



*October 2018*

**International Day for  
Natural Disaster Reduction**

**SYMPOSIUM**

**“LIVING ON THE FRONTLINE-BUILDING RESILIENCE”**

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES (UWI) OPEN CAMPUS

MORNE FORTUNE, CASTRIES, SAINT LUCIA

Each year, on 13<sup>th</sup> October, the global community marks International Day for Disaster Reduction. The theme for 2018 is “Reducing disaster economic losses in relation to global GDP by 2030”.

The Eastern Caribbean region is highly vulnerable to natural disasters including volcanic eruptions, tsunami, earthquake and tropical cyclones. In recent years, and decades, the region has been severely impacted by numerous hurricanes and volcanic eruptions.

One of the main activities planned for the week is a live/virtual symposium jointly organized with the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), Helen Television System, Sir Arthur Lewis Community College and the University of the West Indies Open (UWI) Campus.

This event is scheduled will be held from 10 am to 12 pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the UWI Open Campus Auditorium under the theme: Living on the Frontline-Building Resilience. It will feature speakers from several of the aforementioned institutions as well as from the Government of Montserrat.

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