

## **Experts of the Central American Isthmus work on an Inventory of Applications of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to Natural Disaster Mitigation**

On February 18-19, 2009, over 30 experts from universities and public and private institutions of Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Dominican Republic will meet in the city of Managua, Nicaragua, with the objective of advancing in the preparation of an "online" Inventory of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) applied to Natural Disaster Mitigation.

The Inventory is prepared under the project *"Using Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for Disaster Mitigation in the Central American Isthmus"*, that the Department of Sustainable Development of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS / DSD) is implementing with the financial support of the International Development Research Center (IDRC) of Canada, through the Institute for Connectivity in the Americas (ICA). The project contributes to closing the "gap" between information providers and the final users - the most vulnerable communities.