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CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION, RESILIENCE - BUILDING AND DRR FOR PORTS

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ACT NOW OR PAY LATER

The Costs of Climate Inaction for Ports and shipping

-EDF

NATURAL HAZARDS DAMAGE TO :

Economic Cost growth can causes years of lost for SIDS

Trade and shipping delays due to the drought in the Panama canal

PORT RISKS IS A FUNCTION OF HAZARDS

- Climatic hazards (emissions and changing factors)
- Exposure (of assets and people)
- Vulnerability (capacity to respond - finance, government, technical measures)

Solution
ASSESS AND ADDRESS

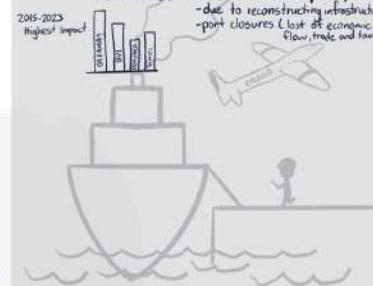
- innovative technical measures
- early planning (data collection)
- collaborative actions
- capacity building
- affordability
- assess (risk and vulnerability)
- effective policies

SIDS IN THE CARIBBEAN

- extremely vulnerable for natural hazards (flooding, droughts, seismic events, tropical cyclone, volcanic events)
- dependent on trade
- Airports, Seaports
- important to maintaining connection to the Global Supply Chain
- cruise shipping (passengers/tourist)

Damage to our ports and Coastal roads by natural disasters cause disruptions with trade and economic impact,

- due to reconstructing infrastructure
- port closures (loss of economic flow, trade and tourism)



STRATEGIES

- OPERATING COSTS ↓
- ATTRACT & MAINTAIN SHIPPING CONNECTIVITY
- PORT RESILIENCE ↑
- ACCOMMODATE SHIP PASSENGERS
- TRAINING OF HUMAN RESOURCE
- PROMOTE CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION
- IMPROVE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

PORT CONSTRUCTION CHALLENGES

Sea level ↑ 1 metre est

- raise ground level
- reinforce breakwaters

Typhoon intensity ↑ due to water warmth

- port downtime
- reinforce breakwaters

Port of Tokyo +32k ships

Jakarta Ports (below sea level)
Have to spend % of income on adaptation measures

ADAPTATION TO LAND SUBSIDENCE

Raise section by section of wharfs
Move to a floating port

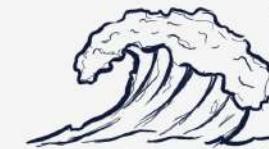
BARRIERS

- Piles
- if adaptation costs increase, they'll raise tariffs
- government will have to pay
- drainage difficulties may arise
- moving to a floating port maybe better
- difficulty accessing ships for fishermen
- anything above 2m for the pile is too expensive

① 250 Ports in the Caribbean

MARITIME SECTOR

Creates jobs
reduces poverty
growth transitions



WINTER SWELLS
SHOULD BE ADDED TO FUTURE PREPARATION PLANS
3-4 weeks considerably

HIGH WAVES CAUSE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO INFRASTRUCTURE

Future Facility Design

- Operational Trade Wind Waves Swells
- Does it have an impact on adjacent shorelines?
What about Run up?
Is it creating Resonance?
- Max. over toppling level expected?
Max. Run up?
Max. force winds?
- Strong Uplift Forces - long period waves?
Structure Fatigue - how long the waves take?
Directional Significance - from the direction?

MARINE POLLUTION ECONOMIC IMPACT in the Caribbean

Sargassum Seaweed

- can cause port to shut down
- for cruises, the optics aren't good
- cruise liners don't like sailing
- ships into dirty ports



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