

# Concept Note

## 1<sup>st</sup> Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Action- Ecuador

**“Because today, from halfway around the world,  
we anticipate events”  
April 26th, 2024, Quito, Ecuador**

### Context

The **First National Dialogue Platform on Anticipatory Actions in Ecuador** is organized by the Ecuadorian Red Cross in the operational framework of the "Pilot Programmatic Alliance" project funded by the European Union, the International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Spanish Red Cross, Italian Red Cross and German Red Cross, as well as the support of the National Secretariat for Risk Management in Ecuador, Anticipation Hub, German Red Cross, World Food Program (WFP), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Practical Action (COSUDES) and the Metropolitan District of Quito.

The 1st edition of the Dialogue Platform in Ecuador comes from the need to learn, discuss, and reflect on the role of organizations at the humanitarian, public, private, academic and community levels in the construction, training and implementation of *anticipatory actions* and their impact at the local and national levels.

### Date and place

The event will be held in the Metropolitan District of Quito on Friday, April 26, 2024.

### Objective

Promote an encounter between various organizations at the humanitarian, institutional, academic and community levels through the exchange of knowledge and experiences, to facilitate agreements for anticipatory action in the face of threats that could impact populations at risk and their livelihoods in Ecuador.

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### The event's agenda will have five approaches:

- Fundamentals of Anticipatory Actions (concepts, principles and strategies)
- Risk analysis (scientific evidence and criteria, community diagnoses).
- Implementation of anticipatory actions (community experiences, decision making tools, cooperation, and financing mechanisms).
- Anticipatory Action as a cross-cutting axis to other approaches (innovation-technology, health, education, inclusion), good practices, challenges and best practices, challenges, and opportunities.
- Roadmap proposal for the implementation of anticipatory action in the country.

The **Dialogue Platform** is aimed at key actors from the decentralized National System of Risk Management in Ecuador and humanitarian organizations that work in the implementation of anticipatory actions, such as:

### Co-Organizers

- National Secretariat of Risk Management
- Anticipation Hub
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- Regional Anticipatory Action Team of the German Red Cross
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- World Food Programme (WFP)
- Practical Action- COSUDE
- Metropolitan District of Quito

### Participants

- German Embassy
- Swiss Embassy
- German Cooperation GIZ
- European Union - Ecuador
- UNDP
- IFRC Climate Centre
- National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (INAMHI)
- Geophysical Institute of the National Polytechnic School (IGEPN)
- Navy Oceanographic and Antarctic Institute (INOCAR)
- Military Geographic Institute (IGM)
- CIIFEN
- Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
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- Ministry of Public Health
- Ministry of Defense
- SISECU- 911
- Academy (Faculty of Geological, Mining, Petroleum and Environmental Engineering - Universidad Central, Escuela Superior Politécnica Nacional, Escuela Politécnica del Litoral, Escuela Politécnica del Litoral).
- AME Representative
- CONGOPE Representative
- Decentralized Autonomous Governments (Salitre, Rocafuerte, Tosagua, Nabón, Santo Domingo, Ibarra, Patate, Rumiñahui, Latacunga, Tena, Guamote, Quinindé).

## Background

The last decade has seen an exceptional turnaround in Anticipatory Action. Acting ahead of a disaster to safeguard life, health and livelihoods is not only now a widely accepted concept but is increasingly integrated into the work of the humanitarian system as a whole, thanks to the momentum and commitment of a large and complementary network of actors in the political, scientific, academic and practice domains.

Anticipatory Action provides an opportunity to mitigate the impacts of different hazards affecting at-risk populations and their livelihoods, allowing governments, populations, and the humanitarian community to act before disasters occur or before they reach their peak. These actions can be implemented through cash transfer programs (In Cash/ cash-based transfers), delivery of goods and services such as seeds, tools, irrigation systems, through programs that combine cash and goods, services, and inputs, as well as through the delivery of training and sensitization according to the needs of the community. They do not comprise isolated events, but should be inserted in a risk management system, framed to build resilience, and linked to monitoring, forecasts, and alerts, giving rise to a system of anticipatory action.

In this regard, since 2015 in Latin America, the **National Red Cross Societies** in Peru, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Colombia, Argentina, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Chile and Panama, with the support of the German Red Cross, the Climate Centre, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), FAO and WFP, have contributed significantly in the region to the development of the "Forecast-Based Action" (FbF) mechanism for anticipating disasters and crises.

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Forecast-Based Action (FbF) is an innovative mechanism that uses reliable forecasts, thresholds, and impact analysis to enable the timely disbursement of funds to implement early action on the potential impacts of extreme events in highly vulnerable communities and seeks to strengthen the capacities of key actors in national risk management systems.

To promote the importance of disaster and crisis anticipation, share experiences and disseminate lessons learned, the Anticipation Hub has led the establishment of a global community of practice that meets annually, regionally and globally, in spaces called "**Dialogue Platforms**", held in the Americas (Arequipa-Peru in 2018, Punta Cana-Dominican Republic in 2019, Panama City in 2021, Antigua-Guatemala in 2022 and San Pedro Sula-Honduras in 2023, in which they have envisioned a decisive space for analysis, discussion and learning on anticipation in the continent, as well as to promote inter-institutional cooperation among key actors.

## Methodology

The event will be developed through panels, parallel, innovative, and creative sessions and exhibition spaces, allowing an enriching exchange among participants.

## Event's themes

### Panels

- Understanding anticipatory actions
  - Fundamentals, conceptualization of ANTICIPATORY ACTIONS
- "Because today, from the middle of the world, we anticipate events"
  - Positioning of Anticipatory Actions (What is their scope, how to propose and implement them)
- Integration of ANTICIPATORY ACTIONS in the Decentralized National Risk Management System
  - Experiences from other countries and key aspects for Ecuador
- Strategies and challenges for the implementation of ANTICIPATORY ACTIONS in the country
  - Key actors for the implementation of anticipatory actions in Ecuador (the topic of anticipatory actions will be included in the risk management law).

### Innovative Sessions

- Innovative initiatives for anticipatory action in Ecuador (5 minutes from different organizations)

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- Observation and monitoring (role of the volcanic and meteorological observer in the follow-up and monitoring of dangerous hazards and their contribution to the implementation of anticipatory actions).

### *Parallel Sessions*

- International Cooperation and Anticipatory Action: Role of International Cooperation (funding opportunities)
- Science and Anticipatory Action (The vision of scientific institutions).
- Anticipatory actions as a transversal axis to other approaches: health, education, inclusion, social crises.

### *Plenary*

- Building a roadmap for anticipatory action in Ecuador.

### *Creative Sessions*

- Faces of ANTICIPATORY ACTIONS (lessons learned and good practices in the country)
- From words to action: Mural of commitments for the implementation of anticipatory actions, generated by the participants.

### *Stands*

There will be a stand area from 09:00 to 16:00 for organizations, institutions, academia, and the community to exhibit their activities, studies and practices from an anticipatory and innovative approach.

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