

Technical webinar:

Ocean Observations for Forecasting and Services across the Caribbean

(November 11th, 2021, 14:00-16:15 UTC - videoconference)

AGENDA

1. Welcoming remarks (14:00-14:05 UTC)

- **Dr. Sarah Grimes**, Head of WMO Marine Services
- **Mr. Rodney Martinez**, WMO Representative for North America, Central America, and the Caribbean.

2. Potential ocean variables and observing systems required to improve the performance and accuracy of numerical modeling for severe weather forecast in the Caribbean region (14:05-14:20 UTC)

- **Dr. Carol Ali**, WMO RA IV ET-MMO* Co-lead
- **Dr. Teddy Allen**, WMO Regional Association IV ET-MMO* Co-lead

Questions and Answers (5')

3. Caribbean ocean observing system - overview (14:25-14:40 UTC)

- **Mr. Mathieu Belbeoch** (WMO-IOC Ocean-OPS Manager)

Questions and Answers (5')

4. Variables required for forecasting extreme weather – latest developments (14:45-15:00 UTC)

- **Mr. Jean-Noël Degrace** (Head of Météo-France in Martinique and representing WWRP)

Questions and Answers (5')

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- Break for participants (15:05-15:15 UTC)

5. Challenges and opportunities to implement operational ocean services in the Caribbean region (15:15-15:30 UTC)

- **Mr. Thomas Cuff** (SCMMO Chair, JCB Member, and NOAA-NWS Director of Observations)

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6. Discussion with participants (15:35-16:05 UTC. Chair: **Mr. Rodney Martinez**)

- *Mechanisms to integrate it with existing ocean observations in the Caribbean*
- *Sustainability and Governance challenges*
- *Next steps*

8. Messaging and closing remarks (16:05-16:15 UTC)

- **Dr. Sarah Grimes** and **Mr. Rodney Martinez**

Join the discussion to identify actions for improved ocean services.

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