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Department of Sustainable Development

Seminar:
**Increasing the Resilience to Natural Hazards in
the Tourism Sector in the Americas**

Hotel Santo Domingo
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
17 November, 2010

Preliminary Agenda

9:00 – 10:00am

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Hon. Francisco Javier Garcia, Minister of Tourism - Dominican Republic
Carlos Vogeler, Regional Director for the Americas, United Nations World Tourism Organization
Ambassador Mauricio E. Cortes Costa, Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Organization of American States

Thematic Sessions

10:00 – 11:00am

Session #1: Disaster Prevention of the Tourism Sector

Moderator: Jorge Saggiante, Director, OAS Department of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism

1. Location of the Tourism Infrastructure - Analysis and Building Codes: The case of Chile - Sra. Adriana Cruz: Tourism National Service (SERNATUR).
2. Hotel Disaster Prevention –Risk Reduction of hotel infrastructure in post-disaster reconstruction: The case of Mexico – Secretary of Tourism of Mexico (TBC)

11:00 – 11:15am

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 12:15pm

Session #2: Disaster Preparedness of the Tourism Sector – Early Warning Systems (EWS) and Contingency Planning

Moderator: Pablo Gonzalez, Risk Management and Adaptation to Climate Change (RISK-MACC), Department of Sustainable Development

1. Integrating Weather Forecast using Radar Doppler in case of Hurricanes and Tropical Depressions – Public-Private Partnerships: The case of Punta Cana, Dominican Republic – Eng. Gloria Ceballos ONAMET DR (TBC)
2. Emergency Contingency Planning for Hotels– Lessons from the disaster of Cusco: The case of Peru - Vice Ministry of Tourism –MINCETUR – of Peru (TBC)

12:15 – 1:30pm

LUNCH

1:30 – 3:00pm

Session #3: Risk Management in the Tourism Industry

Moderator: Gail Henry, Sustainable Tourism Specialist, Caribbean Tourism Organization

National Impact of Disasters in the Tourism Industry –Hurricane Ivan: The Case of Grenada

1. The Government Response: lessons learned - Minister of Tourism, Ministry of Tourism, Grenada
2. The fiscal and financial implications - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Grenada
3. The impact and recovery of the Hotel sector - Grenada Hotel and Tourism Association

3:00 – 3:15pm

COFFEE BREAK

3:15 – 4:30pm

Session #4: Regional tools for disaster preparedness: towards the harmonization of protocols

Moderator: Cletus Springer, Director, OAS Department of Sustainable Development

1. Jeremy Collymore, Director (TBC), Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)
2. Ivan Morales Executive Director (TBC), Center for the Coordination of Natural Disasters in Central America (CEPREDENAC)¹
3. President of CAPRADE, Gral. Luis Palomino (TBC), Andean Committee for Disaster Prevention and Response (CAPRADE)²

4:30 – 5:00pm

Wrap-up

Closing Remarks - Gral. Luna Paulino, Director of the Civil Defense and President of the National Emergency System, Dominican Republic

¹ Centro de Coordinación para la Prevención de los Desastres Naturales en América Central (CEPREDENAC)

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