

CMO HISTORIC DATES and FACTS

Dates	Event
1951	Establishment of a centrally-administered British Caribbean Meteorological Service (BCMS), HQ in Port of Spain
1958	BCMS name changed to West Indies Meteorological Service (WIMS) with the formation of the West Indies Federation
1962	Establishment by Caribbean States of the Caribbean Meteorological Council (CMC)
1962	Dissolution of the WI Federation
1963	Establishment of the Caribbean Meteorological Service (CMS), replacing the WIMS after the dissolution of the Federation
1967	The Caribbean Meteorological Institute (CMI) was established in Barbados by the CMS as part of a project in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme plan of operation entitled " <i>Improvement of the Caribbean Meteorological Services</i> "
1973 (August)	Establishment of CARICOM through the Treaty of Chaguaramas
1973 (October)	The Caribbean Meteorological Organization (CMO) was established to replace the CMS. CMC and CMI integrated into CMO. CMC now the Governing Body of the CMO
1982	Establishment by the CMO of the Caribbean Operational Hydrological Institute (COHI)
Mid-1980s	The amalgamation by the CMO of the Caribbean Meteorological Institute (CMI) and the Caribbean Operational Hydrological Institute (COHI). Name continued as CMI until 1999
1999	Official name change of CMI to the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH)

	<u>BCMS-CMO Heads</u>
1951-1961	Mr Angus Grinsted (UK) - First Director-General BCMS
1961 - 1972 (July)	Mr Kelvin V.W. Nicholls (South Africa/UK) – BCMS-CMS Second Director-General [Deputy: Mr John Channon]
1972 (August) to 1999	Mr Cyril Egbert Berridge (Trinidad & Tobago) - Director General (CMS). With the establishment of the CMO in 1973, the post of Director General was renamed <i>Coordinating Director</i>
2000 (January) to present	Mr Tyrone W. Sutherland (Saint Lucia) – Coordinating Director

	<u>CMI-CIMH Heads:</u>
1967-1971	Mr David Smedley (USA) – Principal [UNDP-designated]
1971-1983	Mr Geoffrey Rudder (Barbados) – Principal
1983 – 2006 (April)	Dr Colin Depradine (Barbados) – Principal
2006 (April) to present	Dr David Farrell (Barbados) – Principal

Formal Relationship between the CMO and the **World Meteorological Organization** (WMO)

By agreement between the CMO and the WMO, the CIMH (formerly CMI) was designated as a WMO *Regional Meteorological Training Centre* in 1978, as a WMO *Regional Instrument Centre* in 1997 and as a *WMO Centre of Excellence (CoE)* for Satellite Meteorology in 2000. In 2013, at the request of the CMO, the CIMH began functioning as a WMO *Regional Climate Centre (RCC)* “in Demonstration Phase”. After an extensive review by relevant Technical Commissions of WMO and the WMO Executive Council, the CIMH was formally designated as the WMO RCC for the Caribbean in May 2017.

The CMO and the WMO have had close ties for several decades, but that relationship was made formal in 2002 when the Executive Bodies of both Organizations agreed on a set of “Working Arrangements” to govern their future collaboration