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NEWS

Consequences of Covid-19 on the PAIRCC project

Given the current situation with regard to the global Covid-19 epidemic, we have had to postpone the PAIRCC Psychological First Aid Training in Dominica, and the PAIRCC Seminar on Climate Resilience in the Caribbean. The said events, which were initially carded for the month of April, will be rescheduled. The new dates will be communicated shortly.

The current events remind us of the importance of strengthening our societies' resilience, while protecting our ecosystems.

SAVE THE DATE

April-September 2020

PAIRCC Network Online Meeting

Keep up to date on network news and participate in discussions on new topics every month. Each meeting highlights a specific topic and facilitates the sharing of best practices, with the assistance of our special guests.

6-11 September 2020

Online Virtual Island Summit

The Virtual Island Summit is an entirely online event designed to connect islands all over the world, to share common experiences through a digital platform. The event is organised in partnership with the OECS.

23-24 September 2020

Sustainable Development Movement (SDM 2020) - Saint Lucia

The very first SDM, organised by the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), is expected to bring more than 700 delegates from the entire Caribbean region and all over the world to Saint Lucia.

THE PAIRCC ACTION PLATFORM

UNITE Caribbean is a Pan-Caribbean consulting agency in regional cooperation and development, and the implementing operator of the **Caribbean-Climate Regional Integration Support Project (PAIRCC)**. The project is funded by a grant from the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs.

PAIRCC seeks to improve resilience to climate change in **five Creole-speaking Caribbean territories**, namely Haiti, Guadeloupe, Dominica, Martinique, and Saint Lucia. It consists of three components: **technical assistance missions, training modules, and a digital platform.**

At this stage, the project addresses five thematic areas related to climate resilience: **Business Continuity; Circular Economy; Environmental Education; Sustainable Tourism; and Mental Health.** Every two months, the PAIRCC platform's newsletter reviews the progress and highlights of the project.

Call for Proposals on Regional Biodiversity

The Caribbean Biodiversity Fund launched its second call for proposals through the

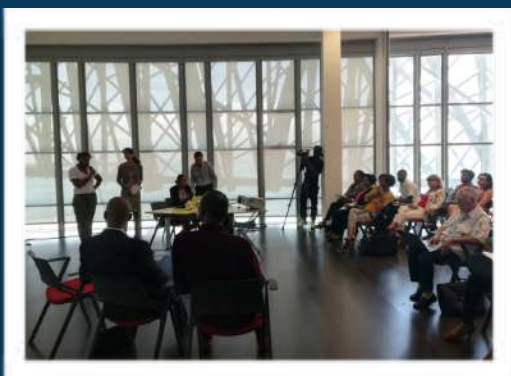


Ecosystem-based Adaptation Facility (EbA Facility). It aims to help populations adapt to the harmful effects of climate change, reduce disaster risk, and create resilient ecosystems and economies. UNITE Caribbean will present a proposal. Applications must be submitted by 30 April 2020.

For further information visit: <https://www.caribbeanbiodiversityfund.org/news/94-eba-facility-second-call-for->

Presentation of the Sustainable Tourism approach of the Regional Economic, Social and Environmental Council (Conseil Economique Social Environnemental et Régional (CESER)) of Guadeloupe

On Thursday 05 March, UNITE Caribbean accepted the invitation of the CESER of Guadeloupe, and, in particular, Caroline ROMNEY, a member of the PAIRCC network. This will provide us with an opportunity to present the work carried out by the Sustainable Tourism Group of the PAIRCC network. The working group is currently reviewing GSTC criteria to adapt them to the local context. The criteria, two out of three of which have already been reviewed, are available on the digital platform at paircc.org



NEWS OF THE NETWORK

The online meetings of the PAIRCC Network are a must!

Members of the network meet regularly at online thematic meetings.

During the past months, many

invited guests reported on their involvement in Climate Resilience projects, on topics as varied as The Circular Economy, Business Continuity, Climate Change Advocacy, and Climate Change Adaptation Measures implemented by civil society.



Review of the programme for the first quarter of 2020:

- ❖ 22 January: **Review of COP 25** with ACLEDD
- ❖ 23 January: « **From Trash to Cash** » with Recycle Rebuild and the OECS RePLAST project
- ❖ 13 February: **Focus on CANARI** (Caribbean Natural Resources Institute)
- ❖ 6 March: **Business Continuity in companies** with Digicel Haiti, and presentation of the **INTERREG Ready Together Project** by the French Red Cross
- ❖ 19 March: **Climate Change Advocacy** in the Caribbean with the NGO PANOS and the Caribbean Youth Environmental Network (CYEN) of Saint Lucia

We would like to **thank each speaker** who took the time to share their experience with participants, and to remind you that **these meetings are open to all present and future members of the PAIRCC network.**

Keep connected to learn about online meetings scheduled in the coming months.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Your contributions are essential to the sustainability of the PAIRCC network. As you already know, PAIRCC belongs to you!

- ➔ Would you like to enhance our database to foster information sharing and feedback on the topic of climate resilience?
- ➔ Would you like to present one of your projects to the network at our online meetings?
- ➔ Would your organisation like to sponsor our next seminar on Climate Resilience in the Caribbean?

Please keep us informed of your activities, projects, and participation in regional events, and do not hesitate to share with us your comments and observations. Your contributions are key to the success of the project.

The Project Manager, Anissa Zapata, is at your disposal to provide further information.

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UNITE Caribbean brings Creole-speaking territories closer together every day, through the PAIRCC Action Platform.



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