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**Third Annual National Climate Outlook Forum**

**ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, June 3, 2026** - The Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Service (ABMS), with funding from the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, will host the **Third National Climate Outlook Forum (NCOF-3)** on **Thursday, June 4, 2026**, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the **Royalton Antigua Hotel**, Five Islands Village, St. John's. The forum will be streamed live via the ABMS YouTube channel (@abmetSERVICE), providing broader access to the presentations and discussions.

Held under the theme **“From Observation to Action: Climate Services for a Resilient Tomorrow,”** NCOF-3 will bring together meteorologists, climatologists, researchers, agriculturalists, utility managers, disaster risk experts, planners and key stakeholders from across climate-sensitive sectors including **agriculture, energy, tourism, health, water resources management** and **disaster risk reduction**. The goal is to strengthen collaboration and enhance the country's capacity to deliver timely, reliable and actionable climate information and early warnings.

“The National Climate Outlook Forum continues to be a cornerstone of our efforts to strengthen national climate resilience and ensure early warning for all,” said **Dale Destin**, Director of the Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Service. “This year's forum builds on the progress we have made and reinforces our commitment to delivering climate information that is timely, relevant, and actionable. By bringing together key stakeholders, we aim to deepen collaboration and enhance the country's capacity to respond to the growing challenges of climate variability and climate change. **We also seek to usher in a renaissance in weather, climate, and tsunami services for Antigua and Barbuda—one that elevates national preparedness and strengthens our collective resilience.**”

The NCOF serves as a **national platform** for presenting and discussing **upcoming seasonal climate outlooks**, assessing **sectoral impacts**, and co-developing **targeted climate services** that support decision-making, disaster risk reduction, and long-term climate resilience.

This initiative aligns with global efforts under the **United Nations Early Warning for All Initiative** and the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Global Framework for Climate Services**, reflecting Antigua and Barbuda's commitment to improving the accessibility, relevance, and effectiveness of climate services across all levels of society.



## About the Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Service

The **Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Service (ABMS)** is a **critical national institution** entrusted with the provision of weather, climate, marine, and tsunami services for Antigua and Barbuda. As the national authority for meteorology and the focal point for meteorological early warning systems, the ABMS serves as a cornerstone of national resilience, delivering accurate, timely, and actionable information to government agencies, businesses, communities, and the public, which has **real, measurable, significant economic value that has the potential to amount to up to 6% of GDP annually by avoiding disaster losses and improving efficiency — that’s roughly XCD 200–400 million (USD 74-150) in avoided costs every year.** Through its forecasts, warnings, climate services, and hazard monitoring programmes, the Service plays a vital role in safeguarding lives, livelihoods, property, and critical infrastructure while supporting disaster risk reduction and climate resilience. Its services underpin key sectors including aviation, maritime transport and the blue economy, tourism, agriculture, water resources, health, energy, and emergency management, contributing significantly to national safety, economic stability, and sustainable development.

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