



INSARAG Americas Regional Group

2018 WORK PLAN

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



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Promote and support the building of effective national USAR response



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Improve the quality and coordination of international USAR response



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Improve the management and leadership of the Regional Group

Promote knowledge of the INSARAG guidelines by:

- presenting them to USAR teams across the region
- reaching out to political authorities to convey the added-value of INSARAG
- delivering 6 online seminars on INSARAG methodology
- publishing the USAR Coordination Manual in Spanish

Improve the understanding of the existing USAR capacities & requirements in the region by:

- reviewing which countries have and are in the process of establishing National Accreditation Processes
- updating the INSARAG USAR directory with nationally accredited USAR teams from countries successfully applied the INSARAG External Support and Recognition Process (IESRP) mechanism

Promote & strengthen national USAR accreditation processes, & promote a better recognition of national USAR teams within the INSARAG network by:

- rolling out the IESRP mechanism in Colombia, Guatemala, Chile & the United States

Strengthen national capacities to receive international cooperation by:

- carrying out the Regional Earthquake Exercise in Salta, Argentina
- publishing of the new INSARAG ERE Package in Spanish
- Organizing a training course on ERE planning & exercise control

Provide recommendations to teams with backing & mandate to deploy internationally to pass the IEC by:

- supporting USAR-Colombia in their IEC process

Promote a structured response to emergencies by:

- promoting the use of the VOSOCC in emergencies, training USAR teams in using the tool
- engaging Ministries of Foreign Affairs in preparedness activities

Strengthen cooperation between INSARAG, the EMT initiative, the UNDAC team & OCHA by:

- mutual participation of a representation in the respective meetings
- sharing work plans and considering joint activities

Deliver training on UC methodology:

- organizing a UC Course in the United States
- organizing a course on INSARAG methodology and USAR coordination for USAR teams in Costa Rica
- trained personnel organizing national UC courses in their own countries

Ensure leadership & coordination of the Regional Group activities by:

- holding the Regional Group meeting in Mexico
- maintain close contact between members of the Chairmanship Group and organizing monthly teleconferences
- designating the Vice-Chair II for 2019

Clearly communicate the activities and priorities of the Regional Group by:

- preparing and sending regular Newsletters in English and Spanish

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

2018 Calendar

January	12	activation of the IESRP for Guatemala and Colombia
	17	RCG teleconference
	31	Newsletter #1
February	8	INSARAG Steering Group Meeting
	9	Americas RCG Planning Meeting
	26-1	USAR Coordination Course, Fairfax, United States
March	5-9	IEC USAR SNGRD-Colombia
	21	RCG teleconference
April	25	RCG teleconference
	30	Newsletter #2
May	12-14	ERE Planning Workshop, Buenos Aires, Argentina
	15-16	Training course for ERE EXCON, Buenos Aires, Argentina
	17-18	ERE Planning Visit, Salta, Buenos Aires
	23	RCG teleconference
	24*	Webinar #1: Introduction to INSARAG Guidelines
June	20	RCG teleconference
	21*	Webinar #2: ASR Levels
	30	USAR Coordination Manual published in Spanish
July	19	RCG teleconference
	20*	Webinar #3: Information Management
August	22	RCG teleconference
	23*	Webinar #4: USAR Coordination
	31	Newsletter #3
September	19	RCG teleconference
	16-21	INSARAG Team Leaders and Working Groups Meeting, Romania
	20*	Webinar #5: National Accreditation Processes
October	23-28	INSARAG Methodology Course, San Jose, Costa Rica
	8-12	INSARAG Regional Earthquake Response Exercise, Salta, Argentina
	17	RCG teleconference
November	5-6	INSARAG Americas Regional Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico
	21	RCG teleconference
	22*	Webinar #6: IEC Process
December	19	RCG teleconference
	21	Newsletter #4