

Proposal for participation

Regional Workshop on Disaster Risk Management in Latin America and the Caribbean: Towards a project plan for integrating science and risk management for the region

Dates: 3-5 September, 2012

Venue: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Closing date for applications: 1 August 2012

Organizers:

Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR)

Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the International Council for Science (ICSU ROLAC)

National Council for Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET)

In collaboration with:

National Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences (ANCEFN)

Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation (MINCyT)

Introduction

The workshop aims to bring multiple disciplines together, build scientific capacity, and reach to policy makers in Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) countries integrating scientific findings and the work of risk managers to reduce risk related to environmental hazards and disasters. Also young scientists from the LAC region will be invited to the workshop as a learning experience and to contribute to the discussions. The expected outcome of this workshop are recommendations for a plan of action on disaster risk reduction for the region. The plan will have the form of a project proposal to be submitted to potential funding agencies. The workshop is thus meant to be a scoping activity to coordinate future activities in research and policy making on disaster risk reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Some specific objectives of the workshop

1. Advance the implementation of the:
 - . ICSU ROLAC Science Plan. *Understanding and Managing Risk Associated with Natural Hazards: A Comprehensive Scientific Approach for Latin America and the Caribbean*: <http://www.icsu.org/latin-america-caribbean/publications/reports-and-reviews/natural-hazards>
 - . IRDR Science Plan. *A Science Plan for Integrated Research on Disaster Risk*: <http://www.icsu.org/publications/reports-and-reviews/IRDR-science-plan/irdr-science-plan.pdf>
2. Bring together experts working on disaster risk reduction in LAC from different disciplinary backgrounds and different countries to develop a plan of action for the region,
3. Integrate policy makers, scientists and practitioners from the region to establish a dialogue between science, policy and, ante and post actions,
4. Integrate young scientists from the LAC region in the discussion. On the one hand young scientists will learn from the real example of composing a project proposal. On the other hand, the proposal will benefit from the input of the new generation of scientists.

Young scientists working on disaster-related themes and affiliated to an academic institution in LAC are invited to present a participation request until 1 August 2012. Only requests from young scientists working in institutions dealing with disaster risk management will be considered.

The application should include:

- . A letter (max 400 words) expressing the interest of your participation, the outcomes you expect from the workshop and what you would contribute to the workshop and future plan to be developed in the region,
- . A brief CV including three recent publications related to risk management and vulnerability,
- . The name and contact details of a reference who knows your work.

All applications should be sent to secretariat@icsu-latin-america-caribbean.org.