



**MESO AMERICAN - CARIBBEAN SEA  
HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**



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MACHC Letter 3/2022

To: Executive Director, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA)

Subject: **Strengthening Partnership between CDEMA and MACHC**

Dear Ms. Elizabeth Riley,

I hope you and CDEMA staff are doing well.

First of all, I would like to thank you for accepting our invitation to make a presentation at the virtual 22<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the Meso American - Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC22) on "CDEMA Responses in 2021 & IHO Collaboration Opportunities".

Certainly, this was another great chance for MACHC Members to get to know CDEMA better and to glimpse the possibility of strengthening the partnership between our organizations.

According to the Statutes of the MACHC, the Commission has important role in regional disaster preparedness and response (in support of the IHO Resolution 1/2005 "IHO Response to Disasters"). For this, a MACHC Disaster Response Framework has been established to prepare the Commission to respond to coordinate response efforts internally and with regional partners, as resources allow.

Continuing the activities of the Commission, the Chair of the MACHC Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure Working Group (MMSDIWG), Mr. Jim Rogers, has announced the next MMSDIWG call meeting on March 9, 2022 (Wednesday), 1000-1200 (UTC/GMT -5 hours).


As it was mentioned at MACHC22 during the Disaster Response session, we would like to invite CDEMA to participate in this meeting. It would be a great pleasure to have a CDEMA representative present on the call, so that we can begin discussions in order to find a better way for CDEMA and MACHC to support each other in our efforts.

Therefore, if you are in agreement, please let us know the point(s) of contact information so that we can coordinate with him/her/them for the upcoming meeting.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Take good care and stay safe.

Sincerely,

  
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