

Concept Note

6th Regional Dialogue Platform in Latin America and the Caribbean on Anticipatory Action

"Regional Solutions for Regional Challenges"

November 28-29, 2024

Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

Context

The **Regional Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Action in Latin America and the Caribbean** is organized by the Anticipation Hub, co-organized by the Colombian Red Cross, German Red Cross, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP), the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Start Network, and Global Support and Development (GSD). The Anticipation Hub is an initiative of the German Red Cross, the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); supported financially by the German Federal Foreign Office (FFO).

The theme for the sixth edition is **"Regional Solutions for Regional Challenges."** Around 300 representatives from the anticipatory action community of practice in the region are expected to participate.

Objectives

- Exchange experiences, best practices, and lessons learned from regional anticipatory action initiatives over the past year.

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- Promote the necessary synergies for the integration of Anticipatory Action into national systems and regional mechanisms for risk and emergency management.
- Identify regional challenges and propose regional solutions based on the reflections generated during the event.
- Continue promoting the approach of localization and inclusion in Anticipatory Action.

Participants

The **Regional Dialogue Platform** is aimed at high-level decision-makers and technical experts from the humanitarian, scientific, and technical sectors, governments, international organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), community representatives, and the private sector, with initiatives focused on Anticipatory Action ahead of disasters and crises in the region.

Event Methodology

The two-day agenda includes panels, creative and innovative parallel sessions, all following a common thread focused on the challenges and solutions for the integration and scaling up of Anticipatory Action in the region.

Background

Acting ahead of disasters to safeguard lives and livelihoods is not only a widely accepted concept today but is increasingly integrated into the operations of the entire humanitarian system, thanks to the drive and commitment of a strong and complementary network of actors in the political, scientific, academic, and practical fields.

Anticipatory Action provides an opportunity to mitigate the impacts of various hazards affecting at-risk populations and their livelihoods, enabling governments, communities, and the humanitarian sector to act before the impacts of disasters or crises fully materialize, in a more effective and cost-efficient manner. It is estimated that for every 1 USD invested in anticipatory actions, up to 7 USD can be generated in avoided losses .

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To achieve this, forecasts or alerts that define thresholds and triggers are necessary, as well as pre-agreed financing and plans or protocols. These components must align with a Risk and Emergency Management system, framed within a broader effort to build resilience.

To promote the importance of anticipating disasters and crises, sharing experiences and lessons learned, **the Anticipation Hub** has led the establishment of a global community of practice that meets annually, both regionally and globally, in forums known as **Dialogue Platforms**.

The **Regional Dialogue Platforms** held in Latin America and the Caribbean, including Arequipa, Peru (2018), Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (2019), Panama City, Panama (2021), Antigua, Guatemala (2022), and San Pedro Sula, Honduras (2023), have been key spaces for analyzing, discussing, scaling up, and learning about Anticipatory Action, as well as for promoting interinstitutional cooperation among key stakeholders.

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