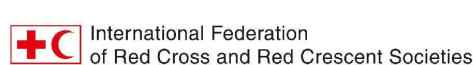


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## 2011-2012 DIPECHO Action Plan for the Caribbean

### Regional planning workshop

24 - 25 October 2011 - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

#### **Background**

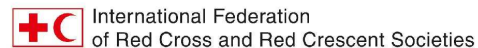
The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), together the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and national DIPECHO partners, have organized the 2011-2012 DIPECHO regional planning workshop, which will be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on October 24th-25th. This workshop is organized within the framework of the 2011-2012 DIPECHO Action Plan for the Caribbean, which is funded by The Humanitarian Aid department & Civil Protection of the European Commission (ECHO).

The 2011-2012 DIPECHO Action Plan for the Caribbean establishes as one of its components the promotion of a close coordination among implementing partners, allowing the programming of common activities and outcomes as well as the exchange of experiences and tools and the harmonization of practices. These coordination efforts should be guided by the principle of building over the existing initiatives.

The UNISDR has successfully prepared the initiative, "Strengthened Disaster Risk Reduction in the Caribbean at the Subregional, National and Local Levels", within the context of the 2011 – 2012 Dipecho Action Plan to address improved coordination, sharing of experiences and harmonization. This initiative has been developed following an assessment of the 2009-2011 national progress reports submitted in 2010 by national ISDR / Hyogo Framework For Action (HFA) focal point agencies from 11 Caribbean countries; the 2009-2011 subregional HFA progress review reports submitted by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) and UNDP<sup>1</sup> Barbados and the OECS; reports outlining national and regional priority areas by CDEMA participating members States' under the Comprehensive Disaster Management Framework; and the Regional Platform for DRR in the Americas and on UNISDR biennial work plan 2010-2011.

<sup>1</sup> Caribbean implementation of the Hyogo Framework For Action HFA – Mid term review; Disaster risk reduction centre University of West Indies, United Nations Development Programme, 2011

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## **Objective**

The main objective of the workshop is to establish coordination mechanisms among relevant authorities, national and regional DIPECHO partners and other relevant counterparts enabling a more efficient and effective implementation of the DIPECHO action plan for the Caribbean.

The initial consultation workshop would allow leveraging opportunities to foster collaboration among DIPECHO projects through the aligning and harmonization of their individual work plans.

## **Methodology**

Four main moments:

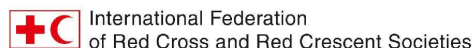
- 1- An overview of the DIPECHO Action plan for the Caribbean
- 2- Identification of areas of collaboration and implementation of mechanisms to harmonize and align common initiatives
- 3- Identifying potential synergies between DIPECHO activities and DRR actions at regional, national level: the country documents as an instrument to strengthen DRR in the region
- 4- To facilitate space for exchange between DIPECHO partners

## **Participants**

Participants will be implementing agents for 2011-2012 DIPECHO initiatives, beneficiaries from the respective countries and regional partners. Specifically:

- Regional IGOs
- National representatives
- DIPECHO partners
- National focal point agencies

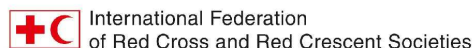
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## Agenda

Day 1			
	Activity	Methodology	Responsible
08:30-09:00	Registration		Organizing committee
09:00-09:20	ECHO welcome Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional representative</li> <li>UNISDR representative</li> <li>Country representative</li> </ul>		Organizing committee / Facilitator
09:20-09:30	Workshop agenda: objectives, expected results methodology	Plenary session	Facilitator
<b>Overview DIPECHO Action Plan for the Caribbean</b>			
9:30-10:15	The 2011-2012 DIPECHO Action Plan for the Caribbean: priorities, expected results	Plenary presentation	ECHO
10:15-11:00	Presentation of regional DIPECHO projects 2011-2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAHO</li> <li>IFRC</li> <li>UNISDR</li> </ul>	Plenary presentation, 10 minutes each, 10 minutes for a Q&A session	Regional partners
11:00-11:10	Coffee break		
11:10 - 12:30	Presentation national DIPECHO Projects 2011-2012: HelpAge, PLAN UK, CARITAS, Action Contre la Faim, CONCERN, COOPI, PNUD/OIM/UNICEF, Croix Rouge Francaise, Netherlands Red Cross	Plenary presentation, 10 minutes each, including Q&A (8 projects)	DIPECHO partners
12:30-13:00	Practical guidelines for the implementation of DIPECHO projects:	Plenary presentation	ECHO Caribbean
13:00-14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>		
<b>Areas of collaboration and implementation of mechanisms to harmonize and align common initiatives</b>			
14:00 - 14:10	Introduction to group work: matrix of common areas of collaboration	Introduction: objectives, expected results	Facilitator
14:00-16:00	Group work: matrix of common areas of collaboration:	Group work	Facilitator
16:00-16:15	Coffee Break		
16:15 -17:15	Plenary - conclusion	Plenary presentation, Q&A session	Workgroups/facilitator
17:15-17:30	Evaluation		Facilitator/UNISDR/ECHO

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Day 2			
	Activity	Methodology	Responsible
<b>Potential synergies between DIPECHO activities and DRR actions at regional, national level</b>			
8:30 – 9:00	DIPECHO activities within the framework of regional and national DRR actions	Presentation in plenary	CDEMA
9:00–10:00	Tools to monitor and report on DRR progress at regional, national and local level	Presentation in plenary	IFRC/PAHO/ UNISDR
10:00-10:30	Experience in the preparation of ECHO country profiles/documents and general guidelines for its development	Plenary – Q&A session	ECHO - Facilitator
10:30–10:45	Break		
10:15-11:30	Group work: DIPECHO actions (common areas of collaboration) and contributions to the development of the country documents	Group work	Facilitator
11:30-12:30	Plenary	Plenary	Facilitator
12:30-13:00	Conclusions and final comments	Plenary	Facilitator, DIPECHO Partners
12:00–13.30	LUNCH		
<b>Space for exchange between DIPECHO partners</b>			
13.30 - 1500	Action plan: parallel meetings for coordination of activities among DIPECHO partners	To be defined by each partner	