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Report of the
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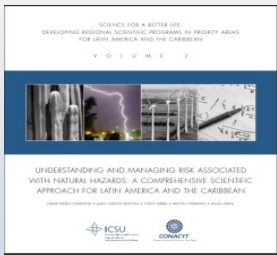


IRDR

Integrated Research on Disaster Risk

Disaster Risk Reduction

“Understanding and managing risk associated with natural hazards: A comprehensive scientific approach for LAC”



Agreement on the establishment of the ICSU ROLAC Steering Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction

Regional Preparatory Meeting for Hyogo2, Chile

Participation of young scientists

Inter- Institutional Committee, Ministry of S&T of Argentina



Consortium
IAI-ICSU-UNESCO

ICSU ROLAC Steering Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction



Regional Workshop on Disaster Risk Management in LAC, Argentina

Preparatory Meeting for the establishment of the Steering Committee

1st Meeting of the ICSU ROLAC SC on DRR

2014 ICSU ROLAC Activities on DRR

ICSU representing the S&T community in preparation: for the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR 2015)



International Seminar on forensic investigations on disasters. FORIN 2014
Feb 24-25



IV Session of the Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas
May 27-29



2nd Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) Conference
Jun 7-9



1st Session of the Preparatory Committee for WCDRR 2015
Jul 14-15



Workshop "Natural disasters and volcanic, seismic and hydro-meteorological hazards"
Nov 19-20



Steering Committee Meeting, Costa Rica
Nov 21



2nd Session of the Preparatory Committee for WCDRR 2015
Nov 17-18



2nd Latin American Forum on DRR and High Ed
Nov 24-26





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Study:

Identification of existing advances and linkages of the scientific and academic community initiatives with DRR in Latin America and the Caribbean

Consultant: V. Jimenez

Work programme for the SC on DRR:

1. Consultancy



a) Publish online the results of the consultancy:

- Review of the English of the final report: Offer from IRDR
- ICSU ROLAC to publish in the web non confidential contents of the report. Joint work with V. Jiménez.
- ICSU ROLAC development of electronic tools needed to post the results in attractive form.

b) SC on DRR to work on a publication to complement V. Jiménez report to define the regional program. It should contain priorities, activities, budget, and actors.

Work programme for the SC on DRR:



2. Annual activities

- a) **FLACSO is organizing the presentation of the Global Assessment Report (GAR) 15 in San Jose, Costa Rica, on June 22-26, 2015. The idea is to replicate this experience in other countries in the region. Besides making the formal presentation, they will have sectorial meetings with different ministries to define a work agenda with each sector linked to GRD.**

Work programme for the SC on DRR:



2. Annual activities

- b) To establish contacts with the organizers of “Understanding risk” (GFDRR) to either allocate the ICSU ROLAC capacity building activity with their conference or organize a regional UR meeting.
- A. Lavell proposed to hold a regional UR event in Costa Rica possibly in May 2016.
- M. Limonta to provide a clear answer to the UR organizers as soon as possible.

Note: ICSU ROLAC is planning to hold the first ICSU ROLAC Annual Conference on DRR in Mexico in April 2016.

Work programme for the SC on DRR:



3. Capacity building: FORIN

- a) To plan an education activity for the end of 2015 + Discuss possibilities for FORIN: Training workshop and study cases.
- b) A new edition of the FORIN Manual to appear soon.
- c) ICSU ROLAC to study the possibility of sharing the costs of translation to Spanish of the second version of FORIN.
- d) ICSU ROLAC should use the contacts already established with REDULAC to promote the FORIN methodology.
- e) M. Limonta and S. Briceño to work on the establishment of a MoU with Universities in Canada and England that are already using FORIN methodology to develop MSc and PhD programs on DRR in LAC.

Work programme for the SC on DRR:

4. Science for policy and fund raising

- a) To outline the structure of an integrated workshop on science, policy and practice, to be held as an annual activity.**
- b) To hold the annual meeting of the Committee together with representatives of the Cuauhtémoc Forum.**
- c) Meeting on sensitizing policy-makers will be discussed for 2017.**
- d) To include fundraising on the ICSU ROLAC planned activities.**



Work programme for the SC on DRR:

5. International Collaboration



- a) To include in the SC on DRR a representative from Brazil, a representative from the IAI, and representatives of the Networks (La Red, REDULAC, etc.)
- b) ICSU ROLAC should find a way to have some input in the negotiations intended to establish collaboration between the Chinese Academy of Science (CAS) and the CENAPRED in Mexico.
- c) M. Limonta offered to work on the widening of the collaboration of China and Russia with CENAPRED (México) to other countries in the region through the regional platforms. He will also work on establishing a bridge between the Russian delegation and the IRDR in China.

Work programme for the SC on DRR:



6. Collaboration with IRDR

- a) To recommend to the representatives in the meeting of the ICSU ROLAC with focal points to promote the creation of national committee of IRDR, showing the successful case of Panama.

Done during the ICSU ROLAC Meeting with Focal Points. Follow up needed

- b) AIRDR literature assessment (Alonso Brenes)

The AIRDR team has used as starting point the draft report by V. Jiménez. A. Brenes is already working on the first chapter of a document that he would propose as input for a discussion about the meaning of integrated research in LAC. He will send the table of contents to the committee members.