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- Caribbean Central American Action (CCAA)
 - Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI)
 - Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce
 - Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

“Collaborating to Develop Disaster Recovery Solutions”

Cayman Islands

The Cayman Islands are located in the western Caribbean Sea, in the path of tropical cyclones that develop in the Atlantic tropical basin, and are situated on the Cayman Ridge, near the meeting point of the Caribbean and North American Tectonic Plates. In addition, the Cayman Islands, like all jurisdictions, are exposed to environmental and man-made threats, including the increasing efforts by international criminals to infiltrate networks, and must be vigilant against cyber-attacks. This vulnerability has been recognised by the Cayman Islands authorities and much emphasis has been placed on developing significant capabilities and capacity to reduce risks and increase preparedness levels. The institutional framework for disaster management is well developed as a result of a long-held Government commitment and effective co-ordination by the Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI). While HMCI is responsible for coordinating the island’s comprehensive disaster management strategy, it is not the sole agency responsible for its implementation. Support is required from all sectors in order to have a comprehensive disaster management strategy, with the private sector being critically important to national resilience. This demands a whole-of-country engagement. It is this recognition by the parties of this agreement that underpins our initiative to work towards improving public and private sector coordination in disaster recovery planning.

The parties to this Statement of Purpose recognise the immense potential of the growing role of the private sector in community resilience; and the wide-ranging benefits of increased leveraging of corporate resources and capacities for disaster recovery. The parties agree that there is a need to further strengthen this potential through enhanced, structured partnerships between the public and private sectors aimed at developing and delivering disaster recovery solutions based on relationships of trust, open lines of communication, shared commitment and a common concern for the people and economies of the region.

PURPOSE

This Statement of Purpose provides a framework within which Caribbean Central American Action (CCAA), Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI), the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce, and the Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA) intend to cooperate with each other in accordance with the objectives of all parties.

The signatories hereby agree to the following objectives:

- i) To collaborate in promoting public and private sector partnerships in humanitarian action.
- ii) To guide participants of workshops through the planning process with the assistance/consultation of disaster management agencies and academic institutions, where appropriate;
- iii) To collaborate in the organisation of Business Continuity Management (BCM) training workshops;
- iv) To work with partners to identify and access private sector resources in support of disaster recovery efforts
- v) To improve intra-private sector communications in support of dependable, timely and appropriate recovery operations

The parties further acknowledge that the private sector is contributing to business continuity and recovery planning at many levels and in diverse ways. This contribution takes the form of new technologies and other innovations; and the sharing of technical capacities in areas such as logistics and telecommunications.

The signatories will:

Caribbean Central America Action

- Leverage its relationships with its members and, partners to support and work within existing disaster management recovery frameworks.
- Organise workshops and encourage dialogue that promote private sector good practices in recovery planning.

Hazard Management Cayman Islands

- Organise training and other capacity building exercises aimed at strengthening public and private sector collaboration in the island's emergency response system.
- Lobby for and encourage private sector good practices in continuity and contingency planning.
- Share best practices in disaster recovery with private sector partners through training and assistance in continuity and contingency planning.

Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce & Cayman Islands Tourism Association

- Both shall collaborate with HMCI for strengthening public and private sector cooperation in the island's disaster management system.
- Both shall encourage members of the private sector to engage in contingency planning and business continuity planning practices.
- Both shall support territorial and regional efforts to ensure capacity building, business continuity and recovery planning.

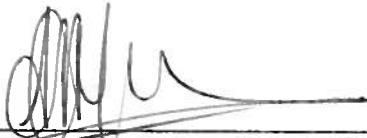
FUNDING

This statement does not commit funding obligations by any of its signatories or members without explicit commitment from said parties.

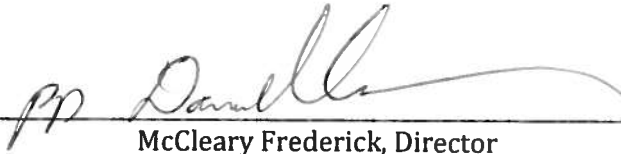
REVIEW PERIOD AND TERMINATION ARRANGEMENTS

This Statement may be modified by mutual consent of all parties.

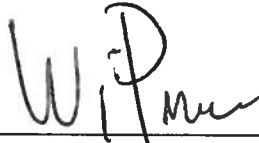
The undersigned hereby commit their respective organizations in good faith to fulfilling the spirit of the provisions contained within.



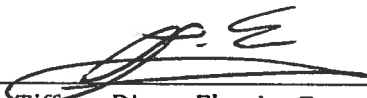
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