



WEBINAR SERIES-INTEGRITY AND SAFETY IN RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

September 1, 2024: You are cordially invited to participate in an upcoming webinar series entitled “**Integrity and Safety in Residential Construction: Constructing Homes for Tomorrow and the Role of Building Standards.** Join us on **each Wednesday in September- 4th and 11th at 6:30 p.m. AST, and 18th & 25th 2024 at 2:00pm AST.**

The devastation caused to the housing stock by Hurricane Beryl in Carriacou and Petit Martinique, Islands in Grenada, and Union Island in St. Vincent and the Grenadines was yet another wake up call for our region.

In Carriacou, more than 98% of the buildings, including houses, were severely affected, and in Union Island, it is reported that 90% of the houses were severely damaged or destroyed. Beryl also impacted eight other CDEMA Participating States, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago. We must take decisive steps to strengthen the resilience of housing and critical infrastructure.

During the webinar series, participants will learn about how to build for category 5 Hurricanes and magnitude 7 earthquakes at an affordable cost. This webinar series which is hosted by the Physical and Environmental Planning Sector Sub-Committee (PEPSSC) of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), aims to increase the uptake and implementation of the building standards for safety in residential construction.

It will highlight the building standards in the region including the newly approved CARICOM Regional Standard, the CARICOM Regional Code of Practice for the Construction of Houses (CRCP10:2023). The scope of the standards will be reviewed as well as the essential role of architects, engineers, artisans, contractors, building inspectors and authorities, surveyors and planners in elevating the resilience of the housing stock for a safer more secure region.

The steps that need to be taken by decision-makers, financial providers, and insurance agencies to make these standards and guidelines a part of routine practice will also be discussed. The webinar will feature presentations and panel discussions, providing a platform for in-depth dialogue and knowledge exchange.

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We certainly look forward to your participation. To register and learn more, please visit: www.hostsbb.com

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