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NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEMO TO HOST TEACHER EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI TRAINING WORKSHOP JANUARY 16-17, 2024

Eighty seven teachers on mainland St. Vincent will participate in an earthquake and tsunami training workshop to take place on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th January, 2024. This training workshop will be conducted by the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) in collaboration with the University of the West Indies Seismic Research Centre and the Ministry of Education.

The workshop forms part of the National Emergency Management Organisation Geological Hazard Public Education and Awareness Programme which will run from January to April, 2024 with a focus on Earthquakes from January to February.

The main objective of the workshop is to provide training for teachers in the area of tsunami and earthquake science, preparedness, and the necessary resources needed for them to present this information to their students. This includes power point presentations for different age group of students at the primary and secondary level, along with in class and homework activities and other audio-visual resources.

The scientific information will be presented by Professor of Geology, University of the West Indies Seismic Research Centre, Richard Robertson.

The earthquake and tsunami training workshop will take place at the University of the West Indies Open Campus, Richmond Hill. The Opening Ceremony will commence at 9:00 a.m.

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Additional Information:

The region has been experiencing an increase in earthquakes and a period of heightened seismic activity. This is cause for concern for the National Emergency Management Organisation due to the fact that earthquake is a sudden onset hazard which can occur at any time and without any warning sign.

As a result, the National Emergency Management Organisation took the decision to do an in-depth focus on the earthquake hazard during the months of January to February this year to raise awareness on earthquakes, the safety measures that can be put in place before an earthquake and what can be done to protect life during and after an earthquake.

Apart from the teacher training workshop on mainland St. Vincent, there will also be a teacher training workshop on each of the Grenadine Island, along with a number of engagements at the community level and simulation exercises.