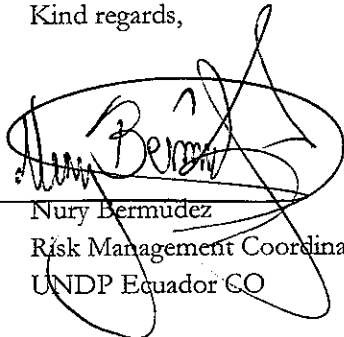


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**Reference: Support for Allan Lavell for the: 2015 United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction**

I write to support of Allan Lavell for the 2015 United Nations Sasakawa Award for Disaster Risk Reduction, I confirm my total support to this candidature. Allan merits this award. During these years, Allan developed a social sciences approach to disaster risk reduction that transforms the paradigm of the risk community. Starting with “La Red”, he has managed to bridge the theory and the implementation, between academic concepts and people’s needs on the ground. Allan possessed of an outstanding ability to conceptualize DRM in a way which leads toward solutions, he is also singularly accessible and effective at communicating what the problems are and what needs to be done to solve them. It is these personal qualities in addition to his high intellectual level that made him a leader of the DRM community.

Kind regards,



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