

Pacific Delegation visit advances talks on South-South collaborative initiatives

CDEMA held discussions on Monday, July 19, 2010, with a visiting Pacific Delegation on a range of topics that would allow for the defining of projects activities for 2010 and 2011 under the South-South Partnership Project.

The meeting began with the sharing of experiences and methodologies on disaster risk reduction programmes and strategies employed by both regions to advance efforts at the community levels.

Following which, the discussions looked at some definitive areas for collaboration and strengthening the partnership. Two key areas identified during the dialogue at the CDEMA Coordinating Unit as starting points for engagement are climate change adaptation and building community resilience.

The Partners are also considering the Annual Caribbean CDM Conference as the central forum for information sharing. The seven member delegation, which visited four Caribbean states, included representatives from the Pacific Islands Applied Geo-Science Commission (SOPAC), Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP), University of the South Pacific (USP) as well as national experts from the

Meteorological Services Tonga, National Emergency Management Office Palau,



Above: The Pacific Delegation and CDEMA Coordinating Unit Staff take a moment for a group photo.

the Maldivian Meteorological Service and the South-South Project Coordinator, UNDP Pacific Centre.

During their visit to Barbados, meetings were held with several partners of CDEMA, including Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH), Coastal Zone Management Unit (CZMU), the Department of Emergency Management and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) of Barbados and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.

A team from the Caribbean will visit the Pacific in August, 2010 to participate in the meetings of the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management (PPDRM).

For further details on the visit and South-South Partnership please go to

[CDEMA and Pacific counterparts share experiences and identify areas for integration and collaboration](http://www.undp.org/crmi/en/index.asp)

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