

Tuesday, August 30, 2016: U.S. Drought Monitor Forum for the U.S. Virgin Islands		
Time	Topic	Speaker/Moderator
Session 1	Opening Session	Moderator: Mark Svoboda, NDMC
8:30-9:00	Registration	
9:00-9:05	Welcome	Julie Wright, Public Affairs Specialist
9:05-9:15	Opening Remarks	Edwin Almodóvar, NRCS Caribbean Area Director; Dr. William Gould, Caribbean Climate Hub Director
9:15-9:25	Workshop Objectives	Mark Svoboda, National Drought Mitigation Center
9:25-9:40	Introduction of panel/partners	ALL Attendees
9:40-10:00	Key Note Address	<i>Michael Scuse, Acting Deputy Secretary of Agriculture (invited)</i>
10:00-10:20	Quick History of the U.S. Drought Monitor and how we got here	Mark Svoboda, NDMC
10:20-10:40	Drought in the USVI	Carlos Robles, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Agriculture
10:40-11:00	BREAK	
Session 2	Local/Regional Resources, Impacts and Needs	Moderator: Julie Wright, USDA-NRCS-CB
11:00-11:30	Caribbean Drought and Precipitation Monitoring Network (CDPMN) / CariCOF	<i>Adrian Trotman, Caribbean Institute for Meteorology & Hydrology (CIMH) (invited)</i>
11:30-11:45	Drought Impacts in the USVI	Dr. Robert Godfrey, UVI-AES
11:45-12:15	Local USDA Drought Resources + Programs	<i>Edwin Almodóvar, NRCS Caribbean Area Director (invited)</i> <i>Debbie Folsom, FSA Florida State Office (invited)</i>
12:15-12:45	Water Resources Research Institute Overview and Activities	<i>Dr. Kristin Wilson-Grimes, UVI Water Resources Research Institute (invited)</i>
12:45-1:45	Working Lunch	<i>Dr. William Gould, Caribbean Climate Hub (invited)</i>
Session 3	Making of the USDM	Moderator: Brad Rippey
1:45-2:05	Overview of the USDM	Brian Fuchs, NDMC
2:05-2:25	Application of GIS Products in the USDM	Eric Luebehusen, USDA/OCE
2:25-2:45	Drought Analysis in the Affiliated U.S. Pacific Islands	<i>Richard Heim, NOAA/NCEI (invited)</i>

2:45-3:00	BREAK	
3:00-3:20	Drought Impacts and Disaster Relief in the Agricultural Sector	Brad Rippey, USDA/OCE
3:20-4:15	Panel Discussion and Q&A with the U.S. Drought Monitor Authors	USDM Authors
4:15	Wrap-up/Next Steps and Adjourn	Mark Svoboda (NDMC)/Brad Rippey (USDA)

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Session 4	Some other tools	Moderator: <i>TBD</i>
9:00-9:15	Recap Day 1	UVI: <i>TBD</i>
9:15-9:30	USVI Citizen Science Activities	<i>Christina Chanes, UVI Cooperative Extension Service (invited)</i>
9:30-10:00	USVI Climate Monitoring Activities	<i>Dr. David Morris, UVI Science & Math Dept. (invited)</i>
10:00-10:30	Current USVI conditions/ENSO outlook/ CoCoRaHS	<i>Odalys Martinez, National Weather Service (invited)</i>
10:30-10:45 Break		
Session 5	Next steps: Where to from here?	Moderator: Mark Svoboda, NDMC
10:45-12:00	Panel Discussion: Future/Next Steps: Where are the data gaps? Usage and trust in various indicators, including satellite derived? Other issues and concerns from the users?	All USDM Authors
12:00 ADJOURN		