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Topic

The Power of Partnership: Emergency Response for Cultural Heritage

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Three Key Discussion Areas:

1. Collaboration in times of disaster

2. Cultural heritage can be in the operational area with vulnerable populations such as tourists and therefore coordination for response is needed; Cultural heritage sector can give vital information about construction systems and affected sites

3. First-hand information sharing on both sides i.e. heritage and USAR sectors can promote cultural recovery.

Three Recommendations/Feedback

1. The USAR teams and cultural heritage emergency responders ("cultural first aiders") should clarify their priorities to be more efficient as the objective is shared i.e. save human lives and promote recovery

2. National government is the starting point for the collaboration. We should encourage national governments to share this sensitivity with the USAR teams.

3. Explore the possibility of including relevant information about cultural heritage sites in the existing INSARAG forms.