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NEMO HELD STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION TO FINALIZE THE ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES' NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT (CDM) POLICY AND STRATEGY – AUGUST 18-19, 2020



The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) held a Stakeholders' Consultation on August 18 -19, 2020 to finalize the St Vincent and the Grenadines' National Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Policy and Strategy.

The Consultation targeted a number of national stakeholders in disaster risk management, climate change adaptation and sustainable development at the public sector, private sector, civil society, NGO, CBO and Faith-Based Organizations level in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The main objectives were as follows:

- To provide the context and outcome of the National CDM Policy Development process
- To review and endorse the Draft SVG CDM Policy and Strategy
- To develop a plan of action for operationalizing the Policy and executing the Strategy.

This Stakeholders Consultation was a key element of the CDM Policy and Strategy enhancement process as the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines seeks to update the National CDM Policy to maintain alignment with the changing hazard landscape, national, regional and international frameworks and to honor its commitment to building a resilient state. This also provided the opportunity for feedback and recommendations for enhancement of the revised Draft SVG National CDM Policy and Strategy.

Disaster Risk Management Consultant, Jeremy Collymore was the main facilitator for the Consultation.

The finalization of the CDM Policy and Strategy will allow St, Vincent and the Grenadines to achieve Target E of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction: “Substantially increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies by 2020” and is closely linked with Priority for Action 2: “Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk.”

The CDM Policy and Strategy is being implemented under the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Resilient Urban Development Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project (P117871) funded by the World Bank with technical assistance from the ACP- EU Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Program.

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GROUP DISCUSSIONS

