



Trinidad and Tobago

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**Port of Spain, 09 November 2011** – The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) wishes to advise, through this press release, that the information regarding Trinidad and Tobago that appears in the Human Development Report 2011 “Sustainability and Equity: A Better Future for All” in Box 2.6: “Impacts of climate change on small island developing states”, page 36, is from a third party source.

The researchers of the report, as accurately indicated in the source of the Box, used the data quoted in the following publication:

Ebi, Kristie L. et Al. (2005) “Climate variability and change and their health effects in small island states : information for adaptation planning in the health sector.” WHO Library Cataloguing-in-Publication Data, available at: <http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2005/9241593792.pdf>

The general purpose of the Box: “Impacts of climate change on small island developing states” is to create awareness on the risk for health that climate change can produce in small island developing states.

The publication quoted by the researchers is a 2005 paper. The purpose of this publication is clearly defined in its summary:

“To understand better the potential health impacts of climate variability and change in small island states and to build capacity to cope with climate change through adaptation planning, a series of workshops and a conference were organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) in partnership with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)(WHO 2000; Aron et al. 2003; WHO 2003). This report synthesizes the information presented and identifies key recommendations for improving the health sector’s capacity to anticipate and prepare for climate variability and change.” (Ebi, 2005, Pg. 3)

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