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BARBADOS, WEST INDIES

Roundtable

7

Beach Clean-up & Maintenance

National & Regional Responses

ROUNDTABLE REPORT

Roundtable Seven: Clean Up & Beach Maintenance

Topic: Developing National & Regional Responses

INSTRUCTIONS

Persons should have selected this topic because they have an interest or expertise in the specific area.

This is a regional issue, therefore do not focus exclusively on the Barbadian situation, but think about the regional experience and brainstorm regional, international as well as local actions that might be required.

Each group must **select a rapporteur** who will be responsible for summarising and recording the main points made for each question.

Over the next **2 hours** have been allocated for this discussion. The Moderator will announce time checks every 20 minutes. Groups should try to use their time to ensure that they **address all 5 questions**.

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The information will be compiled and emailed to all of the Symposium participants.

1. What is being done and lessons learnt?

National:

- Beaches are cleaned daily as a norm. However, the sheer abundance of Sargassum meant that the man power and equipment needed was now not satisfactory.
- Areas in the hotel belt or fisheries areas, as well as areas like River Bay, where it has become unbearable for residents, have been prioritised for cleaning by NCC.
- Clean ups have been done by ordinary citizens & community groups.
- SVG & GND have similar experiences (they sat on our table) – RE: Clean ups with equipment.

Lessons Learnt:

- Heavy machinery not aesthetically pleasing
- Beaches have suffered loss of sand
- Sand now being replaced
- Members of public & other assistance is needed (community groups)
- Financing of maintenance efforts, especially manpower & equipment.

2. What are the issues to be investigated?

Using:

- Booms
- Drones with the Coast Guard to monitor the influx of seaweed mats
- Proposal from Kayla Headley to be investigated as good for maintenance/upkeep of beaches. Proposals need to fit within a regulatory framework.
- Sites to receive Sargassum need to be investigated for their social impacts.
- Possible livelihoods creation projects.

3. Who are the stakeholders to be involved?

National & Regional:

- CZMU
- NCC
- DEM
- BHTA
- CTO
- CDEMA
- CIMH
- Communities
- NGOs
- CARICOM
- CHTA
- RSS (7 States/OECS)
- Innovators & Entrepreneurs
- UNDP – GEF
- Youth Arms of Political Parties
- Ministries of Health/Agriculture/Fisheries
- UWI
- Coast Guards
- Police & Defence Forces
- Established Coastal Hazards (Hee/Defence Forces) - CIMH

4. What resources are required?

Human Resources:

- CXC – Community groups & students to work towards CXC in Community Service

Finances to make:

- Horse-drawn devices
- Collaboration to get: Bags/gloves – FCT (sponsorship)
- Collaboration to get the removed seaweed to Entrepreneurs

5. What are potential sources of funding?

- UNDP – GEF
- CDEMA Regional Support
- IDB
- Private Sector Sponsorship (including Hoteliers)

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