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Persons with disabilities, or PWDs, are not a unique community to the Caribbean. Yet, climate change is making it **increasingly difficult** for differently abled people to cope in our inaccessible cities and communities.

Our latest postgraduate author, Senator Floyd Morris, became the first visually impaired member of the Jamaican Senate and now he is giving CESaRE insight to PWDs in the Caribbean and their particular **vulnerability to climate change**.

Senator Morris uses the case studies of Jamaica and Guyana to inform readers of the necessary changes that need to occur at all levels of the political ladder and legislation. Guyana, for instance, has ~ 50,000 PWDs, many of whom live within **low-lying floodplains** which are particularly prone to climate-related hazards.

What's next?

Senator Morris is clear on what is needed. PWDs need to be included in higher levels of national planning, and they need stronger protection and accessibility. **Inclusive and innovative education** will be crucial for allowing PWDs to participate in climate change dialogue, providing broader platforms for them to better voice their perspective.

CESaRE certainly stands in solidarity with this community as our Journal continues to improve how we make research much more accessible in the Caribbean.