# Strengthening CSR Networks in the field of DRR

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# Overview

- Disaster Risk Reduction
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### **Disaster Risk Reduction**

#### Definition:

"DRR aims to reduce the damage caused by natural hazards through an ethic of prevention."

- UNISDR



HUMAN

BIOLOGICAL WANNES



# **Caribbean situation**











# **Corporate Social Responsibility**

The social responsibility of the private sector concerns the relationships of a company not just with its stakeholders, suppliers and customers, but also with other groups and the *needs, values and goals* of the society in which it operates.

- UN



# **CSR** Continuum





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Operational

Growth



Operational

Responsibility



Conservation

Stakeholder

Engagement



Social

Responsibility





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### Role of the private sector

# Preparation Response Mitigation Recovery

Capacity Building – Pre Impact – Emergency – Restoration - Reconstruction

# Benefit for the private sector

- Increases staff morale and hence productivity
- Employees learn new skills
- Enhances Company Brand and reputation
- Strengthens relationships with local/national authorities

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# Kaj Designs- A Case example

# Positioning The Caribbean To Win: PenetratingThe International Fashion Market

EVENTS UNITING SUSTAINABLE FASHION PROFESSIONALS

"I discovered this ethical fashion forum while doing my research and Liza Miller Kaj Designs would be registered. We Managing Director, estuary PR Limited will be taking an ethical approach to our business and production can be another differentiating characteristic of our brand and part of our USP."

#### **Caribbean Strategic Approach**

#### **Competing in the Fast Fashion market:**

- High design demand to stay on trend
- Demand to meet mass production quotas
- Maintain competitive pricing
- Ensure environmental sustainability & ethical production practices
- Face rising material, transport and labour costs

### **Issue with Fashion Waste**

#### **Tons of Textile Waste**



According to the EPA, **13.1 million tons of textiles are trashed each year**, and only 15% – or 2 million tons – are recovered for reuse or recycling. Nearly half of us (48%, to be precise) still trash perfectly reusable textiles.

78% 11 MILLION TONS of TEXTILES ARE TRASHED EACH YEAR

# **Issue with Fashion Waste**



# ENERGY & PROFITS

Technology allowing you to turn trash into energy.

#### Disruptive

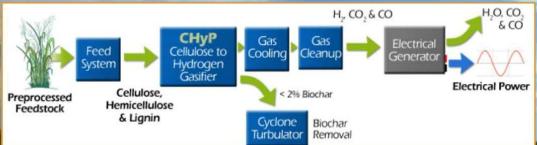
With Patented, Pyrolysis technology, you can take trash, bio-waste (the stuff that's wasted) and turn it into energy and profits, with no carbon footprint.

Industry

Profitable, Bio-Waste systems create sustainable energy independence and jobs, while lowering MSW cost & expenses.



# PYROLYSIS TO POWER & HEAT



Pyrolysis systems generate hydrogen-rich gas streams from biomass to power and heat generation. (Cellulose to Hydrogen Power system, or CHyP system)

Measured composition gas stream: 65% hydrogen, 30% carbon dioxide, and 5% CO = for combustion + reciprocating engines for power generation. The prescense of CO2 becomes the buffer to keep temperatures in specified ranges for engines.

# **Private Sector Action**

Apwann Magazine is a pioneering biannual publication about and for the socially responsible, socially innovative and socially curious with primary focus on the Caribbean region.

http://issuu.com/siclconsultantsltd/docs/ap wann\_magazine\_2015

# **Dialogue with the Private Sector**

- Business Continuity..loss of business days
  = loss of profits
- CSR and the community
- Ethical Branding
- Fair trade stickers (as in the UK)
- Consumer trending with Organic Foods
- Environment consciousness Twigg 2001



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