

GENERAL INFORMATION

INTERNATIONAL COURSE: TOWARDS MITIGATION OF RISKS FROM NATURAL DISASTERS IN THE CARIBBEAN BASIN, KNOWLEDGE AND APPLYING STRATEGIES

November 22 to 26, 2010

In 2009 the Government of the Republic of Colombia under the coordination of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and supported by the Presidential Agency for Social Action and International Cooperation, ACCION SOCIAL, and the Pan American Development Foundation-PADF, started the Colombian Cooperation Strategy with the Caribbean Basin¹, initiative that aims to make available to the countries of the region, some of the institutional strengths and capabilities developed by the country in five strategic areas:

- Nutritional food security
- Technical education
- Bilingualism
- Academic mobility
- Disaster prevention and response

In this regard, and in order to continue the process of capacity building, exchange of experiences and knowledge, which started last year as part of the Caribbean Strategy, is made available with the support of the Organization of American States –OAS- through the Inter-American Network for Disaster Mitigation-INMD, the international course: **Towards mitigation of risks from natural disasters in the Caribbean Basin, knowledge and applying strategies** taught by the OSSO Corporation.

PLACE AND DATE

ESAP University. Cali, Colombia. November 22 to 26, 2010

LENGTH OF THE COURSE

The course lasts 5 days with daily 8-hour commitment.

OBJECTIVES

- Present and discuss theoretical and conceptual issues on the following topics: risk mitigation, reduction of losses, risks completed, expected losses.
- Build capacity for processing and analysis of mapping threats to generate exposure maps.
- Strengthen capabilities to analyze historical database of disaster.

¹ *Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados; Belice; Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haití, Honduras, Jamaica, México, Montserrat, Nicaragua, Panamá, República Dominicana, San Cristóbal y Nieves, San Vicente y las Granadinas, Santa Lucía, Surinam, Trinidad y Tobago, Venezuela*

COURSE CONTENT

November 22	•Theoretical and conceptual (What is a disaster? Mitigation, loss reduction, disaster prevention) •Public policy related to disaster prevention and risk management
November 23	•Threats in the Caribbean •Review of climate change issues •Workshop exposure and vulnerability maps
November 24	•Continued: Workshop exposure and vulnerability maps
November 25	•Historical disasters: Workshop
November 26	•Mitigation strategies •Experiences and strategies for care

SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

The course is aimed at professionals and officials from government institutions of the countries within the Caribbean Basin to comply with any of the following profiles

- Officers whose responsibilities are related to decision-making and development planning in their respective countries and belonging to entities such as national planning offices, ministries of works, education, housing, environment, agriculture and / or property; and
- Heads of the entities responsible for disaster prevention and risk management

Those interested, should send their **Curriculum Vitae** and the **registration form** electronically to the following contacts:

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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Participants must submit two formal tests throughout the course, as well as tasks, workshop, oral presentations, and other specific activities. It is compulsory to attend all academic activities.

It is necessary that participants comply with all requirements for passing the course and get certified.

PARTICIPANTS

The course aims to train 20 professionals with the established profile

FINANCING

Under the strategic alliance between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, the Presidential Agency for Social Action and International Cooperation, ACCION SOCIAL, and the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), the selected candidates will receive funding for the following activities:

- Airfare
- Medical insurance
- Accommodation
- Three (3) meals

The expenses that are not mentioned here will have to be covered for the participant.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 8, 2010: Last date to submit the documents required for the nomination
November 9, 2010: Committee for selecting candidates
November 10, 2010: Confirmation of acceptance to the course.
November 11-16, 2010: Emailing tentative reservation and air ticketing.
November 20-21, 2010: Arrival to Cali, Colombia
November 22, 2010: Beginning of the course
November 26, 2010: End of the course

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