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**NOAA in the Caribbean
Virtual Partner Meeting
September 22, 2021**

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Background

- NOAA's Southeast and Caribbean Regional Team committed to forming NOAA in the Caribbean in 2009
- NOAA in the Caribbean was created to identify and respond to local and regional challenges, needs, and opportunities
- Organization:
 - Executive Team – meets monthly
 - Steering Committee – meets bi-monthly

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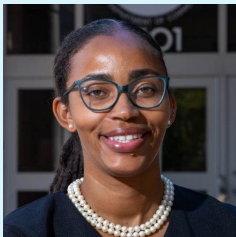
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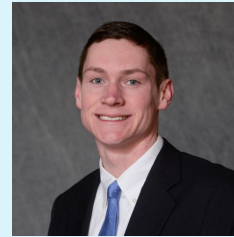
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Recent and Current Accomplishments

- NOAA in the Caribbean Newsletter began in 2012
 - Sent to more than 700 people
- NOAA in the Caribbean webpage created in 2012
- Partner meetings held in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2019
- Community webinar held in 2020

<https://www.noaa.gov/regions/noaa-in-caribbean>

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2021 Virtual Partner Meeting Objectives

- Hear updates from NOAA and partners on activities and projects taking place in the Caribbean region
- Identify opportunities for new partnerships and continue engagement with partners in the region
- Make space for dialogue on issues of critical importance to the region

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Agenda:

9:15 – 10:15 AM: Climate and Equity

10:15 – 10:30 AM: Break

10:30 – 11:55 AM: Citizen Science and Community Engagement

11:55 AM – 12:00 PM: Concluding Remarks

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Session 1: Climate and Equity

- **Letise LaFeir, Senior Advisor, NOAA**
 - *Making Equity Central to NOAA's Climate Work*
- **Kim Waddell, Project Lead, USVI Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan**
 - *Addressing Inequities in Hazard Mitigation Planning for the USVI*
- **Pablo Méndez-Lázaro, Associate Professor, University of Puerto Rico**
 - *Climate Change, Health and Well-being in the Caribbean*
- **Luis Cruz-Arroyo, Caribbean Area Director, USDA-NRCS**
 - *The Role of Conservation Planning in Climate Mitigation and Social Equity*

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Session 2: Citizen Science and Community Engagement

- **Shamoy Bideau, University of the Virgin Islands**
 - *Fate Tracking-Effectiveness of Antibiotic Treatment on Stony*
 - *Coral Tissue Loss Disease Lesions*
- **Odalys Martínez-Sánchez, Senior Service Hydrologist, National Weather Service**
 - *The Role of Citizen Science during Droughts.*
- **Ernesto Olivares, Education Coordinator, Jobos Bay NERR, and Aitza Pabón-Valentín, Director, Jobos Bay NERR**
 - *Puerto Rico's Water Quality Monitoring Day: A citizen*
 - *science special event & JBNERR's mentoring of Villalba's Residential Center for Educational Opportunities*
- **Kristin Wilson Grimes, Research Assistant Professor, University of the Virgin Islands**
 - *Citizen Science Mangrove Research and Restoration Efforts in the U.S. Virgin Islands*

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