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The Sustainable Adaptive Gradients in the Coastal Environment (SAGE) Program invites you to an upcoming Webinar on

Coastal Climate Challenges in Tourism-Dependent Caribbean

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As is the case with other small island developing states around the world, Barbados and its Caribbean island neighbors are experiencing significant effects from sea level rise in particular and coastal climate change impacts in general. Countries have addressed this issue differently, with Barbados widely regarded as a regional model for coastal management and resilience, whereas in states such as Haiti, active management is still in a nascent stage. It has been shown that the extent to which states address this issue is influenced by: public access to, and use of, information, technical capacity of public servants and officers of non-Governmental organizations, and the recognition by policy makers that climate change is not an environmental issue but a danger to economic and social improvement. Using the Barbados case as an example, the presentation explores the Caribbean context, and provides some recommendations on technical imperatives for these vulnerable island systems that depend so heavily on coastal tourism and fisheries. DR. INNISS is the Acting Director of the Coastal Zone Management Unit in Barbados for the past two years, and was the Deputy Director for the 10 years prior. Her research interests include innovative coastal resilience measures, submarine groundwater discharge in wetlands, coastal hazards risk and vulnerability assessments, as well as coastal climate change adaptation initiatives. She is Chair of the Natural Sciences Committee of the Barbados National Commission for UNESCO, and of the National Standing Committee on Coastal Hazards.

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