



## Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism

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### CRFM 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Webinar Series

#### WEBINAR INFORMATION NOTE AND AGENDA

**THEME:** Resilience in Fisheries & Aquaculture  
**TOPIC:** Building Resilience to Climate Change, Ocean Acidification, and Disaster Risk Management in Fisheries & Aquaculture  
**DATE:** Monday, 18 December 2023  
**DURATION:** 3 hours  
**TIME:** 8:30 am Belize | 9:30 am Jamaica | 10:30 am EC | 11:30 am Suriname

#### BACKGROUND

As countries across the globe conduct the first global stocktake of where the world stands on climate action and to pave the way forward for accelerating collective efforts to address this existential threat, the Caribbean—one of the most vulnerable regions in the world—needs to also take stock and chart its own course of action.

The Secretariat of the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM), in collaboration with other regional partners, remains committed to supporting Member States in adapting to the impacts of climate change and building resilience in the fisheries and aquaculture sector to protect livelihoods, assets, and ecosystems, as well as health and safety, food security, and cultural practices.

Subsequent to the endorsement of the Caribbean Community Common Fisheries Policy (CCCFP) by the CRFM Ministerial Council in 2011, the [Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management in Fisheries and Aquaculture in the CARICOM Region: Regional Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2030](#) was developed. This strategy is consistent with the Caribbean Community's Regional Framework for Achieving Development Resilient to Climate Change and the associated Implementation Plan, as well as the Comprehensive Disaster Strategy and Programme Framework.

As we conclude our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Technical Events Series, the CRFM will host an open webinar on Building Resilience to Climate Change, Ocean Acidification, and Disaster Risk Management in Fisheries & Aquaculture. The webinar will be convened on the heels of the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (CoP 28), also known as the UN Climate Change Conference of 30 November - 12 December, 2023.

#### Purpose of Webinar

The purpose of this CRFM webinar, to be convened on Monday, 18 December 2023, is to build awareness on the global climate stocktake at CoP 28 from a Caribbean perspective, while highlighting strategies and actions for building resilience to climate change, ocean acidification, and disaster risk management in fisheries and aquaculture. This will foster sustainable development of a regional fisheries and aquaculture sector that is resilient to climate change and ocean acidification, through research and integrated, adaptive planning and policy development, awareness and capacity building, and regulatory reforms.

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Time (AST)	Duration	Item	Speaker / Presenter
10:30 -10:35	5 min	Opening, Welcome & Introduction of Speakers and Panelists	Dr. Maren Headley, Programme Manager, Fisheries Management and Development, CRFM Secretariat (confirmed)
10:35-10:45	10 min	Climate Change, Ocean Acidification, and Disaster Risk Management in Caribbean Fisheries & Aquaculture	Mr. Milton Haughton, Executive Director, CRFM Secretariat (confirmed)
10:45-10:55	10 min	State of Knowledge & Understanding of Climate Change Impacts on Marine Ecosystems, Fisheries, and Aquaculture in the Tropics with special to Caribbean	Mr. Peter A. Murray, Advisor - Fisheries Management and Development, CRFM Secretariat (confirmed)
10:55-11:05	10 min	Key outcomes of CoP28, and implications and opportunities for Caribbean fisheries	Mr. Keith E. Nichols, Head of the Programme Development and Management Unit - Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC) (confirmed)
11:05-11:15	10 min	Improving the resilience of Caribbean fishers and coastal communities to the impacts of climate change	Mr. Adrian LaRoda, Chair, Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organisations (CNFO) (confirmed)
11:15-11:55	40 min	MODERATED DISCUSSION: Addressing climate change, Ocean Acidification and Disaster Risk Reduction in CARICOM Fisheries & Aquaculture - a collective responsibility	Ms. Sanya Compton, Research Graduate, Research and Resource Assessment, CRFM Secretariat (confirmed)
11:55-12:00	5 min	Closing Remarks	June Masters - Statistics and Information Analyst, CRFM Secretariat (confirmed)