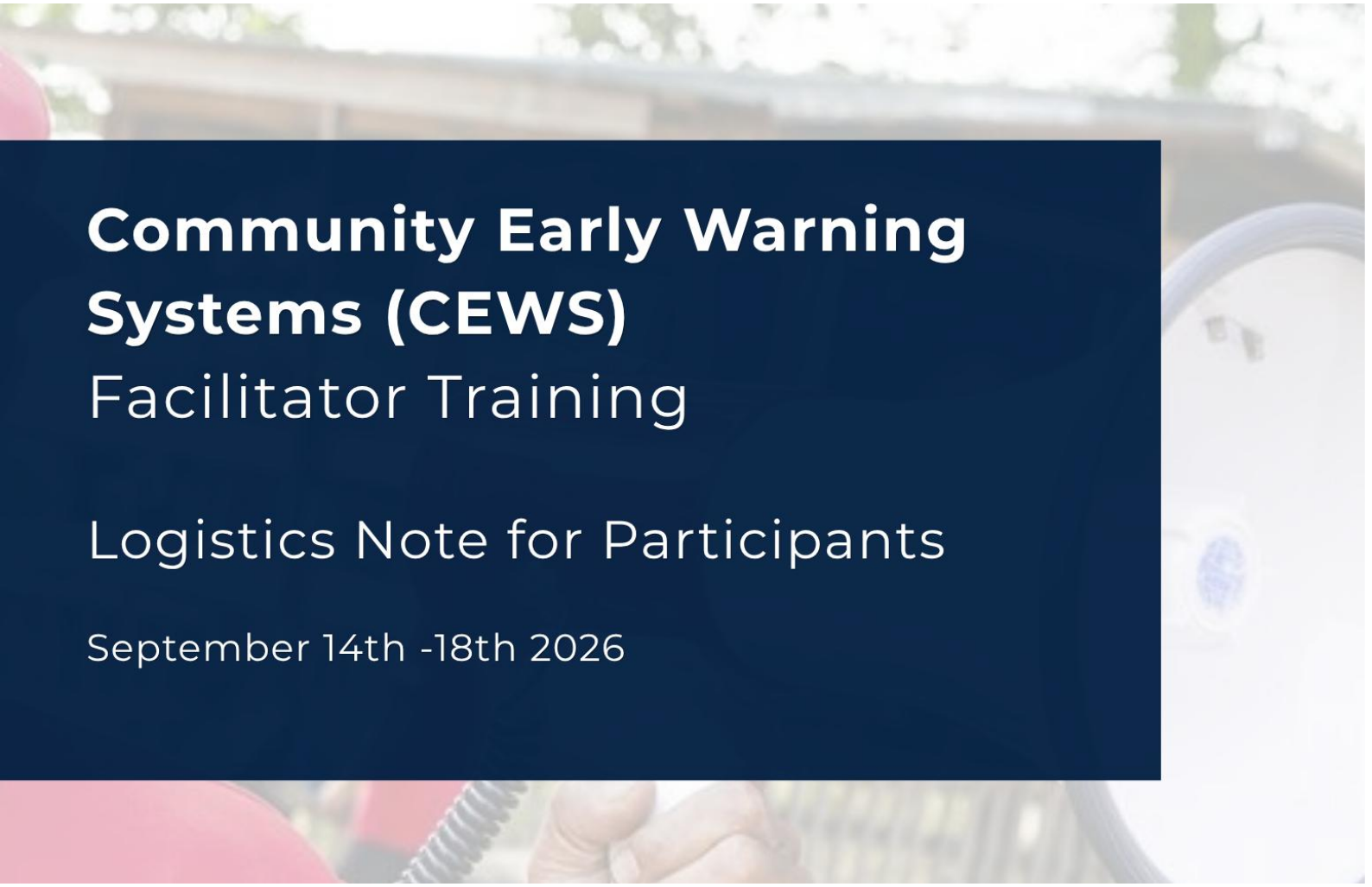


Community Early Warning Systems (CEWS)

Facilitator Training

Logistics Note for Participants

September 14th -18th 2026

WELCOME!

We are very pleased to welcome you as a participant in the upcoming Community Early Warning Systems (CEWS) Facilitator Training, which will take place in Barbados from September 14th to 18th, 2026. While you are in our care during this time, your comfort and security remain our highest priorities. To help us ensure a safe and productive experience for everyone, we kindly ask that you carefully review the information provided below and adhere to the guidelines outlined within this document, as well as those detailed in the IFRC Stay Safe Course.

REQUIRED COURSES & QUESTIONNAIRES

As a prerequisite to the training, you have been assigned three mandatory courses to complete before the first day of the workshop (*September 14, 2026*). They are as follows:

- **Stay Safe 2.0 Global Edition: Level 1 – Fundamentals**
- **Stay Safe 2.0 Global Edition: Level 2 – Personal and Volunteer Security in Emergencies**
- **Road Map to Community Resilience v2**

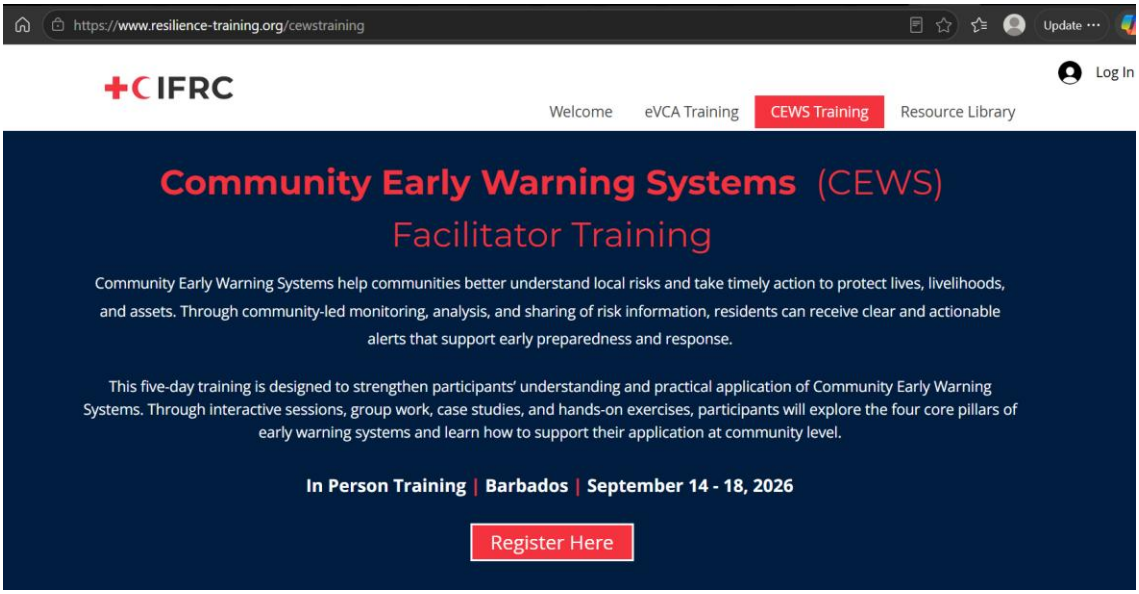
Each course can be accessed through the Training Portal, which will redirect you to the IFRC Learning Platform. If you do not already have an account, you will need to create one (please note: an IFRC or National Society email address is not required to register).

Upon completing each course, you will be awarded a certificate. Please email a copy of all three certificates to **Kearell Neils (kearell.neils@ifrc.org)** prior to the training.

Note: If you have already completed any of these courses in the past, there is no need to retake them, simply submit your existing certificates.

TRAINING PORTAL & WHAT'S APP GROUP

We have established a Training Portal for you to learn more about this training, access your pre-training courses, the training agenda, reading material, PowerPoint presentations and other resources.



Learning Reflection Quiz that must also be completed and submitted before the first day of the training.

We also established a WhatsApp group for ease of communication and to provide updates outside of and during the training period which you can access here: https://chat.whatsapp.com/E12da9yKGOm4ys2N0YSQ1u

ACCOMMODATION



Accommodations have been secured at the **Sunbay Hotel in Barbados** for all participants. The hotel is ideally located near the island's vibrant South Coast, offering easy access to several local attractions, including beautiful beaches and Oistins. We, however, urge you to be guided by our security protocols throughout the training period.

Please visit the hotel's website to view the full list of available amenities. Kindly note that the IFRC will only cover the cost of your hotel accommodation; this includes any complimentary services offered to guests but **does not extend to personal incidental charges (such as room service, laundry, telephone calls, or bar tabs).**

For your information, please note the following hotel contact details:

- +1-246-537-7229
- reservations@sunbayhotel.com

TRAINING FACILITIES

The training will be hosted at the **Ocean Innovation Hub Centre in Barbados**. You can explore the venue and view its exact location by visiting their website here.

The training space features high-speed Wi-Fi, and we strongly encourage all participants to bring their own laptops to fully engage in the interactive sessions.

CATERING

Breakfast and dinner will be provided by the Sunbay Hotel, while morning and afternoon snacks will be provided during the training sessions. Please note that we will try our very best to accommodate any dietary restrictions indicated on your registration form.

TRANSPORTATION

Your transportation to and from the hotel, as well as to the site visits on Day 5 will be provided by a contracted transportation service in Barbados. Further details regarding the transportation schedule and logistics will be shared via WhatsApp.

Please note that you must be in the hotel lobby by **8:00 a.m**. each morning to ensure a timely departure and arrival at the Oceana Innovation Hub by **8:30 a.m.**

FIELD ACTIVITY

On **Friday, September 18th**, a half-day field visit will take us to two National Early Warning Systems in Barbados, with a guided tour by the Barbados Meteorological Services to see multi-hazard monitoring in action.

DRESS CODE & OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- We will provide blue T-shirts for all participants to wear during our field visit day on Friday, September 18th. We look forward to a well-documented event showcasing our strong regional representation.

- September weather in Barbados typically features warm, tropical conditions with a mix of sunshine and passing showers, with daily temperatures averaging around 28°C to 31°C.

- Please consider traveling with a light jacket or sweater, as the indoor training facility at the Ocean Innovation Hub is air-conditioned, as well as an umbrella for any sudden tropical showers.

- Please dress comfortably with practical walking shoes for our Friday field visits, as we will be touring active facilities and moving between locations.

Please Remember:

- To wear comfortable clothing and footwear.
- You will be provided with all training material and stationery. It is recommended that you walk with your laptop/tablet to take further notes, prepare any presentations or complete online surveys.

- **Please bring all necessary medications.**

IMMIGRATION & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Barbados has transitioned to a digital immigration system, and all arriving passengers are strongly encouraged to complete the Online Embarkation/Disembarkation (ED) Form prior to travel.

To complete the online form, each passenger must have a **valid email address**, **full flight information, a valid passport, and their accommodation** details (the Sunbay Hotel).

Upon successful completion and submission of the digital form, you will receive Immigration and Customs receipts. You must save these receipts to your mobile device or print a physical copy to present to Immigration and Customs officers at the port of entry. You will have access to the portal **72 hours** before your scheduled arrival.

You can access the official portal to complete your digital form here: Barbados - Online Immigration & Customs Portal

ABOUT BARBADOS

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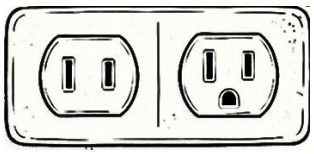
Barbados experiences two main seasons: a dry season from December to May and a wet season from June to November, which coincides with the Atlantic hurricane season. September features warm, humid conditions with average daily temperatures ranging from a low of 25°C (77°F) to a daytime high of 31°C (88°F). You can expect a mix of sunshine and brief tropical showers.

TIME

Barbados operates on Atlantic Standard Time (AST), which is GMT-4. The island does not observe Daylight Saving Time.

POWER SUPPLY

Power plugs and sockets in Barbados are Type A and Type B (the same flat-prong styles used in North America). The standard voltage is 115V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.



CURRENCY

The official currency is the Barbadian Dollar (BBD), which is pegged to the US Dollar at a fixed rate of US$1.00 = BDS$2.00. US currency, major international credit cards, and debit cards are also widely accepted across the island.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Police Service: 211 (or 911)
- Ambulance Service: 511
- Fire & Rescue Service: 311
- Barbados Red Cross Society: +1 (246) 417-2727

RECOMMENDED HOSPITALS & CLINICS

- Queen Elizabeth Hospital
  Martindales Road, St. Michael
  (Public - 24/7 Accident & Emergency): +1 (246) 436-6450

- Bayview Hospital (Private)
  St. Paul's Avenue, Bayville, St. Michael: +1 (246) 436-5446

- Sandy Crest Medical Centre
  Holetown, St. James (Private - Walk-in urgent care): +1 (246) 419-4911

CONTACT US

Any changes to these arrangements will be communicated to you in advance. Should you require assistance in locating us or any other queries, please contact the following people:

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