

Dutch Caribbean Research Week 2026 Press Kit

Dutch Caribbean Research Week – 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24 June 2026



Media Advisory / Fact Sheet

Event: Dutch Caribbean Research Week (DCRW2026)

Dates: 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24 June 2026

Format: Hybrid (in-person events across all six islands + live stream)

Islands hosting (per day): Aruba, Curaçao, Bonaire, Saba, Sint Maarten, Sint Eustatius (Statia)

Programme windows: Morning in the Caribbean / Afternoon in the Netherlands (due to ~6-hour time difference)

Contact: dcrw@nwo.nl

Registration: Open on the DCRW website; <https://www.dcrw.nl/registration>

Call for abstracts: CLOSED; deadline was Sunday 15 February 2026, 23:59:59 hours AST (Atlantic)/ 05:00:00 hours CEST; <https://www.dcrw.nl/abstracts>

Conference Themes DCRW2026

- Education, Research & Technology in the Caribbean – Aruba
- Health & Healthcare in the Caribbean – Curaçao
- Social Behavioural Science in the Caribbean – Bonaire
- Ecology & Environment in the Caribbean – Saba
- Culture, Literature & Arts in the Caribbean – Sint Maarten
- Governance & Law in the Caribbean – Statia (Sint Eustatius)

Media Contacts & Useful Links

- General enquiries: dcrw@nwo.nl

- Website: <http://www.dcrw.nl> (programme, registration, abstracts and posters)
- DCRW2024 aftermovie (YouTube): <https://youtu.be/wjOpWhb93i0?si=SjENtoEL6Q37G-fX>
- Dutch Caribbean Research Group on LinkedIn: [Dutch Caribbean Research Group | Groepen | LinkedIn](#)

Key Messages

- DCRW2026 marks the fifth edition of the Dutch Caribbean Research Week.
- Motto: “Together we grow & glow”, theme: “The Future of Scientific Research in the Caribbean.”
- DCRW is a bridge across the Caribbean Islands of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the global diaspora—connecting researchers, institutions, communities and stakeholders.
- Hybrid set-up ensures broad access and participation; each day is anchored by one island and features keynotes, panels and poster sessions.
- DCRW values diversity of disciplines, forms of knowledge and career stages; academic and non-academic contributions are welcome.

Backgrounder

About DCRW: DCRW is an umbrella conference that strengthens research on and about the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and connects research communities across the Kingdom and diaspora.

Target groups: Scientists; government and industry stakeholders; students (WO, HBO, MBO); and broader society.

Programme structure: Six thematic days, each hosted by one island; hybrid participation; keynotes; panels; posters; demos; workshops; and an online exhibition floor.

Quality & inclusion: Abstracts are screened by the Programme Committee; academic and non-academic contributions are welcome; diversity in speakers and chairs is actively pursued.

Boilerplate: 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.

Boilerplate: Dutch Research Council (NWO)

The Dutch Research Council (NWO) funds top researchers, steers the course of Dutch science by means of research programmes and by managing the national knowledge infrastructure.