

Caribbean Conference of the Global Climate Change Alliance

Belize 28-29 March

KEY MESSAGES



Purpose was to:

- Review what had been undertaken since the May 2008 *EU- CARIFORUM Joint Declaration*
- **Receive and discuss the new *Draft Implementation Plan of the Caribbean Regional Strategy on Climate Change***
- Provide an opportunity for high level speakers to give their insights into the current status of international climate negotiations and the possible implications for the region
- **Elaborate on the capacity building needs in the region, in view of the future work under the GCCA**

Some Specific Challenges were noted:

- Effects on Caribbean reefs, diseases such as Dengue fever, heat waves, rural exodus, and so on
- **Effects on sectors essential to the regional economy such as tourism and fisheries**
- Difficulty of fast-tracking financing via budget support, with some exceptions such as Guyana, absorptive capacity is to be addressed
- **Importance of climate variability and climate change to development goals**
- Low emissions of the region in contrast to the losses incurred due to climate change

Some Outcomes

- First occasion to take stock of the Joint EU-CARICOM Declaration
- **Progress made towards a common vision on future CC regional needs**
- All agreed that Cancun made substantial progress but that much remains to be done to secure an agreement post-2012
- **We are convinced of the urgency of action and the implications of the delays with regard to costs**
- Noted progress on concrete activities in the region (Belize, Guyana, Jamaica and the CCCCC regional programme)

Some Outcomes

- We had interesting exchanges of views on climate-resilient development and low emission development
- **We had an opportunity to hear from our development partners with respect to aid effectiveness principles and coordination**
- We must work further on the implementation of the Joint Declaration
- **Many of the specific points are reflected in the *Draft Implementation Plan of the Caribbean Regional Strategy on Climate Change***
- The issue of private sector involvement remains to be worked through

We also recognised the need for:

- Seamless integration of DRR-CCA strategies into development agendas of regional states
- Low carbon climate-resilient economy **to be** the development agenda

Thank You

