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VITEMA and UVI to Host Hazard Mitigation Workshop

November 4, 2020 – The Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency and the University of the Virgin Islands will co-host a two-day Hazard Mitigation virtual workshop on November 5, and November 6. This will be the third year the event has been held.

VITEMA, in collaboration with the university, is leading a multi-year effort to update the Territory's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan will be the result of a multi-sectoral effort that integrates the core principles of resilience, reliance on economic and natural resources, adaptation to the impacts of climate change, economic and technical capacity building, and strengthening community capacities. This planning effort is a requirement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's to maintain eligibility for non-emergency Federal assistance.

Hurricane's Irma and Maria illustrated the vulnerability of the territory when numerous homes and critical facilities were damaged. Natural resources did not escape unharmed as well. After round-the-clock efforts, it took several months to restore basic services.

Residents and stakeholders are invited to join virtually, to discuss the territory's need to integrate risk reduction, sustainability, and resilience into development plans. "Understand Today, to Plan for Tomorrow"

Registration for the event may be completed at www.resilientvi.org