

Second Hemispheric Encounter
National Mechanisms and Networks for Risk Reduction
“Encounter of Santa Marta: From Theory to Practice”

Third Thematic Session
Disaster Risk Management and Adaptation to Climate Change (Watershed Management, Environmental Management, Use of Climate Change Scenarios)

April 15, 2010
09:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Santa Marta, Colombia

Chairman: Mr. Carlos Costa, Minister of the Environment, Housing and Territorial Development, Colombia (MAVDT)

Moderator: Mr. Alain Lambert, Senior Policy Advisor, Crisis Prevention and Recovery, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Panelists: Eduardo Aguirre, Director of Risk Management of the Government of the City of Santa Fe, Argentina

Uriel Bando, Chief, Department of Vulnerability Studies in Assessment and Adaptation Options to Climate Change, National Ecology Institute (INE), Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico

Ricardo Lozano. Director General, Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies (IDEAM), Colombia

Introduction to the theme

This session will explore experiences with integrated water resource management, watershed management, and environmental management, in the context of the growing climate variability and existing climate change scenarios. Particularly, it will explore methodologies and tools for capacity building in communities vulnerable to climate change.

This session is based on priorities for action 2 and 4 of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). Along these lines, the session will evaluate tools and technologies for observing and monitoring climate-related phenomena, forecasting, natural hazard, socioeconomic vulnerability and risk assessments

HFA Priorities for Action:

1. Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and a local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation.
2. Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning.
3. Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels.
4. Reduce the underlying risk factors.
5. Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels.

Preliminary Agenda

Time	
09:00 AM	Introduction to the session and introduction of the moderator, rapporteur and panelists, by the session's chairman (15 minutes)
09:20 AM	Introduction to the theme, by the moderator, based on a discussion paper to be distributed beforehand (15 minutes)
09:40 AM	Argentina: " <i>Parana Basin: towards a safer city network in the Argentine Coast</i> " Eduardo Aguirre - Government of the City of Santa Fe (15 ') Mexico: <i>Using Regionalized Climate Change Scenarios for Mexico</i> , Uriel Bando - INE (15 ') Colombia: Integrated National Adaptation Project (INAP), Ricardo Lozano - IDEAM (15 ')
11:00 AM	Discussion in plenary (45 minutes)
11:45 AM	Conclusions by the moderator (15 minutes)
12:00 PM	Lunch

Notas:

The chairman will introduce the session, making some remarks on public and/or institutional policies, based on his experience in his current position.

The moderator will make brief comments or may ask specific questions to the panelists after each presentation, in order to offer an expert analysis of the experiences presented and encourage subsequent reflection and discussion with the audience.

The time available for presentations, introductions and conclusions will be 1h 45m, leaving 30 minutes for additional comments and questions by the moderator and panelists, and 45 minutes for discussion in plenary.

At the end of each thematic session, the rapporteurs will produce a brief report that will be distributed at the beginning of the following day. The rapporteurs' reports will include the moderator's conclusions, the most important observations and comments from the audience and panelists, and conclusions from the working groups. These reports will be the main input for the Final Encounter Report, which will be distributed by the organizers, together with a compendium of experiences and good practices, several weeks following the event.