

CARIBBEAN COMPONENT: IMPLEMENTING GLOBAL POLICIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL MIGRATION AND DISASTER DISPLACEMENT AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Caribbean countries have been found to be amongst the most vulnerable worldwide to the increased impacts of climate change. Research has revealed different patterns of climate change related human mobility across the region including disaster induced displacement and evacuation, labour migration and urbanization and planned relocations in the context of environmental degradation. The region has seen more frequent and intense severe storms, sea-level rise, rainfall variability and temperature increase which are hazardous to habitability and livelihoods. Given the realities of environmental migration and the climate change projections for the future, there is an urgent need to address the resulting population movements.

OBJECTIVES



- Advanced regional coordination
- Increased dialogue and cooperation between CSOs and governments
- Increased awareness, capacity and visibility

LOCATIONS



The 15 Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Republic of Cuba, and the Dominican Republic



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ACTIVITIES



- Establish a virtual network of Centers of Excellence on environmental migration;
 - Identify good practices already implemented by Caribbean governments;
 - Establish a training programme based on the most relevant areas to the participating countries;
 - Produce a comprehensive mapping of Caribbean Civil Society Organizations addressing the Migration, Environment and Climate Change nexus;
- Establish good practices for climate change related migration issues (evacuations, planned relocations, urbanization etc.);
 - Develop a tailored capacity building programme for Civil Society Organizations;
 - Support Civil Society Organizations with the development of national policy papers on human rights and environmental migration;
 - Support the visibility of interventions in regional and global processes;
 - Produce communication outputs to raise awareness on migration, the environment and climate change;
 - Organize a final conference to share experiences from the interventions, disseminate updates from global processes and build momentum on migration, environment and climate change issues.



OUTCOMES



- Improved regional coordination for the prevention and mitigation of the effects of climate change;
- Improved action and increased awareness of stakeholders;
- Improved capacity of Civil Society Organizations;
- Increased visibility of related global frameworks in the Caribbean.

GOALS WE ARE SUPPORTING THROUGH THIS INITIATIVE

