NATURAL HAZARD RISK ASSESSMENT AND RISK RESPONSE AT THE ENTERPRISE LEVEL: BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING AS A STRATEGY TO SUSTAIN ECONOMIC GROWTH

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## **Presentation Outline**

- SIDS and Climate Change
- Impact of climate risks on Negril's Resort Area
- Business Continuity as a Strategy to Respond to Negril's Climate Risks
- Questions & Answers



### Climate Change Why the Business Sector Should Care

# "Scientific evidence for warming of the climate system is unequivocal"

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2007

#### Take a Look at the Evidence

Independent analyses by NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Source: <a href="http://climate.nasa.gov/climate\_resources/139/">http://climate.nasa.gov/climate\_resources/139/</a>

#### Why Does Climate Change Concern SIDS

- "Small island developing States (SIDS) have long been recognized by the international community as a special case whose needs and concerns have to be addressed":
- A. Their Land:Sea ratio are largely skewed

They are vulnerable to Sea Level Rise

B. 90% of SIDS are located in the tropics

They are seasonally affected by extreme weather events

C. Large percentages of the population, infrastructure, urban centres and biodiversity are located along the coast.

The economic impact of Climate change on SIDS will be significant

UNFCCC (2005) climate change, small island developing States. Issued by the CLIMATE CHANGE SECRETARIAT (UNFCCC), Bonn, Germany





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**PROJECT/PROGRAMME: "ENHANCING THE RESILIENCE** OF THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR AND COASTAL AREAS TO PROTECT LIVELIHOODS AND IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY" CLIMATE RISK of Coastal Hazards & Risk in Negril DRAFT



The priority hazards within the scope of this project include:

- Storm surge and Sea Level Rise
- Wave Overtopping
- Coastal Erosion



### **Profile of Negril**

- Third largest resort area in Jamaica
- Since 2013, received 19.4% 20.50% of stop over visitor arrivals by resort area
- Direct employment in accommodation subsector provides 9,810 jobs (28%)
- Population based on 2011 census ~ 11,716
- Main tourism resource 9km of white sandy beach
- Faces serious climate risk up to 55m of shoreline eroded over a 10 year period



### Understanding Negril's Climate Risk



### Multi-temporal Analysis 1941, 1968, 1999, 2013

#### HISTORICAL SHORELINE FOR LONG BAY, NEGRIL 1968 - 2013

SHEET 3 **1968 Shoreline** ----- 1991 Shoreline 2000 Shoreline ---- 2013 Shoreline Project Name Enhancing the Resilience of the Agriculture Sector and Coastal Areas to Protect Livelihoods and Improve Food Security Programme Component 3: Improving institutional and local level capacity for sustainable management of natural resources and in disaster risk reduction in the targeted vulnerable areas; and raising awareness for behaviour modification NOTES Return period indicates the period in which the hazard is likely to occur based on historic records. A flooding event with a return period of T years is the flood which is expected to occur on average once every T years. Produced: September 2015 Map Projection: JAD 2001 Datum: WGS 1984 Author: ODPEM

Long term Erosion Results

Long Bay: Shoreline estimated to retreat at varying rate of 0.3 m - 1.1 m/year.

Bloody Bay: shoreline estimated to retreat 0.3m/yr

### Methodology - Probabilistic Risk Assessment



# Hazard Assessment – Storm Surge and SLR

#### Methodology – SLR

- A2 scenario worst case of all the emissions scenarios regarding the concentration of GHGs.
- IPCC's projection for average SLR by the year 2100 is 0.37m.

Scenario	Global Mean Sea Level Rise by 2100 relative to 1980-1999	Caribbean Mean Sea Level Rise by 2100 relative to 1980 – 1999 (+_ 0.05 relative to global mean)
IPCC B1	0.18-0.38	0.13-0.43
IPCC A1B	0.21-0.48	0.16-0.53
IPCC A2	0.23-0.51	0.18-0.56

Source: IPCC AR4, Meehl el at, 2007a

Future storm surge = Projected SLR (e.g. [0.185m]) + current storm surge [25, 50, 100 year RP]

#### STORM SURGE 100 YEAR (BASE LINE) & PROJECTED STORM SURGE FOR END CENTURY SCENARIO



• Storm surge Inundation zone is expected to increase by 29% by 2100



### **Exposure Analysis**

## The interaction between the elements at risk (e.g. Houses, hotels, roads) and hazard footprint defines the exposure



Elements at Risk Database

- Over 4000 assets (buildings mapped using GPS)
- Over 8, 500 building footprints were digitized from 2014 imagery
- For each building the following attributes were defined:
  - Land use and building type
  - Material of construction
  - Number of floors

Land Use	Total		Hazard: FUTURE STORM SURGE						
	Bldgs			Number of Structures					
		10 YR RP	% in Hazar d Area	25 YR RP	% in Hazar d Area	50 YR RP	% in Hazar d area	100 YR RP	% in Hazard Area
Residential	5113	210	4%	225	4%	256	5%	319	6%
Resort	1254	553	44%	571	46%	604	48%	661	53%
- Guest House	170	74	<b>44%</b>	80	<b>47</b> %	85	<b>50</b> %	92	54%
- Villas/Cotta ges	144	17	12%	18	13%	20	14%	21	15%
- Hotel	940	462	<b>49</b> %	473	<b>50%</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>53%</b>	548	<b>58%</b>
Sewerage/ Lift Station	14	3	21%	3	21%	3	21%	8	57%
Total	8573	111 2	13%	117 7	14%	129 0	15%	1501	18%

	Hazards					
Element at risk: Buildings	Current Storm Surge [SS] 100 year RP	Future storm surge, 2100 [SS+ SLR]	Wave overtopping	Coastal Eros	sion	
				100 Year Storm Event	SLR	
Number of buildings Exposed	1191	1501	926	372	477	
% of Total Buildings Exposed	14%	18%	11%	4%	5.6 %	





#### **Buildings Exposed – Wave Overtopping**



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How Do We Address This Exposure?

## BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING AS A RESPONSE TO CLIMATE RISK

"Every business continuity manager has a duty to assess the risks and to determine the threats to their organization. Business continuity is about the long-term survival of your organization and climate change may be one of the biggest threats you face." David Honour of Continuity Central

### **Business Continuity Management (BCM)**

BCM is about being prepared to manage any disruption to your business to ensure the continuity of <u>critical</u> services to your customers.

Can you provide business in alternate mode?

□ A Business Continuity Plan Management comprises those documented that arrangements enable you to manage any disruption to your business and maintain the continuity of services to your customers.

# So What if I have an Emergency Response Plan?

### Positioning BCP with ER and CM

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Source:http://www.slideshare.net/goudotmobi/developing-and-managing-business-continuity-planning-bcp

## Steps in the BCP Process

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#### Current Limitations to BCP as a Strategy for Adapting to Climate Change

- Climate change is a long term and dynamic phenomenon and therefore requires a response that takes into account future and changing threats (and opportunities) and how these interact with business timescales.
- BCM, however, tends to be focussed on short timescales and does not generally engage with long-term drivers.

#### BCM and Climate Change -Amend BCM Scope

#### Long Term Considerations

- Continuity managers now need to be involved with products, services, locations, functions with a longer planning horizon
- These processes or activities were not previously covered by the BCMS eg new building or new initiative
- Alternatively, identify activities/business functions that fall within the banner of climate change and link them

If there are no activities with long planning horizons focus on business processes with short planning horizon

Focus on variability – variations in climate on shorter time scales (interannual variability and inter-decadal variability)

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#### Impacts to Tourism Sector from Climate Risks

- Physical Risk
- □ Loss of ecosystem resources
- Failure to meet Regulatory Obligations
- Loss of Reputation
- Risk of Litigation
- Loss of Revenue
- □ Loss of personnel
- Loss of vital records

# Sample Continuity strategies

- Accept that Climate Change is real and accept the notion, that though it is an external risk, BCP can help
- Risk rate your suppliers
- Move critical operations/equipment/facilities (from ground floor)
- Elevate critical facilities above flood levels
- Cross train your workforce

What happens if Businesses fail to put a BCP in Place?

The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry conducted research on disaster recovery in 2003 and found the following: 90% of businesses that lose data from a disaster are forced to shut within two years of the disaster 80% of business without a well-structured recovery plan are forced to shut within twelve months of a flood or fire 43% of companies experiencing disasters never recover

# How is BCM Relevant to Negril's Situation?

# Negril's Contribution to Tourism and National GDP

2014 Tourism Statistics					
		% Contribution			
	Value	to GDP			
National GDP	US\$13.6 B				
Tourism Contribution to GDP	US\$943 M	7			
National Earnings from Stop Over					
Visitors	US\$ 2.13B	15.81			
Negril's Earnings from Stopover					
visitors	US\$437.4 M	3.25			
	Exposed	Average			
Hazards	Value	Annual Loss			
Baseline Storm Surge	US\$460.1	US\$4.94			
Future Storm Surge with SLR	US\$621.2	US\$6.76			

#### Risk Analysis – Risk Curve

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### **Conclusion and Recommendations**

#### Conclusion

- Climate change is real
- Impacts are already being felt and will continue to be felt
- The tourism sector and by extension the national economy is threatened
- Business continuity plans can help

#### Recommendations

- Go beyond Emergency Response plans, develop BCP's
- In your risk assessment, factor climate change. It may change overall risk levels
- Identify long term (Climate change) and short term (climate variability) considerations and consider both in your business strategies

### Q & A