

# VLab Report of Activities

The Questions in this form should be answered based on the VLab activities of your Centre of Excellence for the period from January to December 2015.

## About the Centre of Excellence

1. Please select your Centre of Excellence (CoE) from the list below. \*

Barbados 

2. What is the profile of the people supporting training activities in the CoE? \*

Please select all options that are relevant.

- Training Manager
- Full time trainer
- Part time trainer
- Researcher
- Forecaster
- Administrative staff
- University lecturers
- Other: WMO focal point

Please use the space below to provide any additional comments regarding Question 2

Comments could include number of staff, proportion of support received from different institutions supporting the CoE or anything else regarding the support to plan and offer training in the CoE.

The primary support of VLab activities at CoE Barbados is Ms Kathy-Ann Caesar, supported by Mrs Adanna Robertson-Quimby. Ms. Caesar is the Chief Meteorologist and part of the Senior staff. She is in charge of class scheduling at CoE Barbados and Department coordinator for the University program as well as lecturer. Mrs Quimby supports in program research and design. Other members of staff will assist when required in online events.

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**3. Is training (on the subject of training and education) offered to trainers supporting the activities of the CoE? \***

Yes

No

**Please comment on the answer above \***

If training is offered, please comment on the sort of training provided and frequency. If training is not offered, please comment if there is a need for this sort of training in the CoE and if so, what are the difficulties to provide it.

Trainers are encouraged to take part in WMO train the trainers events and as well as NOAA training events

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**4. What were the major achievements of the CoE during this reporting period? \***

CoE Barbados was involved in seven major events in 2015-

1- The WMO/NOAA Train the Trainers GEONetCast Workshop in Washington April 2015

2- The NOAA Satellite Direct Readout Conference

3- The VLab Event week on the Next Generation of Weather Satellite

4- GIS for Hydrological Technicians - Offered last year and to be updated for release again later this year

5- Flood Hazard Mapping - also offered last year and to be updated for release again this year

6- Introduction to GIS - About to be offered in May and being finalized for release

7- Hydrological Modelling with HEC-HMS

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**5. What were the main difficulties of your CoE during this reporting period? \***

The increased responsibility of the chief VLab focal point has shown a decline in the Regional Focus Group session. There has been a steady decline as well in the number of regional participants.

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## About Training

6. Is any kind of Learning Management System used by your CoE to conduct training activities? \*

- Moodle
- Edmond
- ConnectEDU
- Learning Management System is not used
- Other: .....

7. Is any kind of Online Conferencing System used by your CoE to conduct training activities? \*

- Saba Centra
- Blackboard Collaborate
- GoTo (Webinar, Meeting)
- Cisco Webex
- Online Conferencing System is not used
- Other: .....

8. Please list any training resource you have developed over this reporting period \*

For each Training Resource please include: 1) Title of Training Resource, 2) Type of resource (e.g. text book, video, Moodle course, PowerPoint slides, recorded lecture, etc) and 3) Availability of resource (can be shared, institutional use only).

In class lectures - for institutional use  
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9. What sort of training resources would you be interested in borrowing from other CoEs or training programmes, to adapt and reuse in your CoE? \*

If the CoE is not interested in adapting and reusing training resources, please indicate reasons.

Training material on operational radar and Next generation satellite

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## About VLab collaboration

10. Is the CoE working closely together with the CoE's sponsoring Satellite Operator/Agency in VLab training activities? \*

Yes

No

Please comment on the answer above and, if applicable, suggest ways to improve collaboration \*

CoE Barbados continues to have a close relationship with NOAA/CIRA which serves as a conduit for supporting funds from NOAA and provides training support and advice.

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11. What sort of support would you like to receive from other CoEs, Supporting Satellite Operators/Agencies, WMO Space Programme, VLab Co-chairs and TSO? \*

At the current time CoEs enjoys a collaborative support from ALL stated agencies and individual. It is hoe that this will continue.

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## 12. What sort of support could you offer to other CoEs, Supporting Satellite Operators/Agencies and WMO Space Programme? \*

This could be any kind of support. For example: collaborate in RFG sessions organised by other CoEs, organise joint training events in a particular subject, or any other support/collaboration you think the CoE could offer.

CoE Barbados continues to take part and support the Latin American/Caribbean RGF. Work with NOAA/CIRA and other CoEs to develop training program/events for VLab.

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### Training Events organised in 2015

Please prepare a table containing all training events organised by the CoE during this reporting period. If you have submitted your events to the VLab Online Calendar, all you need to do is to download your report (CSV/Excel spreadsheet) directly from there. If the CoE had conducted other training events considered as part of their VLab activities, that for some reason were not submitted to the Online Calendar, please add them to the spreadsheet downloaded from the Online Calendar. In the case the CoE has not submitted the training events to the Online Calendar, please prepare a table or spreadsheet (Excel or word) containing the data as indicated in the figure below.

The table/spreadsheet containing the training events organised by the CoE in 2015 should be sent to the VLab TSO by email at [luveeck@gmail.com](mailto:luveeck@gmail.com)

### Example of Table of Events

Date	Title of Event	Location	WMO Region	Host	Type (online, classroom, blended, RFG)	Language	Number of trainees	Country of origin of trainees

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- By selecting this option I confirm that a table/spreadsheet containing the information about training events organised by this CoE (as requested above) will be sent by email to the VLab TSO by the 30th of April 2016 (at the latest).
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**Training courses given in reporting period:**

Please list in the below table the training courses held in the reporting period

	Date	Name of training event	Host	Location	Addressed topics	Number of participants	Lecturers
<b>Distant learning courses</b>	09/03/2015	Introduction of regional use of the MM5 and WRF products	CIMH	Online	Local and region use of the MM5 and WRF products	6	Lawrence Pologne
	09/04/2015	CIMH – Continuing Professional Development Course	CIMH	Online	SIGMETs	7	Kathy-Ann Caesar
	23/05/2015	CIMH – Continuing Professional Development Course	CIMH	Online	TAF writing	7	Kathy-Ann Caesar
<b>RFG events</b>	02/04/2015	Caribbean Weather Discussion - 16:00 UTC	CIMH	Online	Regional Weather Briefings Active tropical storms and Severe weather events in the regions	7	Kathy-Ann Caesar
	09/16/2015	Caribbean Weather Discussion - 15:30 UTC	CIMH	Online	Regional Weather Briefings Active tropical storms and Severe weather events in the regions	6	Kathy-Ann Caesar