



Agenda

Managing Risks of Natural Hazards Workshop:

“Risk sharing and Risk transfer arrangements of Natural Disasters”

Kingston, Jamaica
April 18-19, 2006.

Objective and Context: The objective of the small, informal workshop of experts is to highlight priority areas in relation to reducing the risks of natural disasters. Recommendations from the workshop will be conveyed to the First Inter-American Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Development, to be hosted by the Government of Bolivia on October 5-6, 2006. Among the themes of the ministerial meeting will be risk reduction measures at the regional level, to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters.

A particular focus of the workshop will be to identify partnerships at the regional and sub-regional levels, including identifying specific priorities, gaps and opportunities in capacity building, information exchange and technical cooperation in relation to risk reduction. Given the overarching focus of the OAS Ministerial meeting will be sustainable development, a key priority will entail the identification of options to mainstream risk reduction measures into sector-specific planning, as well as cross-cutting fiscal, developmental and economic planning approaches.

Given the need to integrate risk reduction measures into specific sectors, the workshop will examine a limited number of sectors within which risk reduction efforts are underway. These will include the tourism, agriculture, and water management infrastructure. The workshop will examine how best practices in sector-specific risk mitigation can be extrapolated into other sectors.

Finally, the workshop will recommend opportunities for collaboration among OAS member states in the area of risk reduction. This can include opportunities to enhance the exchange of information and related coordination among different regional organizations, such as the recently-launched Comprehensive Disaster Management plan under CDERA and other examples from North, Central, and South America



Tuesday, April 18th 2006

Time	Activity	Session Chair
8:30	Opening of the workshop.	Dr. Barbara Carby General Director Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (ODPEM) Jamaica Dr. Joan C. Neil Director Office of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States in Jamaica Pedro Bastidas Natural Hazards Specialist Department of Sustainable Development/OAS
9:00	Workshop Overview, Expected Outputs, and outcomes, and OAS Ministerial background:	Pedro Bastidas and Isis Márquez Department of Sustainable Development/OAS
9:20	SESSION ONE: MAINSTREAMING RISK REDUCTION: SIGNS OF PROGRESS OR STATUS QUO? The Socio-Economic impacts of Natural Disasters, and Mainstreaming Hazard Risk Mitigation approaches.	Moderator: Eleanor Jones Reporter: Jean Marc Racine
11:00	Coffee break	
11:30	Session Two: Sector-Specific: Best Practices and Obstacles to Risk Mitigation : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism • Education 	Moderator: Blanca Fiallos Reporter: Lizardo Narváez Marulanda
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	SESSION TWO CONTINUED: SECTOR-SPECIFIC: INTEGRATION IN RISK MITIGATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Infrastructure • Agriculture 	Moderator: Niels Holm-Nielsen Reporter: Jean N. Weaver
15:30	Coffee break	
16:00	SESSION THREE: SECTOR-SPECIFIC : REGIONAL COOPERATION PRIORITIES IN RISK MITIGATION : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Risk Identification (i.e. Hazard Mapping, Vulnerability Risk Assessment) •Mainstreaming Hazard Risk Reduction 	Moderator: Juan Murria Reporter: Allan Level
17:15	Wrap-Up of Day One	Reporters
18:30	Close of First Day	



Wednesday, April 19th 2006

Time	Activity	Session Chair
8:30	SESSION FOUR: Sector-Specific: Regional Cooperation opportunities in Risk Mitigation (continued): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land-Use Planning and Zoning • Capacity-Building and Donors Coordination • On-going information exchange and hemispheric networks 	Moderator: Alberto Maturana Reporter:
10:30	Coffee break	
11:00	SESSION FIVE: Governance in Risk Mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive National Legislative Frameworks • How to Enhance Civil Society Participation? 	Moderator: Marco Antonio Rodríguez Reporter:
12:00	Wrap-Up of Morning Session and Draft Recommendations	Reporters
13:00	Lunch	
14:30	SESSION SIX: Risk Mitigation Initiative: Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) Consultation on draft Managing Risks of Natural Disaster policy	Kari Keipi IDB
16:30	Coffee break	
18:00	Workshop ends	