INSARAG Americas Regional Group

2019 work plan

STRATEGIC GOALS

1. Promote and support the building of effective national USAR response capacities
   - Promote the adaptation and adoption of the INSARAG quality standards and the coordination mechanism and methodology at the national level
     - Advocate for the INSARAG external support and recognition process (IESRP) of the national USAR accreditation processes
     - Strengthen the regional capacities to support countries in the implementation of the IESRP
     - Support the carrying out of national and regional USAR coordination training
   - Improve the knowledge on USAR capacities and requirements in each country and at the regional level
     - Update the INSARAG directory
     - Plan the update of the regional USAR capacity assessment

2. Improve the quality and coordination of international USAR response
   - Strengthen the national capacities to receive regional and international cooperation:
     - Support the host country in the organisation of the regional SIMEX
   - Improve the quality and coordination of the regional and international USAR response:
     - Advocate for the INSARAG external classification (IEC) for teams that have a role to respond at regional and international level
     - Promote the use of the Virtual OSOCC in emergencies and training and train teams and authorities in the use thereof
     - Involve the Foreign ministries in the preparedness activities
   - Strengthen the cooperation between INSARAG, the EMT Initiative and the UNDAC team and OCHA:
     - Participation in each others meetings and activities
     - Share work plans and consider joint activities
   - Carry out USAR coordination trainings
     - Llevar a cabo capacitaciones en coordinación USAR:
       - Curso de Coordinación USAR en EEUU
       - Cursos de Coordinación USAR nacionales

3. Improve the management and leadership of the Regional Group
   - Contribute actively to the preparation of the INSARAG Global Meeting 2020:
     - Prepare the topic of strengthening quality standards and coordination through the local adaptation of international guidance
   - Ensure the leadership and coordination of the activities of the regional group:
     - Organise the meeting of the Regional group
     - Coordinate the work of the Regional Chairmanship group
   - Strengthen the communication channels between focal points and all interested stakeholders:
     - Prepare and share newletters
   - Facilitate the participation of all interested countries in regional activities by promoting a financial commitment of each country for its own participation, as well as regional solidarity and cooperation by:
     - countries hosting regional activities trying to cover local costs (lodging and food)
     - the Regional Group endeavoring to support INSARAG activities in countries interested in hosting but lacking sufficient resources

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2019 Calendar of activities

January
16 Coordination teleconference of the regional chairmanship group

February
4-8 Humanitarian Network and Partnerships Week, Geneva
   - INSARAG Steering Group
   - UNDAC Advisory Board
   - Americas planning meeting
   - GRUA meeting with Permanent missions of the Americas on INSARAG in Geneva
25-3/3 USAR Coordination course, Los Ángeles, USA

March
18-22 SIMEX preparatory workshop, Cuba

April
22-28 INSARAG Awareness workshop, Venezuela

June
11 INSARAG meeting in the framework of the IX Meeting on International Humanitarian Assistance Mechanisms (MIAH) in Buenos Aires, Argentina
12-14 IX Meeting of the MIAH
25 Coordination teleconference of the regional chairmanship group

July
3 INSARAG global mid-year teleconference (Global & Regional Chairs and Vice-chairs & Secretariat)
15-18 OSOCC and USAR coordination awareness course, Venezuela

August
6-9 2nd preparatory workshop for the SIMEX, Cuba
20 Coordination teleconference of the regional chairmanship group

September
16-20 Regional SIMEX Cuba

October
6-8 INSARAG working group meetings, Chile
   Meeting of the regional technical support group on the IESRP
9-11 INSARAG team leaders meeting, Chile
   tbc Coordination teleconference of the regional chairmanship group

November
12-14 INSARAG Regional Group meeting and UNDAC regional consultation meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina

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