



3 DAY WEBINAR SERIES:

Commemorating the 1st Anniversary of Hurricane Dorian's Landfall

Introduction:

On the eve of the first anniversary of Hurricane Dorian's landfall, Bahamas Strong Alliance is hosting a three-part webinar series designed to highlight the leverage that can be gained through formalized private sector involvement in disaster preparedness and response. Each webinar session will focus on key priorities, including lessons learned from Dorian, the hazards and potential impact of a major hurricane hitting New Providence, and our medical capacity to respond to natural disasters. Hurricane Dorian, the strongest recorded hurricane to make landfall in The Bahamas, devastated Abaco and Grand Bahama in September, 2019. The historic hurricane also created one of the most diverse and impactful private sector responses to a natural disaster the country has ever seen.

Agenda:

DAY 1:

Wednesday September 2nd, 2020 | 4:00pm - 5:30pm

HURRICANE DORIAN CASE STUDY: Private Sector Response to Dorian & the Lessons We Learned

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| 4:00pm - 4:05pm | Introduction <u>Moderator: Jeff Beckles</u> - CEO, Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCEC) & Member, Bahamas Strong Alliance Board of Directors |
| 4:05pm - 4:25pm | The Human Impact of Dorian <u>Speaker: Mrs. Barri Bethel Thomas</u> - Hurricane Dorian Survivor, McLean's Town, Grand Bahama |
| 4:25pm - 4:37pm | Launch of Bahamas Strong Alliance Case Study <u>Speaker: Susan Larson</u> - Founding Director, Bahamas Strong Alliance and Executive Editor, Hurricane Dorian Case Study |
| 4:37pm - 4:40pm | Panel Introduction Jeff Beckles to Introduce Panel Presentation |
| 4:40pm - 4:55pm | Experiences from Dorian & Lessons Learned Panel Presentation <u>Speaker: Grant Dawson</u> - CEO of Global Support and Development (GSD) |
| 4:55pm - 5:10pm | <u>Speaker: Gayle Outten-Moncur</u> - Deputy Permanent Secretary at NEMA |
| 5:10pm - 5:25pm | <u>Will Tomlinson</u> - Founder of IDEA Relief & Member, Bahamas Strong Board of Directors |
| 5:25pm - 5:30pm | Closing Remarks |
| 5:30pm - 6:00pm | Optional Q & A Session |



DAY 2:

Thursday September 3rd, 2020 | 4:00pm - 5:30pm

MAJOR HURRICANE IN NEW PROVIDENCE: A Panel Discussion on Risks & Preparation

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| 4:00pm - 4:05pm | Introduction <u>Moderator: Jeff Beckles</u> - Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCEC) CEO & Bahamas Strong Alliance Board Member |
| 4:05pm - 4:25pm | Coastal Flooding Studies & Models of New Providence <u>Panel Leader: Carlos Palacios</u> - Director of Operations/Senior Coastal Engineer at Caribbean Coastal Services, Managing Principal of BRON |
| 4:25pm - 4:45pm | Hurricane Risk Assessments for New Providence <u>Speaker: Scott Kuykendall</u> - Exercise Lead and Disaster Management Specialist at the Pacific Disaster Centre, consulting partner to NEMA |
| 4:45pm - 5:05pm | Best Practices for Preparedness <u>Speaker: Jason Brizek</u> - Team Leader - Blue Coral Advisory Group's Team Leader |
| 5:05pm - 5:25pm | Q & A |
| 5:25pm - 5:30pm | Closing Remarks |

DAY 3:

Friday September 4th, 2020 | 4:30 - 5:30pm

MEDICAL RESPONSE TO HURRICANES: Discussion on Emergency Medical Response and Priorities

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| 4:00pm - 4:05pm | Introduction <u>Moderator: Jeff Beckles</u> - Bahamas Chamber of Commerce and Employers Confederation (BCCEC) CEO & Bahamas Strong Alliance Board Member |
| 4:05pm - 4:10pm | Panel Introduction <u>Panel Leader: Dr. Graham Cates</u> - Director, Family Medicine Center |
| 4:10pm - 4:20pm | Immediate Medical Response <u>Speaker: Dr. Charlisa Gibson</u> - Pulmonary Medicine and Critical Care Specialist at NYU Langone Health and NYC Health and Hospitals |
| 4:20pm - 4:30pm | Marsh Harbour Clinic Perspective <u>Speaker: Dr. William Hamilton</u> - Primary Care Physician at the Ministry of Health |



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| 4:30pm - 4:40pm | Establishment of the Medical Clinic for Evacuees at Odyssey Aviation <u>Speaker: Dr. Zenna Friend</u> - Family Medicine Practitioner and Lead Physician at Family Medicine Center, Rock Sound, Eleuthera |
| 4:40pm - 4:50pm | Medical Supply Chain <u>Speaker: Michelle Finlayson</u> - Pharmaceutical Division Manager at Walkin Medical, Parma Choice Pharmacy Ltd and Worldwide Pharmaceuticals Ltd. |
| 4:50pm - 5:00pm | Mental Health Focus <u>Speaker: Iliana Gerasimenko</u> - BA in Education, Youth Worker, Completing Counselling Master Degree program |
| 5:00pm - 5:25pm | Q & A |
| 5:25pm - 5:30pm | Closing Remarks |

ABOUT: BAHAMAS STRONG ALLIANCE

Bahamas Strong Alliance (bahamasstrong.org) was formalized in January 2020 by founding directors Susan Larson, Karla Wells-Lisgaris and Happy Hall. It originated from the unprecedented private sector response to Hurricane Dorian in 2019. The Core Group, as Bahamas Strong was first known, spearheaded a large portion of the private sector response to Hurricane Dorian. In early 2020, the Core Group registered Bahamas Strong as a Bahamian non-profit and rebranded itself as a collaborative agent amongst private sector partners, NGOs and the Government of The Bahamas. In July 2020, the entity added Alliance to its name, becoming Bahamas Strong Alliance. Its mission is that of building a more resilient Bahamas through leadership and collaboration.

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