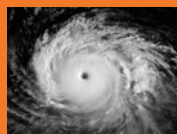


## Disasters this Week – June 1, 2012

Headlines of Major Natural Events in the Americas this Week



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### EDITORIAL

#### **El esnobismo de la Gestión de Riesgo y la Adaptación al Cambio Climático: esas conglomeraciones o conjuntos de bichos**

Pablo González

Ernesto Sábato publicó su famosa novela *El Túnel*, en 1948. En ella, transmite en el relato de su personaje principal, Juan Pablo Castel, un pintor que asesinó a su amante, los pensamientos más profundos que rigieron sus propias ideologías y conducta. Y es muy pronto en su novela, en el capítulo IV y sólo la página siete de 65 páginas, cuando Juan Pablo Castel se refiere a algo que es tan cierto hoy como lo fue hace 64 años atrás cuando Ernesto Sábato publicó esa novela. Me refiero a la existencia de grupos que por distintas razones o motivaciones siguen una causa sin verdaderamente entenderla y, muchas veces, hasta en contradicción con otras causas superiores que ellos mismos profesan. [Full article](#)

#### **Recent Natural Events**

##### **D.C. forecast- Register to Alert DC**

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**Tornado warning for Washington, DC, until 5:15 pm ET – [Read](#)**

##### **Costa Rica volcano threatens to blow**

Costa Rican officials warn that the country's rumbling Turrialba volcano may imminently erupt. [Read](#)

##### **Nicaragua - Ten days of rain take heavy toll**

Ten days of heavy rains have claimed the lives of nine people and affected 1,136 families—or more than 5,000 people—requiring the government to activate its emergency response system, according to Guillermo González, executive director of the National System of Prevention and Mitigation of Disasters (SINAPRED). [Read](#)

##### **Nevado del Ruiz volcano, Colombia: new eruptions cause ash fall in Manizales**

INGEOMINAS who had recently decreased the alert level of Nevado del Ruiz raised it again to ORANGE (eruption likely within days to weeks). [Read](#)

**Hurricane Bud downgraded, dumps rain on Mexico's Pacific Coast**

The remnants of the first hurricane of the 2012 season, Bud, dumped heavy rain along Mexico's coast early on Saturday but caused little damage before it turned back into the Pacific. [Read](#)

### **Other Disasters Related News**

#### **Inter-American Plan for Disaster Prevention and Response and the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance**

Ambassador Gabriel Fuks, President of Argentine White Helmets Commission speaks on the preparation of the Inter-American Plan for Disaster Prevention and Response and the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance, and how this instrument “will constitute, after its approval in Cochabamba, a road map towards safer and better prepared communities and nations, where information and technology to cope with disasters is not the patrimony of a few, who have access to use them with countries in an emergency...” [Read](#)

#### **Elders in Peruvian Andes help interpret climate changes**

Their accumulated experience gives them an edge on dealing with the challenges posed by climate change today," Edwin Mansilla, head of the environmental management division of the Cuzco regional government, told IPS. [Read](#)

#### **U.S - Gulf coast vulnerable to extreme erosion in category 1 Hurricanes: New model to help community planners, emergency managers**

USGS scientists used state-of-the-art modeling to determine the probabilities of erosion, overwash and inundation during direct hurricane landfall for sandy beaches along the entire U.S. Gulf Coast shoreline. [Read](#)

#### **Webinars on Resilient Cities**

A series of four **webinars on building disaster resilient cities** began this week, hosted by the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and the UN office for disaster risk reduction (UNISDR).

**The topics are:** **1.**Enabling risk reduction through urban planning; **2.**How to encourage multi-stakeholder engagement as a key factor in the planning, design, construction and operation or maintenance of resilient cities; **3.**People’s needs and expectations in post-disaster reconstruction (in Spanish); and **4.**How local governments have used UNISDR's Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient and the Local Government Self-Assessment Tool to close gaps and define priorities and institutional commitments to reduce disaster risk at local level. [Read](#)

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