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Official Statement #6

TROPICAL STORM ELSA HAS FORMED

The Potential Tropical Cyclone #5, which the Trinidad and Tobago Meteorological Service (TTMS) has been closely monitoring, was upgraded to a Tropical Depression overnight and eventually to Tropical Storm Elsa this morning.

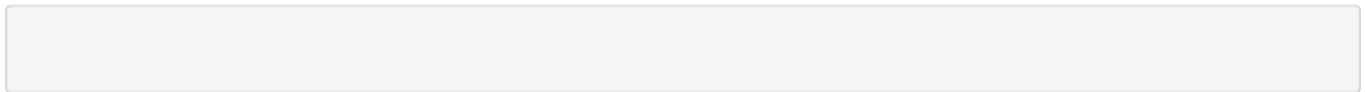
At 5:00 pm today, T.S. Elsa was located approximately 1390 km east-southeast of the Windward Islands, centred near 9.4N 48.8W and moving towards the west near 41 km/hr. Current analyses suggest that on its projected track (refer to Figure 1.), the centre of the system is forecast to move across the portions Windward Islands or the southern Leeward Islands, north of Trinidad and Tobago, on Friday 2nd July 2021 and then move into the eastern Caribbean Sea by late Friday night. It is likely that feeder band activity associated with the system will produce periods of rain/showers and isolated thunderstorm activity with possible gusty winds on Friday (2nd July, 2021) into Saturday (3rd July 2021) over Trinidad and Tobago.

WE WISH TO UNDERSCORE THAT AT THIS TIME, THE SYSTEM POSES NO DIRECT THREAT TO TRINIDAD, TOBAGO, GRENADA AND ITS DEPENDENCIES. The following is a summary of Tropical Storm Warnings in effect for portions of the Lesser Antilles: * St. Vincent and the Grenadines * St. Lucia * Barbados * Martinique . A Tropical Storm Watch has been issued for Guadeloupe.

A Tropical Storm Warning means that tropical storm conditions are possible within the watch area within 36 hours

A Tropical Storm Watch means that tropical storm conditions are possible within the watch area within 48 hours.

The TTMS will continue to closely monitor this system and will issue an update at 6:00 pm today or earlier if the situation warrants. As always, pay close attention to information being issued by the TTMS by visiting www.metoffice.gov.tt, downloading our mobile app (search: TT Met Office) and following us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.





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