

FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS

FORIN.

Report of Geneva meeting
October 22-23 and proposals.

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CONCEPT.

- Analogy with air transport accident investigations. (Bill Hooke).
- Probing, integrated, forensic style investigations.
- Template design. (methodology)
- Pilot studies. Reports and synthesis.
- Invitation for major proposals.
- Taking the “natural” out of natural disasters.

Objectives.....

- To move towards “official” disaster investigations following the FORIN model.
- To support and strengthen the creation of a disaster prevention culture, that can function on a level comparable with the natural sciences and humanitarian response.
- Integrate, integrate, integrate.
- Identification of responsibilities.
- TBD.

Development of template.

- Initial list of 20 questions. (Toronto, Feb 2010 meeting)
- Identify a set of core (mandatory questions). Susan Cutter in the lead. March 2011?)
- Complete development of template. June 2011.
- Identify up to 8 pilot studies for proof of concept and testing of template. Several possibilities.
- Complete pilot studies. Synthesize in report. 2012
- Revise template, invite major proposals.

FORIN PILOT STUDIES

Specific
Event.

Recurrent.
Event.

Thematic
Issues.

Risk
Drivers

Meta
Analysis.

Causal
Analysis.

Longitudinal

Disaster scenario

WORK PLAN.

- Template preparation meeting: Columbia, South Carolina. February 1-2 2011 (group of 5).
- Presentation of template to IPCC SREX disaster community. Gold Coast Australia. May 13-14 2011.
- Initiation of pilot studies . ASAP.
- Completion of pilot studies. Synthesis.
- Invitation of proposals for major FORIN studies.
- Review of proposals and endorsement with the IRDR badge.....
- . Future steps..... A FORIN generic proposal?

Potential Pilot Studies

- 1. New Zealand earthquake. David Johnston.
- 2. Hanshin earthquake, Japan. Kuniyoshi Takeuchi, Haruo Hayashi.
- 3. Caribbean, Central America?
- 4. Mozambique?
- 5. UK floods, Ian Davis?
- 6.

Recommendations and Questions.

- 1. Establishment of a formal working Group of 8 to 10 members? Or a continuation of the ad hoc informal process currently working?
- 2. Initiate a data and catalogue of “FORIN – like” case studies at the IPO and on the web site.
- Support / endorse the work plan, template development and pilot studies.
- Funding?
- Common power point presentation for FORIN.
- Contribution to the IRDR Symposium 2011.
- Other partnering and cooperation including with WG 1 Risk interpretation and WG 2. Data