



## Symposium on Lightning and Lightning Safety Awareness

19-20 May 2021, 1400 - 1730 UTC

Programme (will be updated with new information periodically)

### 19 May 2021, 1400-1730 UTC

- Welcome and Introduction
  - Chair, Dr Arlene Laing, Caribbean Meteorological Organization
  - Mr Evan Thompson, President WMO RA IV (North America, Central America, and the Caribbean),
  - Mr Rodney Martinez-Guingla, WMO Representative for North America, Central America, and the Caribbean
- Lightning deaths, injuries, and damages
  - Mr Ron Holle
  - Dr Mary Ann Cooper, MD
  - Dr Norberto Navarrete-Aldana, MD
  - Ms Nikeisha Hibbert
- Lightning safety, culture, and education
  - Dr John Jensenius
  - Ms Violeta Yas and Mr Joseph Trujillo
- Break
- Lightning preparedness and protection measures
  - Ms Kim Loehr
  - Mr Daniel Esteban Villamil Sierra
  - Mr. Bery Fallas
  - Dr Katie Flanagan
- Open discussion

End of Day One

## 20 May 2021, 1400-1730 UTC

- Lightning characteristics and distribution of lightning activity in the Inter-Americas
    - Dr Angel Munoz
    - The UWI Climate Studies Group at Mona
  - Lightning and Weather Forecast Applications
    - Mr Joseph Patton
    - Dr Jose Galvez
    - Mr Ronald Gordon
    - Mr Chris Vagasky
  - Lightning as an essential Climate Variable
    - Steve Goodman, PhD
  - Break
  - Lightning Detection
    - Mr Philip Falgoust, Vaisala
    - Mr Benedikt Burkhardt, nowcast
    - Mr John de Denghy, Earth Networks
    - Dr Jose Tamayo, CIHMET
  - Open discussion
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