



## **FRLD in Jamaica: Public Lecture and Site Visit**

*Strengthening responses to climate-related loss and damage through shared knowledge and experiences.*



During the FRLD's recent first mission to Jamaica, our Executive Director, Ibrahima Cheikh DIONG, engaged in a dialogue at the The University of the West Indies, Mona. Hosted by the Ministry of Water, Environment and Climate Change, the session brought together experts, academics, students, and government officials to exchange perspectives on the state of loss and damage in Jamaica, and to learn directly from local experiences. The exchange underscored the human face of loss and damage, particularly for small island developing states facing increasingly severe climate impacts.



The session also highlighted the FRLD's country-led, bottom-up approach, ensuring that the Fund's support is shaped by national knowledge, priorities, and lived realities as it enters its pilot operations phase, with the first call for funding requests now open. During his presentation, the FRLD Executive Director emphasized that by listening and working alongside national stakeholders, and learning from their experiences, the Fund will strengthen its capability to be able to lead a more coherent global effort to responding to loss and damage.



The mission and the dialogue happened at a critical time for Jamaica, as communities are coping with the devastating impacts of hurricane Melissa.



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