

# Leveraging Risk Data and Analytics in Delivering Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

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Mr. Ronald Jackson has over 20 years of experience in Disaster Risk Reduction, Recovery and Management. He is currently the Head of Disaster Risk Reduction, Recovery and Resilience Building Team within the Crisis Bureau at the United Nations Development Programme. While at UNDP he has led the efforts to strengthen the Programming and Practice Area for Disaster Risk Reduction leading to the articulation of UNDP's Approach to Risk Informed Development, the Development of the Urban Risk and Resilience Building Initiative and the Preparedness Learning Pathway for National and Local Government Actors.

Mr. Jackson has served as the Executive Director of the Caribbean Disaster and Emergency Management Agency for seven years where he led the framing of the 2014-2024 Comprehensive Disaster Management Strategy for CARICOM and the Development of the Caribbean Pathway for Resilience in 2018; He was instrumental in establishing the Regions First Caribbean Consortium for Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems in 2019, The Establishment of the Regional Training Centre and the Caribbean Risk Information System in 2018 and 2019 respectively. He has also served as the Director General and Deputy Director General of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) in Jamaica where he received a Certificate of Commendation from the Caribbean Community for his contribution to the rescue and recovery efforts in the aftermath of the January 2010 Haiti Earthquake.

Mr. Jackson holds a B.Sc. in Urban Planning from the University of Technology and is an Honorary Patron of the School of the Built Environment. He also holds an M.Sc. in Natural Resources Management from the University of the West Indies Mona, and a Master's Certificate in Monitoring Evaluation and Reporting