



## CARICOOS 2018 General Assembly

VIVO Beach Club, Isla Verde, PR

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

### AGENDA

- 8:00-9:00 am REGISTRATION, POSTERS & EXHIBITS (light breakfast provided)**
- 9:00-9:25 am OPENING REMARKS**  
Ruperto Chaparro, Chairman of the Board & PR Sea Grant Director  
Gerhard Kuska, Vice-Chair IOOS Association Executive Committee & MARACOOS Executive Director  
Julio Morell, CARICOOS Executive Director  
In Memoriam Ileana Colón Carlo
- 9:25-9:40 am DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE SYSTEM**  
Julio Morell, CARICOOS Executive Director
- 9:40-10:20 am EXTREME EVENTS IN THE US CARIBBEAN: Current Knowledge and Foreseeable Needs**  
The 2017 hurricane season was extraordinary for the US Caribbean Archipelago. Less than six months after the storms, a strong swell event hit the northern coasts of the islands, further complicating the recovery efforts. Today, the first day of the 2018 hurricane season, it's time to review the lessons learned and reflect on the foreseeable needs. These 10-minute talks will be followed by 10 minutes of discussion. We want to hear from you, our stakeholder. Please share your experiences, bring your suggestions, and help us shape the future of CARICOOS and our role in coping with extreme events.
- 9:40-10:00 am Expressions of Hurricanes Irma and María in the US Caribbean**  
Patricia Chardón, CARICOOS Technical Coordinator
- 10:00-10:20 am Extreme Events in Our Coastlines**  
Miguel Canals, CARICOOS Investigator & Professor UPR - Mayaguez  
Ernesto Díaz, Director of PR Coastal Zone Management Program
- 10:20-10:50 am COFFEE BREAK, POSTERS & EXHIBITS**
- 10:50-11:50 am EXTREME EVENTS IN THE US CARIBBEAN: Current Knowledge and Foreseeable Needs (Cont.)**
- 10:50-11:10 am Port Recovery Issues and Challenges**  
CDR Janet Espino Young, Chief of Prevention, USCG San Juan Sector  
Patricia Chardón, CARICOOS Technical Coordinator
- 11:10-11:30 am Irma and Maria: Observations and Experience in the USVI**  
Roy Watlington (OCOVI) and Doug Wilson (OCOVI)
- 11:30-11:50 am Towards Improved Predictions of Atlantic Tropical Storms**  
Gustavo Goni, NOAA AOML
- 11:50-12:00 am DELIVERING THE NEW CARICOOS: The CARICOOS BEACH APP**  
Sylvia Rodríguez-Abudo, CARICOOS Deputy Director
- 12:00-12:30 pm CARICOOS AND THE BLUE ECONOMY**  
While the recent extreme events have left some scars, the show must go on. In this session CARICOOS and partners highlight the recent efforts and vision on stimulating local innovation and development through the blue economy.
- 12:00-12:10 am Blue Economy**  
Carl Gouldman, Director, US-IOOS Program Office
- 12:10-12:20 am Innovation and Big Data as a Driver for Economic Development**  
Ubaldo Córdova, Special Assistant to the UPRM Chancellor
- 12:20-12:30 pm Developing and Enhancing Puerto Rico's Ocean Economy**  
Juan Bauzá, Deputy Field Coordinator, Economic Development Adm., USDOC

- 12:30-1:30 pm**      **WORKING LUNCH**  
**Panel Discussion: Communicating During the Storm**  
Roberto Cortés, Ernesto Rodríguez, Roberto García
- 1:30-3:00 pm**      **POSTERS & EXHIBITS**
- 3:00 pm**              **Closing Remarks & Adjourn**

**POSTER SESSIONS:** Want to learn more about the science involved in developing CARICOOS products and services? The general assembly will showcase several posters focused on the technical aspects behind our most accessed data services. Waves, currents, winds, water quality, you will find a poster for each and many more.

**CARICOOS EXHIBITS:** Not a tech savvy? No worries! We will have plenty of exhibits with CARICOOS products and services aimed at getting you up to speed on using our products. Our staff will be scattered around the room to give you one-on-one help, assist you on getting CARICOOS on your mobile device, among other hacks.

**ICEBREAKER POSTER SESSION AND EXHIBITS:** If you are around, please join us on May 31<sup>st</sup> (4:00-7:00pm) at VIVO Beach Club to break the ice and catch up before the big day. CARICOOS posters and exhibits will be available so you don't have to rush through them the next day!

**MEMBERSHIP:** Although it is not required to be a CARICOOS member to attend the assembly, we invite you to follow this [link](#) to learn more about CARICOOS membership and our regional association.

