



Press Release

Regional Experts Gather in St. Kitts and Nevis for the 2025–2026 Dry Season CariCOF

Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis, November 27, 2025 — As the Caribbean prepares for the start of the dry season, meteorologists, climatologists, and regional decision-makers will gather in Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis from November 24–28, for the 2025–2026 Dry Season Caribbean Climate Outlook Forum (CariCOF).

Hosted by the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH) in collaboration with the Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications Programme, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and the St. Kitts Meteorological Service, the Forum will deliver critical climate information to guide early action, strengthen preparedness, and build resilience across the region.

The Stakeholder Forum, scheduled for November 27–28, will feature presentations of the latest regional forecasts for rainfall, temperature, drought, and heatwaves, key factors shaping the Caribbean's dry season. Representatives from climate-sensitive sectors including water, agriculture and food security, energy, health, and tourism will discuss emerging climate risks, adaptation strategies, and how these outlooks can inform real-world decision making to reduce risks and enhance resilience.

Ahead of the Forum, from November 24–26, CIMH will host a technical training workshop for regional meteorologists and climatologists. This hands-on session will focus on advanced forecasting tools and methods, including the upgraded CAROGEN v2 system and the use of climate indices for predicting heatwaves, fire risk, and rainfall extremes. The workshop aims to strengthen the region's forecasting capacity and ensure that National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) remain equipped to provide accurate and timely information to decision-makers, supporting robust hydro-meteorological and climate early warning systems, and improved preparedness across the Caribbean.

Mr. Denel Dixon, Meteorologist/Met Officer I, at the Meteorological Department of the St. Christopher Air and Sea Ports Authority (SCASPA), welcomed participants, stating, "It is a privilege to welcome the scientists and stakeholders assembled here today. Our collaboration is essential as we work to enhance the region's resilience to an evolving climate and the cascading impacts it poses to our most climate sensitive sectors."

Mr. Adrian Trotman, Head of the Caribbean Regional Climate Centre (RCC) and Chief of Applied Meteorology and Hydrology at the CIMH, highlighted the importance of the gathering stating, "The dry season brings a unique set of challenges for the Caribbean, particularly for water management and agriculture. CariCOF serves as a bridge between climate science and action, ensuring that our forecasts and other climate related information empower decision-makers to plan and respond effectively. Through this collaboration, we continue to strengthen regional resilience to climate variability and change."





The Honourable Marsha Tamika Henderson, Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, International Transport, Employment and Labour and Urban Development, St. Kitts and Nevis, emphasized the local significance of the event remarking, “CARICOF is not just a meeting, it is a lifeline of climate intelligence.

The outlooks developed here allow us to anticipate dry season risks, protect our climate sensitive sectors, and plan our national response with precision. These insights guide how we prepare our ports, manage water, support farmers, and safeguard communities. We fully support this regional collaboration as we work toward a more resilient and truly sustainable island state.”

Her Excellency Ambassador Fiona Ramsey, Head of the European Union Delegation to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean reaffirmed the EU’s ongoing support under the Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) Programme, remarking, “The European Union is proud to continue supporting the ClimSA Programme, which helps Caribbean countries access clearer climate information and stronger early-warning systems. I want to congratulate CIMH for the important work they are doing to help communities prepare for stronger storms, heavier rainfall, and other climate impacts. Our partnership builds on many years of cooperation, including new efforts to improve how the region tracks and responds to severe weather. Together, we are strengthening our shared resilience and building knowledge that benefits both the Caribbean and Europe as we face a changing global climate.”

The Forum will also include the 13th Meeting of the Consortium of Regional Sectoral Early Warning Information Systems across Climate Timescales (EWISACTs) Coordination Partners, which oversees the implementation of the Caribbean’s Regional Roadmap and Plan of Action for climate services (2020-2030), a framework designed to guide the co-development and delivery of climate services across key climate-sensitive sectors.

Held twice each year, before the start of the region’s wet and hurricane, and dry seasons, CariCOF continues to exemplify the Caribbean’s commitment to using science-based information to protect lives, livelihoods, and economies in the face of an increasingly variable climate.

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