

# Caribbean Resilience Exchange 2026:

## Multi-Hazard Preparedness & Response

### Day 1 – Understanding Preparedness (the "Why") | July 7, 2026

| Time              | Session Title                                                    | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 8:45 am – 9:00am  | Security Briefing                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 09:00am – 09:30am | Opening Remarks & Objectives                                     | To align participants on the strategic importance of multi-hazard preparedness in the Caribbean context, clarify the objectives of the knowledge exchange, and establish a shared understanding that this is a participatory, action-oriented process aimed at strengthening National Society (NS) systems and not just sharing information. These remarks will be contextualized with short evidence snapshot from Hurricanes Beryl and Melissa, highlighting key focus areas and helping participants understand that acting now is required due to consecutive high-impact events (Beryl and Melissa) which exposed gaps that require institutional adjustment. |
| 09:30am – 10:30am | Caribbean Risk Landscape: Understanding the Context              | To build a shared, evidence-based understanding of the main risks affecting the Caribbean based on the knowledge gained from Hurricanes Beryl and Melissa illustrate multi-sector cascade effects (public health, WASH, shelter, coordination) and demonstrate how single hazards trigger systemic strain. At the same time showing how they are changing and to connect these risks to operational pressures faced by National Societies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10:30am – 10:45am | Break                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:45am – 12:15pm | Preparedness Through the Auxiliary Role: Positioning for Impact  | To deepen participants understanding of their role as auxiliaries to government and what that means in practice for preparedness. The session should also highlight where National Societies are well positioned and where there is room to strengthen their role. (Discussion to focus on system interfaces: expectations between National Societies, NDOs, CDEMA, and regional mechanisms during Beryl and Melissa.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12:15pm – 01:15pm | Lunch                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1:15pm – 2:30pm   | Reflection: What Does Preparedness Mean? Rethinking our approach | <i>To explore what preparedness really means beyond response, and to reflect on it as a system that includes structures, volunteers, finance, and coordination. The session will introduce the ‘grand rehearsal’ idea, that everyday work during normal times helps prepare for emergencies.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2:30pm – 3:45pm   | The Preparedness Nexus: Linking NSD and Preparedness             | <i>To show that preparedness is closely linked to how strong a National Society is overall. The aim is to help participants see how areas like governance, volunteers, and branch capacity directly affect how well they can prepare and respond.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03:45pm – 04:00pm | Break                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4:00pm – 4:45pm   | End of Day Reflection                                            | To pause and reflect on what stood out during the day, what challenged current thinking, and what is most relevant to participants’ own National Society. This helps prepare them for the more practical sessions on Day 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

## Day 2 – Tools, Systems & Practice: Understanding the "How" | July 8, 2026

| Time              | Session Title                                                                                | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| 09:00am – 09:15am | <b>Recap &amp; Framing Day 2</b>                                                             | To remind participants of the key points from Day 1 and clearly shift the focus toward how preparedness is actually put into practice.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 09:15am – 10:45am | <b>Contingency Planning vs Operational Planning: What Works Best for National Societies?</b> | To help participants understand the difference between contingency planning and resource planning, and how both contribute to preparedness. The session emphasizes that contingency plans should not stand alone but should be built from and aligned with how the National Society already functions (its structures, people, and systems).                                              |
| 10:45am – 11:00am | <b>Break</b>                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11:00am – 12:30pm | <b>Tools for Preparedness &amp; Response: What to use and when</b>                           | To introduce key tools used in preparedness and response and help participants understand how and when to use them effectively (tool overview + what “good enough” looks like). The session emphasizes that tools should be in place and understood before emergencies and highlights the importance of aligning with tools used by authorities and partners.                             |
| 12:30pm – 1:30pm  | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 1:30pm – 2:45pm   | <b>Making tools work in context: Adapting to reality</b>                                     | To help participants apply and adapt preparedness tools to fit their local context (application lab building from the previous tools overview), especially in small island settings. The session focuses on using tools in a practical way before emergencies and balancing standard IFRC tools with locally developed approaches, while meeting coordination and reporting requirements. |
| 2:45pm – 3:45pm   | <b>Experience Sharing</b>                                                                    | To learn from real National Society experiences by looking at how tools were used during responses, what worked, what did not, and why. The session also helps participants reflect on why tools are sometimes underused, and whether the main challenges are related to capacity, systems, or understanding.                                                                             |
| 03:45pm – 04:00pm | <b>Break</b>                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 4:00pm – 4:45pm   | <b>Preparedness Response Cycle: learning &amp; improving</b>                                 | To help participants understand how response experiences should feed back into preparedness through structured learning (e.g. after-action reviews), and why this process is important for improving future responses. The session also highlights why IFRC emphasizes these processes and how they support accountability and better outcomes.                                           |
| 4:45pm – 5:00pm   | <b>End of Day Reflection</b>                                                                 | To pause and reflect on: “What I will try (one practice/tool) before the next quarter” and “What support do I need to do it?”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Day 3 – Challenges, Root Causes & Action: The "What Next" | July 9, 2026

| Time              | Session Title                                                            | Purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 09:00am – 09:20am | <b>Recap &amp; Day 3 Framing</b>                                         | To bring together the key insights from the previous two days and set a clear focus on turning those insights into practical actions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 09:20am – 11:00am | <b>Root Cause Analysis:</b><br>Understanding Why Challenges Persist      | To help participants take a deeper look at why key challenges continue to occur, especially during “blue sky” (non-emergency) periods. The session focuses on identifying the underlying causes behind recurring issues and encouraging participants to think about what needs to change to improve how their National Society prepares and operates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 11:00am – 11:15am | <b>Break</b>                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11:15am – 12:45pm | <b>Making the Connections:</b><br>From Challenges to Action              | To help participants connect the challenges identified throughout the day (e.g. volunteer gaps, weak branches, funding constraints, coordination issues) to the systems and tools needed to address them while moving from identifying challenges and root causes to defining practical, realistic solutions. The session focuses on making sense of the current situation and identifying practical steps to move from “what we have” to “what we need” and aims to help National Societies clearly understand where they are, why they are there, and what actions they need to take to improve key areas |
| 12:45pm – 1:45pm  | <b>Lunch</b>                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1:45pm – 2:45pm   | <b>NSD Preparedness Nexus in Practice:</b> Aligning Strategy and Systems | To help participants understand how National Society Development (NSD) and preparedness are interconnected, and how they can be aligned into a single, coherent strategy. The session also explores how internal dynamics such as decision-making, priorities, and power relationships affect how resources are allocated and how effectively preparedness is integrated into overall NS development.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2:45pm – 3:00pm   | <b>Break</b>                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3:00pm – 3:45pm   | <b>Commitment &amp; Accountability</b>                                   | To make sure there is clear ownership of the plans and agreement on what will happen next, including timelines and follow-up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3:45pm – 4:30pm   | <b>Closing Reflections &amp; Way Forward</b>                             | To wrap up the workshop by reflecting on key takeaways, reinforcing commitment to action, and outlining next steps for continued support and collaboration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>THE END</b>    |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |