

Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Projects and Initiatives in the Caribbean

Title: Caribbean Regional Climate Outlook Forum (CARICOF)

Organisation: Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC)

Aims and Objectives:

These forums bring together national, regional and international climate experts on an operational basis to produce regional climate outlooks (or forecasts) based on input from National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), regional institutions, Regional Climate Centres (RCC) and global producers of climate predictions. By bringing together countries having common climatological characteristics, the forums ensure consistency in the access to and interpretation of climate information. Through interaction with sectoral users, extension agencies, and policymakers Regional Climate Outlook Forums (RCOF) assess the likely implications of the outlooks on the most pertinent socio-economic sectors in a given region and explore the ways in which use could be made of these outlooks. The core concept of all RCOFs remains the same: delivering consensus-based, user-relevant climate outlook products in real time through regional cooperation and partnership.

Duration: Start Year: 2010 Completion Year: Ongoing

Additional Comments:

Estimated Cost (USD):

Information not available

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Key Words: Climate Change; Climate Outlooks; Water Resources; Food Security; Risk Management

Geographic Coverage: Caribbean region

Sectoral Focus: Agriculture and Food Security; Water Resources Management; Disaster Risk Management; and Health

Target Beneficiaries:

National Weather Services (NWSs); Climate influenced sectors and stakeholders (water management, agriculture amongst others)

Outputs:

- Organisation of forums to share findings and ideas.
- Production of region-wide, consensus, seasonal climate outlooks since March 2012 (from National Weather Services from 18 territories).

Project Links and References:

Caribbean Climate Outlook Forum – (CariCOF) Report :
http://www.cimh.edu.bb/pdf/CariCOF_Hurricane_Wet_Season_Summary_Report2014.pdf
CariCOF meeting report
http://www.cimh.edu.bb/pdf/CARICOF_Meeting_Report2013.pdf
CIMH precip outlooks with CAICOF outputs
<http://www.cimh.edu.bb/?p=precipoutlook>

Impacts:

Information not available

Sustainability:

Information not available

Lessons for the Future:

Information not available

Global Water Partnership-Caribbean IWRM Projects and Initiatives Database

Opportunities Arising from the Project:

Information not available

Further Comments:

None