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The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), through its Regional Office for the Americas and in the framework of the initiatives of the Thematic Platform on Urban Risk in the Americas of the Global Campaign "Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready!" announces the

CALL

**Technical Assistance Exchanges between Local Government
Development and Strengthening of Capacities for Building Resilience
Version 2.0 – 29 April, 2015**

Stages of the Call	Date
Opening	18 May, 2015
Closing	19 July, 2015
Publication of results	Starting 30 July, 2015
Development of exchanges	August - December 2015 (Tentative)

An invitation to the leaders of local governments to reaffirm their commitment to the sustainable and resilient development of their communities in disaster situations, in order to contribute to the development of their competencies (knowledge, skills, etc.) and management skills (organization, regulatory frameworks, etc.) on issues related to disaster risk reduction.

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1. Introduction

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, adopted by the member states of the United Nations on 18 March, 2015 in Sendai, Japan, sets forth the need to strengthen management skills and capacities and implementation of the various levels of government as a necessary condition to advance in the reduction of disaster risk and the losses associated with the occurrence of these events on a global, regional and local level. Specifically, recognizing the fundamental role of national and subnational (provincial, federal) levels of government, it is necessary to advance the empowerment of the authorities and local communities (district, municipal, metropolitan, etc.) in order for them to effectively meet the challenges of building a resilient development.



In view of the above, and pursuing the actions taken within the framework of the Global Campaign Making Cities Resilient, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), through its Regional Office for the Americas, in 2015 will continue to support the realization of technical assistance exchanges between local governments of the Americas. This initiative integrates lessons learned from exchanges of experience between local governments of the region on disaster risk reduction from 2012-2014. Innovation is marked by the results and/or products to be achieved from the exchange, which should become direct contributions to local management, and moreover should be replicable at the country level and, if possible, on the regional scale.

The UNISDR World Campaign “Making Cities Resilient: My City is Getting Ready!” is an invitation to the leaders of local governments to reaffirm their commitment to building a development which reduces risk and increases resilience in their communities to disasters (for more information on the Campaign see <http://goo.gl/Llrrje> and <http://goo.gl/F4llvq>).

The execution of technical assistance activities is possible thanks to the contribution of donor governments and institutions.

2.The technical assistance exchanges

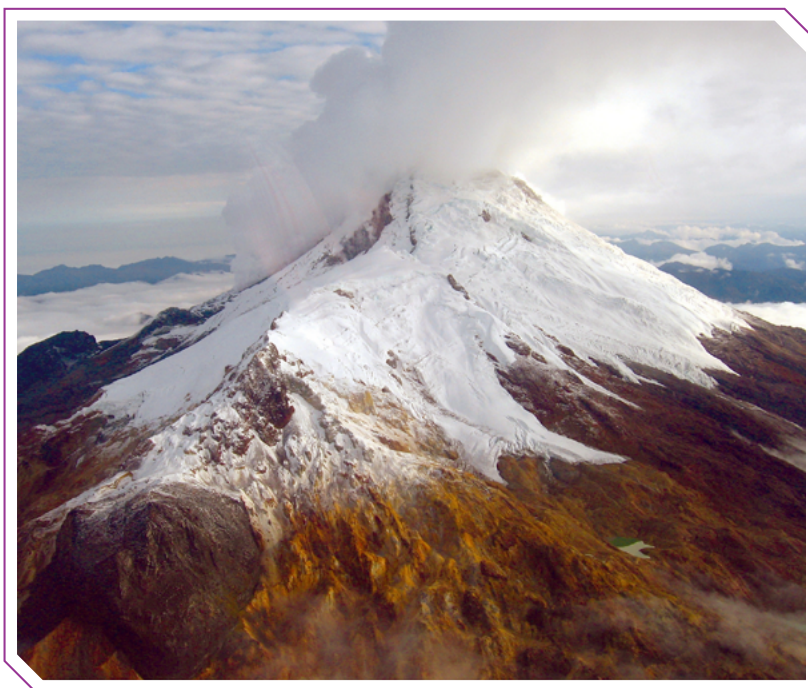
Assistance exchanges between local governments are intended to contribute to the development of their competencies (knowledge, skills, etc.) and management skills (organization, regulatory frameworks, etc.) on issues related to disaster risk reduction. Thus it seeks to strengthen the process of building a sustainable and resilient development, Integrated to the corresponding national and regional development vision.

Local governments of the Americas registered in the Campaign Making Cities Resilient may participate in the Call. Based on previous experiences, the Call will give preference to exchange projects carried out between local governments in a single country. In addition, the application of local governments to participate in the exchange may be submitted by organizations or associations of municipalities (associations or other forms of organization).



Exchange activities may be developed over a period of six (6) months. Selected local governments will develop, jointly with UNISDR and other relevant partners, a work plan to be executed during this period. The exchange proposal may include requests for external technical support, properly justified for one person up to a maximum of two (2) days. This support can be provided, for example, by another local government, a national agency or other institution in the country where the exchange takes place.

The work plan to be developed with selected local governments may contemplate a maximum of two (2) technical visits (1 for each participating local government). The work plan of the exchange should clearly specify the product or products that each local government expects to obtain as a result of the activity. Additionally, it should consider mechanisms for communication and exchange of advances that will be used in the development of the planned activities (e.g. teleconferencing).



Technical visits should bear in mind that the Call will cover

- Expenses for up to 2 people per local government.
- Accommodation costs and stay for up to 4 nights / 3 days for two participants (covered with payment of a stipend calculated based on the rates used by the UN for the country and location).
- Use of the tool for teleconferencing available to UNISDR. Use of the tool must be requested through the focal point for the implementation of exchanges in UNISDR.
- NOTE: the financial support does not include resources for obtaining visas and/or passports. If required, these expenses should be managed by each participant. Travel arrangements will only be initiated once participants demonstrate compliance with the passport and visa requirements of the destination country.

Technical assistance exchanges between local governments may include, among others, activities such as:

- The formulation and/or review of the strategies and plans for risk reduction and building resilience to disasters
- Implementation of evaluation processes of resilience to disasters using the tools offered by the Campaign (tools for assessment of resilience of local governments to disasters)
- Formulation of projects to provide solutions to specific problems identified by local governments. The projects would be developed as reference opportunities offered by national governments and/or other national or international cooperation and funding mechanisms.

3. Commitments from local governments involved in the exchange.

- Each exchange shall be documented, including an audio-visual recording using a reference guide that will be provided by UNISDR. A summary of the highlights of the exchange will be posted on the UNISDR website.
- Each local government will coordinate media coverage, local and/or national, on the exchange experience. In addition, they will prepare a short note to be published on the UNISDR website.



4. Application/nomination procedure.

To apply/nominate, the local government concerned should complete the attached form (see Annex 1) and send it to rvargas@eird.org. Only those applications/nominations using the format indicated will be considered in the selection process

The Call is divided into three stages:

- Selection of local governments, associations or organizations of participating municipalities from the nominations/applications received
- Working together with local governments, associations or organizations of the selected municipalities to prepare the work plans
- Tracking and monitoring the development of the work plan

5. Procedure and evaluation criteria.

The evaluation committee, consisting of UNISDR and other institutions that will be invited to participate in the process, will select a maximum of 6 technical assistance experiences.

Applications/nominations will be evaluated taking into account the information provided in the application/nomination form (see Annex 1), which will be assessed according to the rating scale indicated for each question (not all questions provide points). The six proposals that obtain the highest score will be selected.



The following criteria will be used in the evaluation:

- Clarity of presentation of the proposal
- Relevance of the themes proposed in relation to the issues addressed by the UNISDR Global Campaign Making Cities Resilient and the regulatory and/or institutional framework at the national level
- Relevance of the exchange for strengthening the skills and local capacity for disaster risk reduction



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