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NEWSLETTER – CHAIR OF THE AMERICAS AND THE CARIBBEAN

Our Activities

INSARAG Guidelines
Version 2020 will be
translated
into Spanish and
Portuguese

4 priorities in the
2020 Americas Work
Plan

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XVIII INSARAG Regional Meeting and VI UNDAC Consultation Meeting

In November 2019, the 18th INSARAG Regional Meeting and VI UNDAC Consultation Meeting were held in Buenos Aires Argentina. The Director of @UNGRD, Eduardo José González, assumes the Regional Chairmanship of the International Advisory Group on Search and Rescue Operations of the Americas for the period 2020, on behalf of the Government of Colombia. His predecessor, Ambassador @ACDaneri of Argentina was the meeting host.



4 Priorities in the 2020 Americas Work P

This Plan was reviewed by the Regional Chairmanship after the first version was shared at the beginning of the year, considering the necessary adaptations due to the Covid-19 Pandemic:

1. Contribute to the definition of global strategies and priorities of INSARAG.
2. Strengthen the IRNAP process.
3. Strengthen USAR coordination capacities in the region.
4. Strengthen partnerships with sister response networks and partners to increase the efficiency of emergency preparedness and response.

However all regions of the world were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. The adapted roadmap is presented in Spanish and English for each of the objectives for the year 2020 in the region.

See work plan: Spanish <https://afly.co/bkl3> English <https://afly.co/bkm3>



@INSARAG work continues.... ¡ With VIRTUAL adaptation!

Despite the current situation that all countries are going through, INSARAG'S PLAN OF ACTION does not stop. Virtual meetings and workshops have been held in order to review and provide solutions to the proposed activities. All regions of the world were affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, which has a dramatic social and economic impact. The INSARAG network is adapting to this new reality. In the regional context of the Americas and the Caribbean, the regional chairmanship group is coordinating the necessary adaptations. All teams are encouraged to prepare as much as possible for a possible response in a Covid-19 environment.



¡We have INSARAG Guidelines 2020!

The official version of the INSARAG Guidelines is already available, after the endorsement of the Steering Group in February 2020 in Geneva, they can now be downloaded at:

<http://portal.undac.org/pssuportal/portalrest/filessharing/download/public/G5Q4JiskoBUY6N>

This announcement was made by Sebastián Rhodes Stampa, INSARAG Secretary and Chief, Emergency Response Section, Response Support Branch, OCHA Geneva on June 1.

GUIDELINES IN SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

The official translation of the INSARAG Guidelines into the Spanish and Portuguese languages began thanks to the commitment of Colombia as Regional Chair and Brazil respectively. There is a rigorous work plan and a technical team will be constituted with experts from the Americas region to review and ensure that the correct technical language is used, which is necessary for the right implementation thereafter. The translated versions will be shared on the occasion of the (virtual) Regional Meeting planned for October.



To register a new event:

<https://afly.co/fmw3>

INSARAG AMERICAS VIRTUAL CALENDAR

The purpose of this calendar is to share virtual activities in which members of the INSARAG Regional Group can participate. Countries, focal points, organizations and USAR teams are requested to inform about such activities through this calendar.

In order to enter a new activity, you must enter through this link. (NB: a virtual OSOCC access account is required)





IRNAP-GTA / R Design Workshop was held

From April 21 to 24, a virtual workshop was held to design the course on IRNAP for members of the Technical Support and Recognition Group (GTA/R). Thus, led by the INSARAG Secretariat, a group of experts in the region (Argentina, Costa Rica, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru) met to define the learning objectives and teaching modules for this training course for the members of the GTA/GTR. This Course will have the purpose of preparing GTA/GTR Members to implement IRNAP in the countries of the Americas, it will also provide a methodology and tools that allow participants to support, advise and guide an IRNAP requesting country to reach the recognition of its national accreditation process for USAR teams.



KEY CONCEPTS

**Technical Support
Group/Recognition
(TSG/R)**

**National Accreditation
Process (NAP)**

**INSARAG Recognized
National Accreditation
Process (IRNAP)**



COVID-19 environment

The Guidance Note on operations in the Covid-19 environment was published and received much interest. It is recommended that it be shared with all USAR teams nationwide and that teams prepare for possible operation in the Covid-19 environment. Enter here: <https://afly.co/chm3>

The Secretariat is in contact with the focal points of the CLASSIFIED teams and constantly reassessing the situation of availability for a possible international mobilization. An emergency discussion has been created in the virtual OSOCC in which teams are asked to update their availability status in real time.



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