our appreciation to the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, in particular to the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology as well as CDEMA Coordinating Unit, IFRC, OECS, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNISDR, Save the Children, the Inter-Agency Network of Education in Emergencies (INEE), the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the Netherlands, for organizing this Forum and call on them to make every effort to disseminate and support this Declaration and Regional Road Map on School Safety in the Caribbean region.

We approve this Declaration and Road Map on School Safety, committing ourselves to its agreements, on the 3rd of April 2017, in Antigua.

Annex II: Caribbean Road Map on School Safety

The Caribbean Road Map and Antigua and Barbuda Declaration on school safety guide the Caribbean Safe School Initiative (CSSI) for the upcoming years. In order to ensure the implementation of the Road Map it is critical that countries and partners include the activities identified in the Road Map in their respective work plans. The Group of Caribbean Ministers of Education will ensure the political buy-in and follow-up. Technical support will be guaranteed by the members of the CDM sub-committee on Education and other regional as well as national partners. During the Ministerial meetings and other regional and global fora, ministers as well as partners shall report on progress, good practices and challenges.

Enabling Environment

Priority area	Reg/Nat	Activity	Timeframe	Responsible	Technical / Financial support
Develop enabling policies and National plans/strategies	Regional	Mapping school safety national plans and policies	2 months	CDEMA/MINISTERS OF EDUCATION	Technical Support
	Regional	Provide technical guidance in developing national policies, plans and strategies			
	National	Update and/or development National School Safety plans and policies (ensure the inclusion of the budget)	6 months	Ministries of Education with the stakeholders	Technical and financial resources
	National	Review legal and policy legislation framework to ensure the Safety School is part of it.	12 to 18 months	Ministries of Education	Technical support from AG's office or Legal Draftsman
	National	Align the SS plans with the National DRM plans	4 months	MOE/ NATIONAL DRM SYSTEM	Technical support from agency responsible for DRM
	National	Monitoring and evaluation of National School Safety Plans	Ongoing with annual reviews	Ministries of Education	Technical Support
Human and Financial	Regional	Provide technical support in project development and fundraising initiative at	3-18 months	CDEMA and GADRESS partner	Technical Support



resources		regional level			
	National	Create capacity within MoE dedicated to the School Safety	During budget preparation period - specific to each country	Permanent Secretary/ Chief of Education Officer/	Technical /financial support from Human Resource Management team
	National	Develop a proposal for School Safety funding	4 months(to end the proposal)	MoE Planning Unit	Technical support
	National	Include specific funds for School Safety into the MoE National budget	During Budget preparation process – specific to each country	MoE / PS/CEO	Technical support

Pillar 1: Safe Learning Environment

Priority area	Reg/Nat	Activity	Timeframe	Responsible	Technical / Financial support
Enhance and implement a standardized school safety assessment	Regional	Collect and review existing tools to determine the most suitable ones for application by countries in the Caribbean (e.g. VISUS and MSSP tools)	1 month	- Ministries of Education - National Disaster Offices - Education Sector Sub-Committee for Comprehensive Disaster Management	Ministries of Finance; CDEMA; UNESCO; CDB; OECS; CARICOM; USAID; UWI; IFRC; Media; GIS Mapping.
	Regional	Support tool application in different countries and adjust to the national context as required	18 month	Ministries of Education and GADRESS partner plus CDEMA and OECS	GADRESS partner plus CDEMA and OECS
	National	Adopt the most suitable tools for country specificities	3 months	- Ministries of Education - National Disaster Offices - Academic Institutions	Ministries of Finance; CDEMA; UNESCO; CDB; OECS; CARICOM; USAID; UWI; IFRC; Media; GIS Mapping.



	National	Training of trainers and capacity building activities on the adopted tools	1 month	- Ministries of Education - National Disaster Offices - Academic Institutions	Ministries of Finance; CDEMA; UNESCO; CDB; OECS; CARICOM; USAID; UWI; IFRC; Media; GIS Mapping.
	National	Pilot to selected schools	1 month	- Ministries of Education - National Disaster Offices - Academic Institutions	Ministries of Finance; CDEMA; UNESCO; CDB; OECS; CARICOM; USAID; UWI; IFRC; Media; GIS Mapping.
	National	Calibrate the tools based on the pilot	3 month	- Ministries of Education - National Disaster Offices - Academic Institutions	Ministries of Finance; CDEMA; UNESCO; CDB; OECS; CARICOM; USAID; UWI; IFRC; Media; GIS Mapping.
	National	Scale it up to the National level	1 year	- Ministries of Education - National Disaster Offices - Academic Institutions	Ministries of Finance; CDEMA; UNESCO; CDB; OECS; CARICOM; USAID; UWI; IFRC; Media; GIS Mapping.
	National	Monitor and evaluate	Ongoing	- Ministries of Education	Ministries of Finance; CDEMA; UNESCO; CDB; OECS; CARICOM; USAID; UWI; IFRC; Media; GIS Mapping.
Develop a safe school standard	Regional	Compile and promote good practices for safe schools standards and develop a draft safe school standard	2 – 3 months	- Ministries of Education - Ministries of Public Works - Ministries of Health - Ministries of Planning - National Disaster Offices	- Ministries of Finance; CDEMA; UNESCO; CDB; OECS; CARICOM; USAID; UWI; IFRC.



	Regional	Hold a regional consultation forum with different stakeholders	1 - 2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministries of Education - Ministries of Public Works - Ministries of Health - Ministries of Planning - National Disaster Offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministries of Finance; CDEMA; UNESCO; CDB; OECS; CARICOM; USAID; UWI; IFRC, Media.
	National	Develop final safe school standards	1 – 2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministries of Education - Ministries of Public Works - Ministries of Health - Ministries of Planning - National Disaster Offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministries of Finance; CDEMA; UNESCO; CDB; OECS; CARICOM; USAID; UWI; IFRC.
	National	Make the standards a national policy	1 year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministries of Education - Ministries of Home/Legal Affairs - Cabinet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministries of Finance; CDEMA; UNESCO; CDB; OECS; CARICOM; USAID; UWI; IFRC.

Pillar 2: School Disaster Management

Priority area	Reg/Nat	Activity	Timeframe	Responsible	Technical / Financial support
Review and develop multi-hazard school safety plans and guiding documents	Regional	Assessment of current national structures, systems, and human resources to be used as the baseline for designing the regional framework	1 year	Ministries of education and other relevant stakeholders to be identified	Both
	Regional	Develop a regional template or model which will be adapted/adopted in all the countries and schools. This plan should include the school	1 year	Ministries of Education	Technical assistance



		community and immediate surrounding community			
	Regional	Share relevant information including good practices and lessons learned at regional level so that a regional policy and guidelines can be drafted	On going		Both
	National	Draft policy based on regional template	1 year		both
	National	Training and/or sensitization for line personnel (teachers, parents, students, officials) in the implementation of policy and template	Initially 2 years with ongoing training subsequent		Both
Improved coordination among stakeholders	Regional	Identify key stakeholders, assign roles and responsibilities and establish coordination mechanisms	6 months	CDEMA, OECS, GADRESS partner	Both
	National	Identify key stakeholders, assign roles and responsibilities and establish coordination and monitoring mechanisms	6 month	Ministries of education	Technical

Pillar 3: Risk Reduction and Resilience Education

Priority area	Reg/Nat	Activity	Timeframe	Responsible	Technical / Financial support
Review and update DRM components in curriculum	Regional	Undertake Baseline Assessments: (i) Audit of existing DRM content in curricula across Caribbean states (ii) KAP survey (iii) Suggestion to include CCA	A realistic timeframe must be determined based on the activities and the varied capacities/needs of the countries	CDEMA/ESSC	CDEMA CDB
	Regional	Identify a Working Group to:	6 months	CDEMA/ESSC	CXC



		(i) Articulate the methodology, time frame and document in a manual (for the baseline assessments above). (ii) Coordinate the baseline assessment activities.			OECS CDEMA CDB
	Regional	Develop agreed curricula framework which is age specific: Early education (0-5) / Primary (5-11) ? Secondary (11 – 16), Tertiary/post-secondary/Teacher training/Professional development / Lifelong learning		OECS, CXC	
	National	Apply and adjust age specific curricula framework			
	National	Deliver community level training			CDEMA, Red Cross, District Disaster Committees, Schools, Uniformed forces, National Disaster management Offices
DRM training school staff, family and community	Regional	Provide an overview on existing capacity building opportunities such as DRR Education Toolkit, USAID/OFDA Safe School training for teachers, Youth in DRM programme	3 months		CDEMA
	National	Deliver teacher training	Annually Once per term		CDEMA USAID/OFDA

Annex III: National achievements, challenges and priorities per country

Anguilla		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National disaster policy plan • DRM documents mentions of education • Responses are led by DRM office • First aid training, fire extinguisher, a number of drills, e.g. tsunami – tsunami ready / earthquake – tools and practice exercise, child friendly school initiative • Comprehensive preparedness plan • As of January 2017 have a maintenance manager who will oversee the school maintenance • Master planning exercise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No safe school policy • Upgrade of schools to become shelters 	<p>Enabling Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe school policy

Antigua and Barbuda		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the launch of the Safe School Programme, a more structured and sustained engagement in schools commenced. • School Disaster Plan template is provided to schools. • Schools generally have established exit routes and procedures for the various potential hazards. • Ministry of Education Officers have been monitoring the implementation of the Safe School Programme, providing feeding back as required. • First Aid Kits available in schools. • Two teachers per school trained by UWI in collaboration with USAID. • DRR focal persons identified at primary and secondary levels. • Assessment conducted to determine school needs to enhance facilities. • 26 schools took part in tsunami drill. Assessment is being analysed to guide preparation of specific recommendations to the MoE to address weaknesses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occasionally teachers are unable to add DRR and school safety to their regular responsibilities. • Ministry of Education has accepted ownership but needs to ensure that all components/actors fully understand and appreciate this. Greater leadership is required to ensure improved centralisation and coordination for the roll out towards quality compliance. • Financial allocation to for school safety needs to be mainstreamed into national budget and not an ad-hoc basis. 	<p><u>Enabling Environment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanisms for continuation of procedures during the transfer of new principals. <p><u>Safe Learning Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct of routine maintenance of the school facilities. • Guidance for construction of new schools. Purpose building for one section of the school to be used as temporary shelter. • Enforcement of building code for schools. <p><u>School Disaster Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Training teachers in First Aid. • Follow-up on the implementation of the 2012 mandate, requiring each school to have a Disaster Plan and implement quarterly drills.

British Virgin Islands		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standards and guidelines for assessments are available. • School certification POY 2019. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase involvement of other partners. • Set a balance among the different hazards to be addressed. • Increase funding for school safety. 	<p><u>Safe Learning Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure development to support the expansion of the secondary school plant and repairs to existing schools to meet SAFE-SMART standards. • Implementation of CROSQ standards for laboratories.

		<p><u>School Disaster Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full implementation of the School Health and Safety Policy. <p><u>Risk Reduction and Resilience Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstream Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation into national curricula at all levels. • Include environmental concerns into disaster risk management. • Capacity building and certification for teachers at all levels in the public and private sector.
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Cuba		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems in place to assure education continuity in emergencies and the quick rehabilitation of school facilities affected by emergencies. • School are certified by a multi-sector governmental compliance body. • Communities are involved in school safety. • School safety not only includes students, teachers and staff, but also their families and the surrounding community as a whole. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High exposure of schools to hazards. • Natural, sanitary and technological risks are considered the most severe. 	<p><u>Enabling Environment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply the school safety concept nation-wide, with a focus on disaster risk mitigation. <p><u>School Disaster Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep improving the quick normalisation of school services at the shortest time possible.

Dominica		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 1979 – hurricane David rebuilding with more acceptable standard, since Erika all efforts put in building back better • Have now: Emergency plan, Disaster management bill, Vulnerability DRM plan, Emergency SOP • Safe school policy in draft • Training School safety course • CDM champion • EWS system • Template of school emergency operation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance • Prone to multiple hazards. 	<p><u>Enabling Environment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of draft Safe School Policy <p><u>Safe Learning Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of all schools and development of plan for retrofitting /rehabilitation based on standards <p><u>School Disaster Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of school emergency operations / Disaster Management plans • Training related to policy and plans <p><u>Risk Reduction and Resilience Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infuse risk reduction & resilience into curriculum

Dominican Republic		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4% of the GDP destined for the Education sector. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High number of schools and students/teachers/staff. • Insufficient accessibility to school premises for 	<p><u>Enabling Environment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make schools more sustainable. <p><u>Safe Learning Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop safe school certification.

	<p>people with disabilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop standard guidelines to assess quality of school construction. • Improve safe site selection for school construction. <p><u>School Disaster Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve school preparations for fire hazard (emergency response and evacuation). <p><u>Risk Reduction and Resilience Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstream Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation into national curricula.
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Guyana		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard protocol for safe schools, referring to safe learning environments. • Climate Change Adaptation mainstreamed into curricula. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent of territory makes school access difficult. 	<p><u>Safe Learning Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve water and sanitation facilities in schools (provision of pure water for Hinterland and Riverine Schools, and solid waste storage and disposal in coastal schools). <p><u>Risk Reduction and Resilience Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build DRR capacity of teachers. • Reinforce Education for Sustainable Development at all levels. • Managing behaviors of children and using positive discipline in schools. • Integration of SEN Learners into the Mainstream schools.

Montserrat		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red cross is working in training staff in aspects of safe school programme • All fire response plan • Montserrat observatory / Disaster management office • Children competition – all of the schools • Working with Red Cross (first aid) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harsh marine hazard, volcanic risk, allocation of budget not exists • School – listed as hurricane shelter • Aging infrastructure, non-existing of maintains of building (old schools 1968), • Curriculum updating New school is not located in the right place 	<p><u>Safe Learning Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance learning facilities <p><u>Risk Reduction and Resilience Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a national curriculum – DRR is intergrated

Saint Kitts and Nevis		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orientation of the various stakeholders in education; training and simulations for fire & tsunami; extinguishers in school • Schools developed school safety plan; one teacher identified and trained in each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No clear framework or policy to guide implementation of school safety. • Limited financial 	<p><u>Enabling Environment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop, implement and monitor school safety and security policy and related framework for school safety and security policy

<p>school with responsibility for school safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School safety crossing guard and security officer at each school to identify visitors • Good collaboration with emergency stakeholders • Principals trained in school safety course and received certification • Collaborated with Caribwave Tsunami simulation for schools in tsunami prone area • Senior person and Education Officer identified and responsible for school safety in the Ministry of Education 	<p>resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • insufficient technical capacity to develop school safety policy. • Limited human resources to coordinate school safety programming. • No school safety council still not formed 	<p><u>Safe Learning Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all new construction is built according to safety and security standards and is Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) compliant. • Modify School plants to ensure multiple exits. <p><u>School Disaster Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for school principals and teachers to implement school safety and security policy • Training for school principals to develop and implement School Disaster Management Plans <p><u>Risk Reduction and Resilience Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that disaster risk reduction is integrated into school curriculum
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Turks and Caicos Islands		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Standard Operating Procedures in the Critical Incident Management Handbook fall in line with policies & work plan of the Department for Disaster Management and Emergencies. • Schools have been retrofitted to support students with disabilities; new schools are build based on guidance. • Teachers being trained: each school has critical incident management team trained by the TCI Red Cross. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide teachers with guidance on Critical Incident Management and incorporate it into normal school operation. • High number of islands makes replication and retrofitting of schools difficult. • Interagency communication and collaboration at national level is not always fluid. • Use of public schools as shelters. 	<p><u>School Disaster Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve collaboration with the Department for Disaster Management and Emergencies to ensure all schools are adequately involved in school safety.

Saint Lucia		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoU with USAID aimed at developing a draft school safety policy, including anti-bullying, environmental awareness, and psychosocial development. • Provide local training for teachers, principals, education officers on school safety costs, shelter management, evacuations, vector control and fire response. • Training of 88 support staff in basic First Aid. • Certified 32 teachers as First Aid instructors. • Establishment of safety committees though the Parent Teacher Associations in eight school districts and ongoing development of school safety plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited inclusion of school safety in early childhood. • No dedicated school safety coordinator/officer (role currently being adopted by assigned teachers, in collaboration with NEMO and other partners). • Financial constraints. • Security staff not trained to fulfill their assigned tasks. • Remoteness of some schools or located in 	<p><u>Safe Learning Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of CCTV in all schools. • Rehabilitation of school facilities. • Implement school maintenance policy. <p><u>School Disaster Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Train principals on DRM, with a focus on damage assessment and needs analysis. • Development and approval of school safety plans for all schools. <p><u>Risk Reduction and Resilience Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstream Disaster Risk Management into national curricula at all levels.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRM education for primary and secondary students. Ongoing introduction of DRR into early childhood schooling. • Ongoing planning to assess school facilities. • School maintenance policy developed. 	<p>risk-prone areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-compliance of building codes. • Communities are not sufficiently prepared to act as first responders until outside assistance is able to reach them. 	
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Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		
Achievements	Challenges	Priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft school safety policy developed. • Primary, secondary and special needs schools assessed using the CSS framework. • Most vulnerable schools identified and support provided to develop school safety plans. • Development of school safety committees and school safety plans encouraged. • Yearly data collection to map schools with school safety plans and implementation of drills. • Ongoing adaptation of the curriculum to introduce DRR into primary, secondary and technical institute schooling. This includes the curriculum for teacher training and teaching resources. • Piloting by CDEMA of one school as safe school. • Upon request, fire stations conduct inspections and fire training. • Conducted a Climate Change and DRR forum for youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address gaps in the school safety policy. • Reinforce security. • Address needs of schools located in vulnerable areas. • Ministry of Education has no responsibility related to school construction and maintenance. • Most schools can be used as emergency shelter. 	<p><u>Enabling Environment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase financial resources for school safety. • Harmonise competing initiatives. <p><u>Safe Learning Facilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan/guidelines for school maintenance and retrofitting. <p><u>School Disaster Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All schools to have school safety plans and conduct drills by the end of this year. <p><u>Risk Reduction and Resilience Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of DRR across all levels and subjects by 2018.

Annex IV: Market place - description of presented resource

The Market Place offer consisted of:

- Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross: *Mega V & Open Data Kit (ODK)*
- Caribbean Development Bank: *Financial Support System*
- CDEMA: *Model Safe School Programme and Toolkit*
- UNESCO: *School Safety Assessment - VISUS Methodology*
- UNICEF: *Education Sector Indicators*
- UNISDR: *Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools – Safe School Leader*
- USAID/JOFDA: *School Safety Course (SSC)*



Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross: Mega V & Open Data Kit (ODK)

At present, following an emergency, assessments are conducted using mostly pen and paper, which requires for results to be collected, transcribed and sent via phone, fax, mail or other means. During emergency response, this can result in a significant delay, ranging from a few hours to days or weeks.

ODK is a data collection tool which allows for electronic surveys to be designed and uploaded to a server. These surveys can be accessed and answered through any mobile device and the result uploaded. As a consequence, accurate information can be made available instantly online, reducing response times. Alternatively, data can be collected with the mobile devices offline, and uploaded at a later time.

ODK is the result of a merger of several “open source” tools, which run on Android devices for free, using simple interfaces. Creating a survey and loading it to a mobile device and collecting information doesn’t require extensive computer training.

The system allows for the identification of individuals or households, using a barcode. Therefore, it has become widely popular for mass distributions, allowing for humanitarian aid to arrive at the beneficiary in a timely, efficient, transparent and accountable manner. These uses can be explored beyond relief distributions.

Following the Marketplace presentations, representatives from the following countries showed interest in receiving more information: *Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Guyana, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.*

Caribbean Development Bank: Financial Support System

Please contact the Caribbean Development Bank for further details on the tool.

CDEMA: Model Safe School Programme and Toolkit for CDEMA Participating States

The Model Safe School Programme (MSSP) and Toolkit for CDEMA Participating States has been designed to support the mainstreaming of Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) into Caribbean schools. It expands the understanding of school safety beyond the traditional singular focus on emergencies to promote a comprehensive and holistic treatment of risk in the school environment. The MSSP approach is congruent with the Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSS).

The Model features a policy, programme and standards organised around two broad approaches to addressing risk in schools: (i) a Safety Approach and (ii) a Green Approach (Table 1). For each approach,

there are a number of strategic themes under which the standards for school safety have been articulated. The standards provide a benchmark for assessing how safe a school is and the assessment process allows for action planning and prioritization of interventions at the national and school levels. The MSSP is therefore also a support tool for decision-making in the education sector.

The MSSP Toolkit comprises a suite of standards, guidance documents, templates and other resources to support countries in implementing the programme. The resources in the Toolkit include:

- A Model Safe School Policy,
- A set of comprehensive standards for school safety and “greening”,
- Assessment tools for the Safety and “Green” standards and guidance on application of the tools,
- An assessment tool for building conditions,
- A Model School Disaster/Emergency Management Template
- A Model Safe School Certification Process.

The MSSP is a flexible resource for school administrators and Ministries of Education (MOE) which can be adapted, wholly or in part, to the individual country’s context.

Following the Marketplace presentations, representatives from the following countries showed interest in receiving more information: *Anguilla, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Turks and Caicos.*

UNESCO: School Safety Assessment - VISUS Methodology

VISUS assesses schools in a holistic and multi-hazard manner that considers five issues: site conditions, structural performance, local structural criticalities, non-structural components and functional aspects. Each issue is analysed using the process of an expert reasoning, splitting the assessment in two main phases: the characterization and the evaluation. As a result, simple graphical indicators summarise the evaluation pointing out the main weaknesses and the needs of intervention. The collection of data during the characterization phase is done through a mobile application.

The information generated will support the sustainability of the desired impacts as, i) Ministries of Education and Finance will be able to define and prioritize the budgets needed for future investments; and, ii) international and regional development banks can use the outcomes of the assessments to guide the design of future grants and loans for rehabilitation, reinforcement and retrofitting of school buildings, and in the construction of new safe schools.

Technical triage assessments and expert judgment pre-codification processes are the two main elements on which VISUS methodology is based.

Different levels of assessment can be identified aiming to answer different requirements. Low assessment levels are usually implemented through a collection of data (desk analysis, questionnaires, forms, check-lists, etc.). These approaches allow a quick ranking of buildings through indices. Nevertheless, such approaches cannot be detailed enough to properly answer all of the administrator’s concerns; and in most of the cases the quality of input data is not accurate. On the other hand, deeper analyses can answer the majority of administrator’s concerns, with in-depth/specific assessments, detailed design and cost quantification. However, these inspections are very costly, timely consuming and they rely on the available expertise within the country – which sometimes is inexistent – limiting the number of facilities that could be inspected.

Following the Marketplace presentations, representatives from the following countries showed interest in receiving more information: *Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic,*

Guyana, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Turks and Caicos, and Virgin Islands.

UNICEF: Education Sector Indicators

The Education Sector Indicators have been developed to support the ministries of education of Latin America and Caribbean countries, through an analysis methodology whose objective is to provide quantitative and qualitative information on the state of performance and institutionalisation of disaster risk management within the education sector. Furthermore, it facilitates measuring the progress made implementing disaster risk management commitments taken on by ministries of education and other actors. Also, it allows to set quantifiable objectives for disaster risk management in the education sector.

At the same time, the Education Sector Indicators allow to review the policies, programmes, plans, methodologies and other tools developed and/or implemented by ministries of education from a risk management perspective. The framework lays out the various risk management spheres of action, allowing to disaggregate the analysis, which in turn shows if advancements in risk management in the education sector relates to all or only some (and which) of the following components: *Risk Identification; Risk Reduction; Disaster Response; Recovery; and Financial Protection.*

The tool is composed of 22 indicators and 79 verifiers, articulated in 11 thematic areas, which represent the spectrum of responsibilities and tasks of a Ministry of Education. The thematic areas are: *Enabling Environment; Coordination; Curriculum; Extracurricular activities and community participation; Teachers; Educational Supplies and Resources; Quality Education; Financing; Infrastructure; Education Information Systems; and Disaster Impact.*

UNICEF LACRO agreed to translate the tool into English, to be shared with countries from the Caribbean region.

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UNISDR: Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools – Safe School Leader

The Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools (WISS) is a government-led global partnership that aims at securing political commitment and fostering safe school implementation globally. The Initiative is coordinated by UNISDR and was developed in collaboration with key partners from the Global Alliance on Disaster Risk Reduction Education and Resilience in the Education Sector as a response to the High-Level Dialogue Communiqué at the 2013 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.

WISS motivates and supports governments to develop and implement national school safety policies, plans and programs in combination with the three technical aspects of Comprehensive School Safety. The Worldwide Initiative offers technical assistance and particular expertise to support interested Governments in implementing Comprehensive School Safety at the national level, and promotes good practices and achievements in safe school implementation for replication in other countries and regions.

The Initiative also promotes good practices and achievements in safe school implementation for replication in other countries and regions, helps identify challenges and offers technical assistance and

particular expertise around the three pillars to support interested Governments in implementing school safety at the national level.

A total of 35 of Governments have so far endorsed WISS¹: Algeria, Armenia, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Ecuador, United States, The Philippines, Finland, Georgia, Honduras, Indonesia; Italy, Iran, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kirghizstan, Lao, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Qatar, South Africa, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, and Turkmenistan.

Governments interested and active in promoting safe schools are invited to become Safe School Leaders as part of the WISS programme.

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USAID/OFDA: School Safety Course (SSC)

The course is aimed at qualified education authorities, teachers and administrative staff of schools, parents, public officials and staff from NGOs whose mission is related or may relate to risk prevention and mitigation and emergency preparedness and response in schools. It will provide participants with the knowledge and skills required to guide the promotion, design, development and systematization of safety plans for schools.

Upon completion of the course participants will be able to: describe the concepts of emergency, disaster and adverse event; explain risk and its factors; list useful resources for risk management; explain the importance of knowing the risks and the resources; describe the areas and components of risk management; list five reasons supporting the role of education in risk management; describe the objectives and scope of the School Safety Plan; explain the key activities to promote and implement a School Safety Plan; identify the benefits of emergency management preparedness in schools; and identify the differences between simulations and drills, in situations observed during course exercises.

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¹ Up to April 2017

Annex V: Detailed agenda

Time	Monday, April 3 rd , 2017
08:00-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	Opening ceremony <i>Representatives from regional organizations, the Minister of Education, Science and Technology of Antigua and Barbuda as well as other national delegates delivered welcome & opening remarks.</i>
09:30-09:45	<i>Break for group photo and media interviews with panelists</i>
09:45-10:00	Introduction to the Forum <i>Presentation of Forum objectives, expected outcomes, agenda, working methodology and provision of logistical information</i> - <i>Marcel GOYENCHE, Facilitator</i>
10:00-10:40	Comprehensive School Safety Framework – Global and regional progress <i>Introduction of existing global and regional initiatives and achievements related to disaster risk reduction and its integration within the education sector</i> Moderator: - <i>Idelia FERDINAND, Ministry of Education, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</i> Speakers: - <i>Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Worldwide Initiative for School Safety (WISS)</i> <i>Sandra AMLANG, UNISDR</i> - <i>Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSS)</i> <i>Jair TORRES, UNESCO</i> - <i>Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) strategy, Model Safe School Programme and other achievements</i> <i>Gayle DRAKES, CDEMA</i>
10:40-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-13:00	Comprehensive School Safety Framework – Global and regional progress (continuation)
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:30	School Safety in the Caribbean – Achievements, gaps and priorities at the national level <i>Ministries of Education presented the main achievements, challenges and priorities regarding school safety from their country's perspective. Linkages were made to the three pillars of the Comprehensive School Safety Framework. Based on the information provided by each country,</i>

	<p><i>participants identified how to address main challenges and gaps by identifying top priorities.</i></p> <p>Moderator of group results: <i>Elizabeth RILEY, CDEMA</i></p>
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00-17:30	<p>Discussion on Caribbean Declaration on School Safety</p> <p><i>Ministers and high-level authorities continued the dialogue surrounding the content of the 'Antigua and Barbuda Declaration on School Safety in the Caribbean', finalizing the wording of the Declaration.</i></p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Hon. Michael BROWNE, Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Antigua and Barbuda</i>
17:30-18:00	<p>Endorsement and signing of Declaration</p> <p><i>Ministers and high-level authorities signed the 'Antigua and Barbuda Declaration on School Safety in the Caribbean'.</i></p> <p>Master of Ceremony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Elizabeth RILEY, CDEMA</i>
19:00-20:00	Cocktail reception hosted by Antigua and Barbuda

Time	Tuesday, April 4 th , 2017
08:30-09:00	<p>Recap</p> <p><i>Brief recap of the previous day's main topics</i></p>
09:00-10:00	<p>Tsunami preparedness – Relevance for the education Sector</p> <p><i>Presentations by experts on tsunami preparedness, highlighting the relevance for the education sector. Forum participants were provided with an overview on progress being made in the Caribbean regarding tsunami preparedness and of public awareness-raising and education strategies.</i></p> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Jair TORRES, UNESCO</i> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Tsunami hazard in the Caribbean</i> <i>Dr. Silvia CHACON, Costa Rica</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE EWS) <i>Paul MARTENS, Sint Maarten, Kingdom of Netherlands</i> - Saint Kitts & Nevis experience on Tsunami Readiness <i>Claricia LANGLEY-STEVENSON, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Saint Kitts & Nevis</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tsunami Public Awareness & Education (PAE) Strategy for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions, <i>Jair TORRES, UNESCO</i>
10:00-10:45	<p>Marketplace: Existing products and support by international organizations / donors to enhance school safety</p> <p><i>Regional partners shared with Ministries of Education existing areas for technical support by showcasing tools, products and services that raise awareness on school safety, strengthen capacities in a country or school or facilitate decision-making regarding school safety. Ministries could prioritize and purchase tools, products and services that they feel would be most relevant to enhance school safety in the respective country at this time.</i></p>
10:45-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00-13:00	<p>Regional Road Map for School Safety</p> <p><i>Building upon the safe school priorities identified the previous day, participants collectively agreed upon the main regional priorities aligned to the Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSS). Working in groups, one for each of the three CSS pillars, participants identified concrete and achievable activities for each of the regional priorities, while also defining the timeframe, key actors and required technical and financial support.</i></p>
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:00	<p>Regional Road Map for School Safety</p> <p><i>The three groups presented their respective results and peers provided comments and inputs to the elements identified for each priority area.</i></p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Antigua and Barbuda</i>
15:00-15:30	<p>Caribbean Safe School Initiative (CSSI)</p> <p><i>The Caribbean Safe School Initiative provides a frame for the future activities to be implemented in Caribbean region regarding school safety over the coming years. The 'Antigua and Barbuda Declaration on School Safety in the Caribbean' and the 'Regional Road Map for School Safety' provide details on the priorities as agreed upon by Ministries of Education in the Caribbean.</i></p> <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Antigua and Barbuda</i>



15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00-17:00	Launch of the Caribbean Safe School Initiative (CSSI) <i>Official launch of the Caribbean Safe School Initiative followed by closing remarks. Ministries of Education provided with a signed copy of the 'Antigua and Barbuda Declaration on School Safety in the Caribbean'.</i>

Annex VI: Participants list

Country	Name	Titel	Organisation
Anguilla	Rhonda Connor	Chief Education Officer	Education Department
Antigua and Barbuda	Hon. Michael S. Browne	Minister	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Rosa Greenaway	Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Clare L. Browne	Director of Education	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Dr. Patricia George-Benfield	Deputy Director of Education	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Beverly Allen	Assistant Director of Education, Curriculum	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Stacey Payne-Mascall	Assistant Director of Education - Planning, Services, Research and Training	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Rolston Nickeo	Education Officer, Focal Point for School Safety in Schools in Antigua	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Mervin Browne	Projects Officer - Board of Education	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Jeannette Mason	Knowledge Base Officer	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Melville Richardson	Education Officer – Visual Arts/Art and Deputy Co-coordinator, Planning of Caribbean Safe Schools Ministerial meeting	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Vidal Young Romero	Education Officer – Modern Languages - Translator	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Karen Wilkins	Head of Meeting Secretariat	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Kanisha Bright	Secretariat	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Alicia Harrigan-James	Secretariat	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Tamara Simon	Secretariat	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Monica Phillip-Simon	Secretariat	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Nadine Roberts	Secretariat	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Phil George	Communications Officer/Media	Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
Antigua and Barbuda	Philmore Mullin	Director	National Office of Disaster Services

Antigua and Barbuda	Jeff Lawrence	Force Sergeant Major	Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force
Antigua and Barbuda	Nuffield Burnette	Assistant Commissioner of Police	Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda
Antigua and Barbuda	Elvis Weaver	Assistant Commissioner of Police	Fire Police
Antigua and Barbuda	Elvis Murray Watkins	Director General	Antigua and Barbuda Red Cross Society
Barbados	Elizabeth Riley	Deputy Executive Director	CDEMA
Barbados	Gayle Drakes	Education and Training Specialist	CDEMA
Barbados	Unai Sacona	Education Manager	UNICEF
Barbados	Elaine King	Adolescent Development Specialist	UNICEF
Barbados	Paul Murphy	Education Specialist	Caribbean Development Bank
Barbados	Dwayne Squires	Engineer	Caribbean Development Bank
Chile	Marcel Goyeneche	Facilitator	Independent Consultant
Costa Rica	Dr Silvia Chacon	Chair	ICG/CARIBE EWS WG on Tsunami Hazard Assessment
Cuba	H. E. Gustavo Veliz Olivares	Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba	Embassy of the Republic of Cuba in Antigua and Barbuda
Cuba	Kissy Gomes		Embassy of the Republic of Cuba in Antigua and Barbuda
Cuba	Alfonso Clovis Núñez Leguen	Advisor	Ministry of Education
Dominica	Melena Fontaine	Chief Education Officer	Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development
Dominican Republic	José Miguel Martínez Guridy	Director del Departamento de Gestión de Riesgos	Ministry of Education
France	Jair Torres	Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Officer	UNESCO
Guyana	Marcel Hutson	Chief Education Officer	Ministry of Education
Guyana	Cecil Shillingford		USAID OFDA
Jamaica	Barbara Carby	Director of the Disaster Risk Reduction Center	University of West Indies
Jamaica	Katherine Grigsby	Director and Representative	UNESCO Kingston Cluster Office for the Caribbean
Montserrat	Hon. Delmaude Ryan	Minister	Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs & Sports

Montserrat	Glenn Francis	Acting Permanent Secretary/Director of Education	Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs & Sports
Panama	Sandra Amlang	Programme Officer	UNISDR
Panama	Ruth Custode	Regional Education Specialist	UNICEF
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Hon. Shawn Richards	Minister	Ministry of Education
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Eleanor Phillip	Senior Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Claricia Langley-Stevens	Deputy National Disaster Coordinator	National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
Saint Lucia	Hon. Gale T.C. Rigobert	Minister	Ministry of Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development
Saint Lucia	Kendall Khodra	Deputy Chief Education Officer - Planning	Ministry of Education, Innovation, Gender Relations and Sustainable Development
Saint Lucia	Yoshabel Durand	Research Officer, Social Development Unit	OECS Commission
Saint Lucia	Crispin D'Auvergne	Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Coordinator	OECS Commission
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Hon. Senator Deborah Alexander-Charles	Parliamentary Secretary	Ministry of Education, Reconciliation and Ecclesiastical Affairs
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Dr. Idelia Ferdinand	Education Officer with responsibility for School Safety	Ministry of Education, Reconciliation and Ecclesiastical Affairs
Sint Maarten, Kingdom of Netherlands	Paul Martens	Vice-Chair ICG/CARIBE EWS and Head Section Disaster Management	Disaster Management Section
Turks and Caicos Islands	Hon. Josephine Connolly	Minister	Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Culture and Library Services
Turks and Caicos Islands	Edgar Howell	Director of Education	Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Culture and Library Services
Virgin Islands	Hon. Myron Walwyn	Minister	Ministry of Education and Culture
Virgin Islands	Marcia Potter	Permanent Secretary	Ministry of Education and Culture
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