

Lesson Plan: Climate Change Impacts in Trinidad and Tobago

As a **High School** or introductory **Undergraduate** teacher, you can use this lesson plan to **introduce climate change and its impacts in Trinidad and Tobago**.

This lesson plan provides an introduction to climate change, causes and impacts of climate change globally, climate change risk profile for Trinidad and Tobago that includes climate impacts on major sectors of the country such as agriculture, water resources, human health, coastal resources, fisheries and tourism.

Thus, the use of this lesson plan allows you to teach Climate Science and Climate Change in your classrooms.

Use this Lesson Plan to help the students to understand and find answers to:

1. What is Climate Change? What are its causes?
2. What are the impacts of climate change on Trinidad and Tobago?
3. What are the impacts of climate change on agriculture, water resources, human health, coastal resources, fisheries and tourism in Trinidad and Tobago?
4. What mitigation practices can be adopted to control the impacts of climate change in Trinidad and Tobago?

About the Lesson Plan

Grade Level	High School, Undergraduate
Climate Topic	Climate Change Impacts in Your Country
Location	South America, Trinidad and Tobago
Access	Online
Language(s)	English
Approximate Time Required	60 mins

Contents

1.	Reading (15 min) and Video (5-15 min)	A reading from the NASA Global Climate Change website that includes information about what is the scientific evidence for climate change, causes, and impacts of climate change. This can be accessed here . Optional: A set of 7 short video micro-lectures (2-5 minutes in length) on climate change and global warming developed by the National Research Council, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. This can be accessed here
2	Reading 1 (World Bank)	A reading by Climate Change Knowledge Portal of the World Bank that explains climate change and impacts in Trinidad and Tobago. This can be accessed here .
3	Reading 2 (USAID)	This reading is the Climate Change Risk Profile fact sheet for the Eastern and Southern Caribbean by Climatelinks: A Global Knowledge Portal for Climate and Development Practitioners USAID. This can be accessed here .
4	Classroom/Laboratory Activity (15 min)	A classroom/laboratory activity based on a reading and video on Trinidad and Tobago. This reading and video explains the causes and impacts of Trinidad and Tobago on Trinidad and Tobago and also states the possible solutions to counter the crisis. The reading can be accessed here. The video can be accessed here.

Step-by-step User Guide

(Here is a step-by-step guide to using this lesson plan in the classroom/laboratory. We have suggested these steps as a possible plan of action. You may customize the lesson plan according to your preferences and requirements.)

1	Introduce Climate Change through the readings and videos	This reading titled, “The Causes of Climate Change” from the NASA Global Climate Change website, provides introductory information on climate change and global warming. It contains information on the scientific evidence of climate change, its causes and impacts. This can be accessed here . Optional: This set of 7 short video micro-lectures (2-5 minutes in length) have been developed by the National Research Council, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. This can be used to provide additional information on climate change. They include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is Climate? Climate Change, Lines of Evidence Chapter 1 2. Is Earth Warming? Climate Change, Lines of Evidence Chapter 2 3. Greenhouse Gasses. Climate Change, Lines of Evidence Chapter 3 4. Increased Emissions. Climate Change, Lines of Evidence Chapter 4 5. How Much Warming? Climate Change, Lines of Evidence Chapter 5 6. Solar Influence. Climate Change, Lines of Evidence Chapter 6 7. Natural Cycles. Climate Change, Lines of Evidence Chapter 7 This video playlist can be accessed here .
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2	Discuss causes and impacts of Climate Change in Trinidad and Tobago	<p>Use this interactive website by the Climate Change Knowledge Portal of the World Bank to have your students understand the impacts of Climate Change in Trinidad and Tobago. This resource includes the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Climate Change Overview of Trinidad and Tobago II. Country Summary III. Current Climatology: Climate Trends and Variability in Temperatures and Precipitation IV. Climate Projections V. Vulnerability of Trinidad and Tobago to Climate Change <p>Each section contains relevant climate change information including data, projections, and visualizations. The data is visualized through interactive graphs and users can select different indices, model projections, timescales, and sectors to better understand the impacts of climate change in Trinidad and Tobago.</p> <p>This can be accessed here.</p>
3	Further understanding on impacts of Climate Change on key sectors in Trinidad and Tobago	<p>You may wish to have your students explore climate change and its risks in the Eastern & Southern Caribbean in more detail through a resource from climatelinks: A Global Knowledge Portal for Climate and Development Practitioners of the USAID.</p> <p>This factsheet on climate risks in Eastern & Southern Caribbean includes information on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Current and future climate impacts and vulnerabilities II. Climate impacts on key sectors of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Agriculture 2) Water Resources 3) Human Health 4) Coastal Resources 5) Fisheries 6) Tourism <p>This can be accessed here.</p>
4	OPTIONAL Classroom/Laboratory Activity on the 'Lake Chad Crisis'	<p>You may wish to conduct a {roleplay} activity in your classroom/laboratory to further engage your students in understanding the climate crisis in Trinidad and Tobago; specifically on the impact of climate change on food security and water security in Trinidad and Tobago.</p>

Learning Outcomes:

The tools in this lesson plan will enable students to:

- learn about climate change and global warming
- understand the impacts of climate change in Trinidad and Tobago
- discuss how changing weather patterns due to climate change could affect Trinidad and Tobago's future
- describe the current and future health risks and economic impacts on Trinidad and Tobago due to climate change

Additional Resources

1	Reading	Eastern & Southern Caribbean Greenhouse Gas Emissions Fact Sheet : This fact sheet by Climatelinks: A Global Knowledge Portal for Climate and Development Practitioners of the USAID, provides information on 2011 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the Eastern and Southern Caribbean Region.
2	Reading	Intended Nationally Determined Contribution, Trinidad and Tobago : This report provided by UNFCCC is a submission of commitment towards mitigating Climate Change by Trinidad and Tobago.
3	Reading	Rapid Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment- Eastern & Southern Caribbean Region : This technical assessment report by Climatelinks: A Global Knowledge Portal for Climate and Development Practitioners of the USAID, reviews the application of a rapid climate change vulnerability assessment in the Eastern and Southern Caribbean Region.
4	Reading	Trinidad and Tobago Resilience Profile : This factsheet by Climatelinks: A Global Knowledge Portal for Climate and Development Practitioners of the USAID, is a climate resilience profile for Trinidad and Tobago.

Credits / Copyrights:

1	Reading “The Causes of Climate Change”	by the NASA Global Climate Change website
2	A set of videos; “Climate Change: Lines of Evidence”	Presented by National Research Council, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
3	Reading “Climate Change Risk Profile for Trinidad and Tobago”	By Climate Change Knowledge Portal of the World Bank
4	Reading “Climate Change Risk Profile for Trinidad and Tobago”	By Climatelinks : A Global Knowledge Portal for Climate and Development Practitioners, USAID
5	Additional Resources	Eastern & Southern Caribbean Greenhouse Gas Emissions Fact Sheet Intended Nationally Determined Contribution, Trinidad and Tobago Rapid Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment- Eastern & Southern Caribbean Region Trinidad and Tobago Resilience Profile