

**Developing Sustainable Networks of Women Scientists for
Addressing Issues of Disasters Related to Weather and Changing Climate
Montego Bay, Jamaica
October 20-22, 2014**

Monday, October 20, 2014 6:00pm – 8:30pm Reception & Dinner

6:00pm – 7:00pm Reception and Icebreaker

7:00pm – 8:30pm Dinner

Evening schedule:

Welcoming Remarks- Geri Richmond, University of Oregon, USA

- COACH: history and mission

- Workshop Goals:

(1) to foster a network of women geoscientists in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the US who have common research interests in tectonic hazards;

(2) to use this network and the expertise of its participants to develop innovative and cross-disciplinary strategies to overcome research challenges in this area, and

(3) to maintain and grow this network and to extend its outreach into communities by employing established methods that promote network development. Our motivation for initiating such a network stems from cross-cultural challenges to living with hazards posed by tectonic activity, such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and tsunamis.

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Breakfast buffet provided at Banana Walk Restaurant in hotel (6:30am – 8:30am)

Morning: Developing Sustainable Networks for Advancing Science Associated with Issues of Weather Related Disasters

8:30am-9:00am

Welcome and opening remarks

Geri Richmond, *University of Oregon, USA*

Arpita Mandal, *University of West Indies, Jamaica*

9:00am-11:00am

Participant Introductions with Slide Presentations

10 minutes per person, two slides each (9 presentations)

11:00am-11:15am

Break

11:15am-1:00pm

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1:00pm – 2:00pm **Lunch, Banana Walk Restaurant**

Afternoon:

2:00pm – 2:30pm **“Risk & Assessment”**

Speaker: Tracy-Ann Hyman, *University of Jamaica, Mona*

2:30pm – 3:00pm Open discussion on topic
Moderator: Tracy-Ann Hyman

3:00pm - 4:00pm **Key and Emerging Issues in Weather and Changing Climate**

Break-out Groups:
Discussion around the topics of

- Research
- Prediction and mitigation
- Communication

Report Out and Discussion

4:00pm-4:20pm Break

4:20pm-4:50pm **“Social Networks and Scientific Networks and Career”**

Jean Stockard, *University of Oregon*

This presentation will summarize sociological research and theories related to social networks. Focus will be placed on the ways in which networks are related to the success of groups and organizations as well as individuals’ career advancement. Special issues related to women in male dominated fields will be discussed as well as the role of social networks in effective mitigation and preparation for natural hazards and disasters.

4:50pm-5:30pm **How can this meeting enhance your networks?**

Breakout Groups with Report Out and Discussion

5:30pm-6:00pm **Participant Reflections:**

Participants write a brief reflection on topics such as:
What is biggest issue, challenges/impediments in your country/work for risk communication/risk reduction

Evening, No schedule events

Wednesday, October 23, 2014

Breakfast buffet provided in Banana Walk Restaurant in hotel (6:30am – 8:30am)

Morning: Developing Action Plans

9:00am-10:00am **Summary of Previous Day & Addressing Key Issues that Arose from Participant Reflections**
Geri Richmond

10:00am-10:30am **“Exploring severe weather hazards, climate and science communication: Through the lens of the Vermont State Climatologist”**
Speaker: Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux, *University of Vermont*

This presentation will trace my academic journey from drought analysis in Brazil and hurricane mitigation in Trinidad to mid-latitude weather hazards in the U.S. Northeast. It will explore the lessons that I have learned in communicating about natural hazards and a changing climate, as well as the role that I play as the State Climatologist for Vermont.

10:30am – 11:00am Open discussion on topic
Moderator: Lesley-Ann Dupigny-Giroux

11:00am-11:20am Break

11:20am-11:50pm **“Local people's experiences with climate variability and the extent to which their current coping capacity is adequate to address longer term climate change.**
Speaker: Paulette Bynoe, University of Guyana

11:50pm–12:20pm Open discussion on topic
Moderator: Leslie-Ann Dupigny-Giroux

12:20pm-1:30pm **Lunch**

Afternoon:

1:30pm-3:00pm **Building Collaborations to Mitigate Disaster**
Break-out Groups (what connections have been made at this meeting)

3:00pm-3:20pm Break

3:20pm-4:20pm **Report out and Moving Forward, Developing Action Plans**

4:20pm-5:30pm **Nucleating Ideas for Moving Forward**

- Individually
- As a group
- Projects

5:30pm-6:00pm **Closing Remarks:** What have we learned
Geri Richmond, Arpita Mandal

7:00pm-8:30pm **Celebration Dinner, Hotel**