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Regional Framework for Improved Disaster Risk Management in the Caribbean

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Project for Improved Disaster Risk Management in Caribbean Ports

Phase I

- ***Model Emergency Operations Plan***
- 1 Regional Workshop
- 3 Regional Table-Top Exercises (Jamaica 2023, Barbados 2023, Trinidad and Tobago 2024)

Phase II – in collaboration with CSA

- ***Regional Framework for Improved Disaster Risk Management in Caribbean Ports***
- 1 Regional Workshop (Nassau, The Bahamas March 9, 2027)
- 1 Regional Table-Top Exercise (Nassau, The Bahamas March 10, 2027)

Regional Port Resilience

- Strengthen regional cooperation and coordination among Caribbean ports
- Enhance disaster preparedness through model emergency operations plan, framework, regional workshops, and table-top exercises
- Foster existing and develop new Regional Coordination Mechanisms
- Build regional capacity to improve emergency response and port resilience

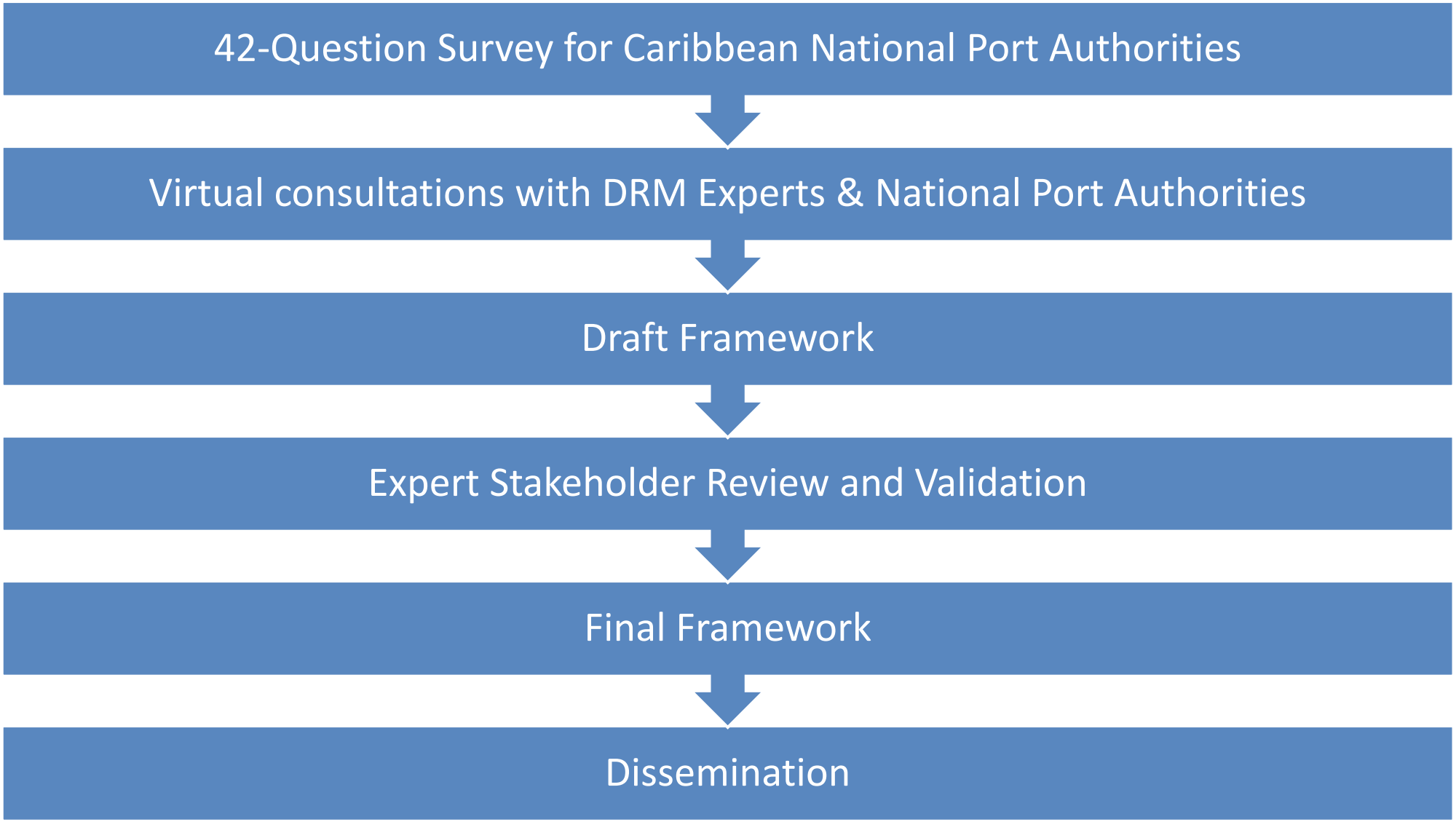
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- Provides **practical guidelines** for coordinated response strategies
- Promotes **regional harmonization** of port resilience practices
- Serves as a **reference for port authorities** across the region



CIP-OAS & PATT Regional Table-Top Exercise, Port of Spain 2024

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Key area	Main focus
1. Purpose, risks and governance	Establishes the Framework's purpose and scope, outlines regional hazards and capability gaps, and identifies the roles of ports, national authorities, and regional organizations.
2. Regional coordination and communication	Promotes coordination among ports and countries, information sharing, common port-status reporting, stakeholder engagement, and interoperability during emergencies.
3. Regional planning and preparedness	Establishes regional preparedness mechanisms, including a common risk picture, resource catalog, points-of-contact network, readiness reviews, and a regional coordinating function.
4. Recovery, resilience and business continuity	Supports restoration of port operations, maritime transportation continuity, alternative port arrangements, and coordination of specialized recovery resources.
5. Mutual assistance and regional risk management	Provides procedures for requesting, offering, mobilizing, and tracking assistance, while addressing shared hazards, capability gaps, and regional best practices.
6. Training, implementation and continuous improvement	Promotes regional training, drills, exercises, lessons learned, periodic reviews, and updates to strengthen implementation over time.

Supporting annex: Annex A addresses the pre-approval and cataloging of vessels, personnel, supplies, and equipment that may be deployed during disaster response, alongside a regional points-of-contact list.

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Priority	Practical action	Goal
Regional cooperation	Establish and maintain relationships among ports, governments, and regional partners.	Faster coordination during regional emergencies.
Information sharing	Maintain current contacts, resource information, and common port-status reports.	Better regional situational awareness and decision-making.
Mutual assistance	Identify available resources and clarify cross-border deployment requirements in advance.	Reduced delays in mobilizing assistance.
Recovery and continuity	Identify alternative ports, routing options, critical dependencies, and specialized recovery capabilities.	Faster restoration of maritime services and essential supply chains.
Continuous improvement	Conduct regional exercises, evaluate performance, and update coordination mechanisms.	More effective preparedness and stronger long-term resilience.

Takeaways

1. **Regional Cooperation**

   Shared hazards and interconnected supply chains make collaboration between Caribbean ports essential.

2. **Communication & Information Sharing**

   Common reporting standards and reliable communication improve coordination and decision-making.

3. **Resource Sharing & Mutual Assistance**

   Pre-identified resources and established procedures enable faster, more effective disaster assistance.

4. **Port Recovery & Resilience**

   Restoring port operations and maintaining essential goods flows support regional economic stability.

5. **Ongoing Preparedness**

   Regular training, exercises, and continuous improvement strengthen long-term disaster readiness.

Thank you!

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