

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



What is the Dutch Caribbean Research Week?

The Dutch Caribbean Research Week 2026 (DCRW2026) is a free multi-day conference aimed at providing a platform to bring researchers from the Caribbean science community together. This event is packed with lectures, panel discussions, cultural performances and networking opportunities.

When and where is DCRW2026?

June 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 2026; The Dutch Caribbean Research Week 2026 (DCRW2026) is a free multi-day conference on the islands of Aruba, Curaçao, Bonaire, Saba, Sint Maarten and Sint Eustatius. Each day a different island will host the event. You may attend the live program on site or you may attend the online (live) streaming sessions.

How do I submit an abstract? CLOSED

Submit via the DCRW website: <https://www.dcrw.nl/abstracts>

The Programme Committee will review abstracts and determine presentation format. The programme committee for Dutch Caribbean Research Week 2026 (DCRW2026) is a multidisciplinary advisory group tasked with shaping the scientific and strategic content of this event. The committee brings together experts from different backgrounds to ensure the quality, relevance and balance of sessions, speakers, and topics. The committee helps define themes, review and select contributions or sessions, and advise on programme structure so that the event reflects both current scientific priorities and broader community needs.

What are the themes?

Six themes cover Education, Social Behavioural Science, Health & Healthcare, Ecology & Environment, Governance & Law, and Culture, Literature & Arts.

- **Education, Research & Technology in the Caribbean | Aruba | 17 June 2026**

Multilingual education ecosystems, strengthening bilingual education models and teacher training, evidence-to-policy pipelines, quality monitoring; island-wide research infrastructure; community science & local knowledge; Decolonizing curricula, perception of knowledge and pedagogy; adult & digital literacy; research integrity & open science; AI for equity.

- **Health & Healthcare in the Caribbean | Curaçao | 18 June 2026**

Aging with dignity; health literacy & language access; the faces intergenerational trauma & mental health; Culture, identity in Healthcare systems; climate-sensitive health systems; governance across the care continuum; workforce retention & task-shifting; options in cancer treatments; integrating community-based practices in modern care.

- **Social Behavioural Science in the Caribbean | Bonaire | 19 June 2026**

Conservation of the sense of identity, belonging during transculturalisation on the islands; language barriers; poverty & social protection; elder inclusion & intergenerational solidarity; trust in institutions; behavioral insights for public goods; civic education & media literacy; brain drain & return migration; participatory governance & budgeting.

- **Ecology & Environment in the Caribbean | Saba | 22 June 2026**

Environmental justice & historical extraction; community monitoring of coasts & reefs; disaster risk reduction including climate change mitigation with local knowledge; just energy transition; circularity & waste governance; blue economy with local benefit; nature-based solutions; climate finance access; environmental law & enforcement.

- **Culture, Literature & Arts in the Caribbean | Sint Maarten | 23 June 2026**

Archives, restitution & repair; elders' oral histories; language policy in culture; decolonizing museums & classrooms; creative industries for inclusive growth; art as health & social cohesion; digital platforms & cultural sovereignty; diaspora cultural diplomacy; tech-enabled arts (AR/VR, AI translation).

- **Governance & Law in the Caribbean | Statia | 24 June 2026**

Autonomy & fiscal capacity pathways; legal mandates for evidence-based policymaking; quality monitoring across ministries; open government & data protection; procurement integrity & anti-corruption; research, data, product & intellectual properties; maritime security & regional coordination; policy labs & pilots; regulatory capacity for new tech.

What languages are used?

Sessions will be primarily in English; local contributions may include Dutch and Papiamentu, with moderators ensuring accessibility (to be confirmed).

Is there a fee?

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required for all participants. Please register here: <https://www.dcrw.nl/registration>