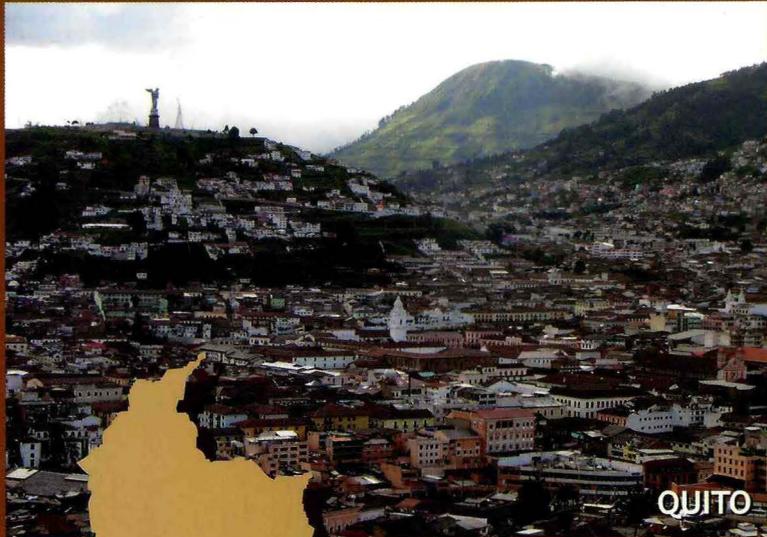




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Andean Committee for Disaster Prevention and Relief

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The Andean Subregion is recognised as a territorial space with similar physical and geographical conditions, with characteristics of high exposure to phenomena such as floods, droughts, landslides, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, fires, epidemics, tropical storms and adverse technological and anthropic events.

In 1989, the Andean Presidential Council, given the impacts of El Niño phenomenon, requested the bodies from the Andean Integration System, specially the Andean Development Corporation, to conduct an evaluation of the social and economic impact of the phenomenon occurred between 1987 and 1998 and an analysis of Andean institutions dedicated to disaster prevention. As a consequence of the meeting of entities in charge of civil defence, planning and other sectors, a proposal was prepared to address this subregional problem, which was endorsed by the Andean Council of Foreign Affairs Ministers (CAMRE) – through Decision 529 – creating in July 2002 the Andean Committee for Disaster Prevention and Relief (CAPRADE, for its acronym in Spanish).

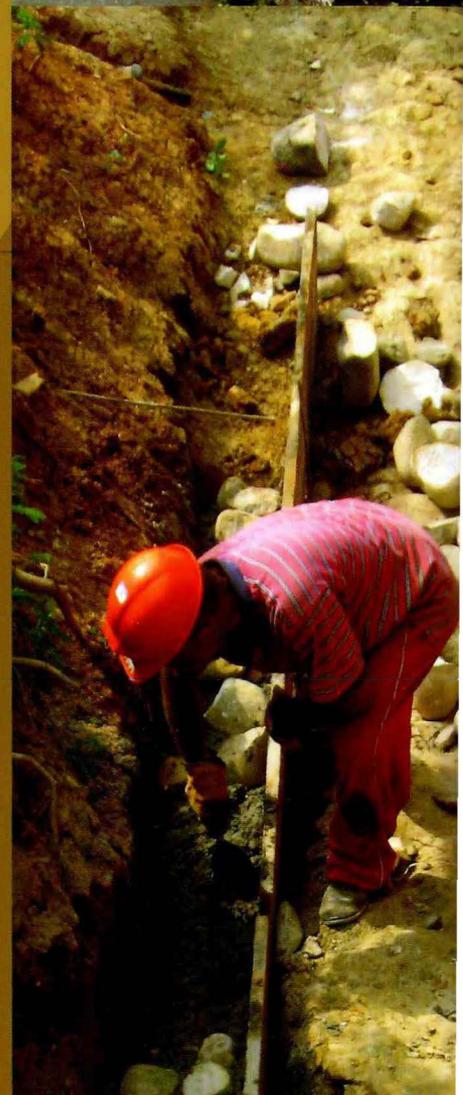
ORGANIZATION

With the aim of gathering in a sole institution the competent national authorities dedicated to Risk Management to act in a coordinated manner, CAPRADE has established an organization made up of representatives from the different Civil Defences / Secretariats / Risk Management Bureaus, Planning Ministries or entities acting as these; and the Ministries of Foreign Affairs. However, given each country's institutional peculiarities, their representatives may include officials from other institutions. The delegations may as well include the number of advisors that the countries deem convenient.

Presidency of CAPRADE is exercised by the Member State heading the Andean Presidential Council. The General Secretariat of the Andean Community acts as the Committee's Technical Secretariat.

MISSION

Contribute to disaster risk reduction in the Andean Region through policy advocacy; coordination and implementation of risk reduction and disaster relief strategies, plans and programs; building national systems capacities for disaster risk management; promote a culture of security, resilience and mutual aid in case of disasters; in order to improve overall population's quality of life.



VISION

A leading Andean Committee on risk reduction and disaster relief; coherent, acting with solidarity, with a proven institutional capacity; and with a worldwide recognition as the body coordinating this topic, which contributes to the sustainable development of countries and the consolidation of the Andean integration.

DUTIES

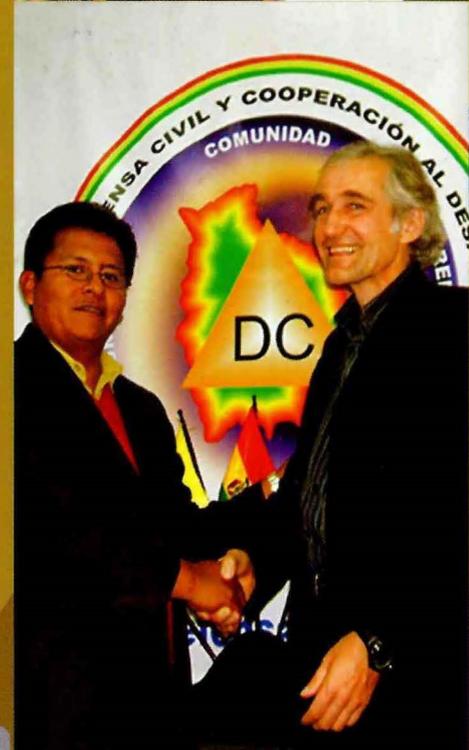
- Integrate and coordinate efforts, so as to include the Risk Management concept into development planning;
- Propose the adoption of common policies and strategies related to its competence;
- Promote cooperation among Member States so as to cooperate with problem-solving related to its purpose and competence;
- Encourage research and knowledge sharing among Member States and with other regions and put together the scientific and technological bodies in joint projects;
- Promote compliance and harmonisation of international agreements on disasters, in agreement with the different existing initiatives in the multilateral and regional level;
- Promote capacity-building within Member States, as well as the setting out of common mechanisms and systems for the follow-up and evaluation of the actions related to its competence, as well as their results;
- Promote the active participation of the population in disaster prevention, mitigation and relief; as well as in reconstruction.
- Relate its work with other disaster prevention and relief bodies and networks in the Region.

ANDEAN STRATEGY FOR DISASTER PREVENTION AND RELIEF – EAPAD

CAPRADE assumed the challenge of preparing a long-term strategy to promote disaster prevention and relief under the perspective of support to sustainable development, advancing a modern approach which emphasized planning at different levels and the promotion and implementation of national and subregional disaster prevention policies.

The Andean Strategy for Disaster Prevention and Relief was prepared with the participation of more than 500 officials from the subregion and was adopted by the Andean Council of Foreign Affairs Ministers (CAMRE).

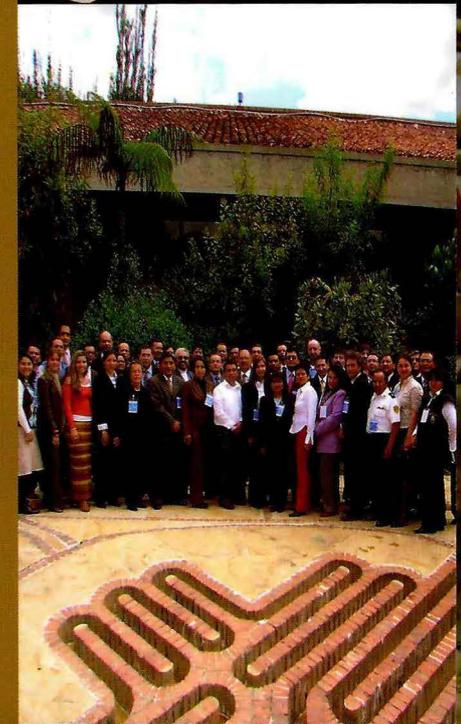
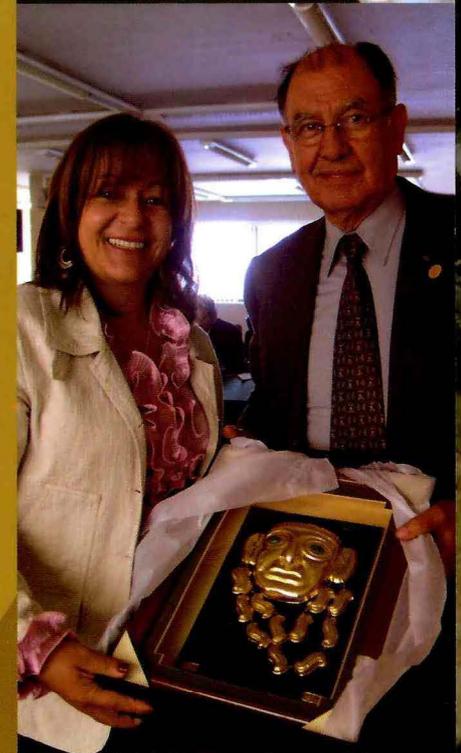
It was later updated and harmonised in the light of the Hyogo Framework for Action, and approved during the XIII CAPRADE Meeting (2009). Hence, the commitment of the Andean Community Members States to Risk Management was ratified at the regional and international level.



CORE EAPAD THEMES

In order to comply with EAPAD objectives, a group of core themes was developed, which included programs and subprograms in harmony with the priorities of the Hyogo Framework for Action, as follows:

1. Institutional capacity-building at all levels, to make disaster risk reduction an Andean national and subregional priority.
2. Promotion of research and knowledge to identify, monitor and evaluate disaster risks and improve the early alert.
3. Promotion of education, communication and participation to build a culture of security and resilience at every level.
4. Reduction of underlying risk factors.
5. Strengthening of systems and mechanisms for disaster preparedness, relief and mutual assistance in case of an event, at all levels.

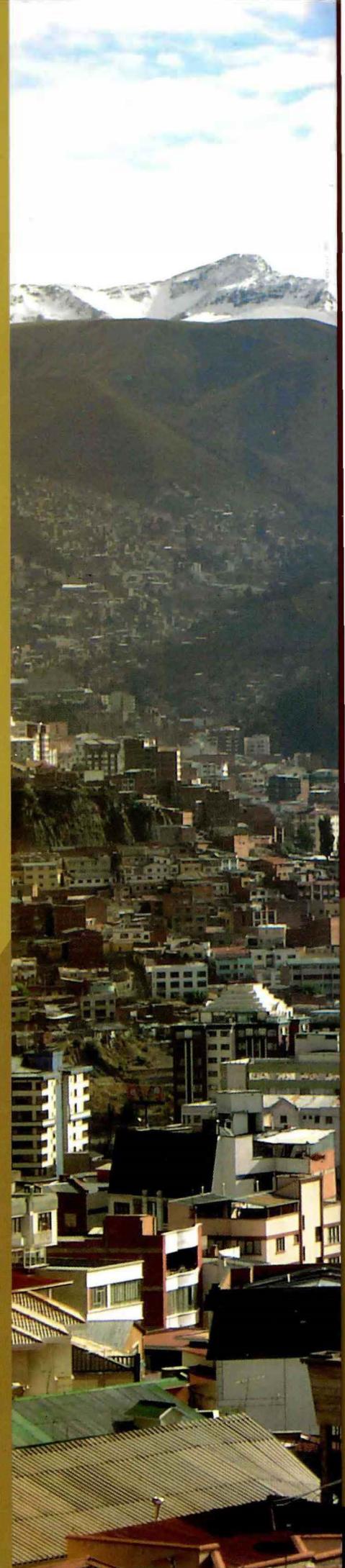


PROGRESS IN EAPAD IMPLEMENTATION

- Permanent coordination of activities through the conduction of at least two face-to-face meetings and videoconferences, allowing for a continuous exchange among members.
- Promotion of coordination among countries in the event of disasters, through the preparation of the "Operations Guide for Mutual Assistance in case of Disasters in the Andean Countries".
- Compliance with the monitoring of progress in implementing the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). This commitment has favoured the harmonisation between the HFA and the EAPAD since 2009, with the use and application of follow-up tools such as the Monitor Template and the presentation of regional reports to the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction.
- Capacity-building and institutional coordination for Risk Management, with the participation of multiple actors from different planning and action implementation levels. This has enabled the definition of roles, duties and responsibilities and a sound coordination and streamlining of "processes", facilitating the management altogether.
- Continuous training of CAPRADE officials and representatives from other national and local entities on topics related to strategic planning, follow-up and monitoring systems and preparation of project proposals, so as to contribute to capacity-building.
- Sustainability of CAPRADE and strengthening of its Technical Secretariat, through identification, preparation and implementation of priority projects in the frame of EAPAD.
- Conceptualisation, design and operation of the Andean Information System for Disaster Prevention and Relief (SIAPAD), under an integrating, distributive, standardised and dynamic approach. SIAPAD has three tools for the access and use of information: GEORiesgo or "geographical risk", the

Network of Andean Virtual Libraries for Disaster Prevention and Relief (BiVa-PaD Network); and DesInventar or “disaster inventory”, which allows generating and accessing the disaster inventory in the Andean Subregion; which are all available at: www.siapad.net

- Availability of geographical and documental information (maps, publications, multimedia resources and contact directory of institutions related to risk management) in digital formats using international standards.
- Development of a subregional information-integration exercise, in order to view the main threats; the population's exposure, regional infrastructure and some economic variables. This information has contributed to the production of an atlas with more than 50 maps and 9 phenomena (earthquakes, volcanoes, frosts, floods, and land slides, among others).
- Preparation of guidelines and guides to include risk management into territorial regulations, public investment, in the agricultural and animal breeding sector and in development planning.
- Implementation of four participative pilot projects on local risk management (2007 - 2009) in the Municipalities of San Borja (Bolivia), Los Patios (Colombia), Portoviejo (Ecuador) and Calca (Peru), which have enabled the validation and adapting of planning guides, the development of risk diagnostics, the preparation of tools such as the Local Risk Management Plan and its inclusion into the Development Plan, the Municipality's Soil Uses Plan/Territorial Arrangement Plan, the Community Risk Management Plan, the Emergency Plan and the construction or sample works to reduce risks. It has also promoted the institutional and community capacity-building, the training of social actors and the inclusion of the risk topic into formal education.
- Political and institutional positioning of Risk Management in education from the Andean Community countries, through the development of public policy guidelines and tools included into national education laws and curricular designs.
- Development of strategic alliances with the academic sector in the frame of the Andean Network of Universities on Risk Management and Climatic Change, committed to the conduction of academic events, implementation of research projects and consolidation and strengthening of academic programs around this topic.
- Sensitizing of communication professionals on the social approach of Risk Management, through national and subregional workshops, news and newsletter dissemination, conduction of a Subregional Andean Contest of Journalism and creation of a Virtual Network of Education and Communication Professionals for Risk Management, linked to the thematic site of Risk Management in the virtual platform of The Communication Initiative.
- Identification and dissemination of significant risk-reduction experiences in the Andean Subregion Countries, through a contest, socialisation workshops and their systematization.



CAPRADE MEMBER STATES AND ENTITIES



BOLIVIA

- Vice ministry of Civil Defence from the Ministry of Defence
- Vice ministry of Planning and Coordination from the Ministry of Planning of Development
- Vice ministry of Foreign Trade and Integration from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



COLOMBIA

- National Directorate of Disaster Prevention and Relief from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Justice
- National Planning Department
- Colombian Civil Defence
- International Cooperation Directorate from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



ECUADOR

- Technical Risk Management Secretariat
- National Planning and Development Secretariat
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Integration



PERÚ

- National Civil Defence Institute
- Presidency of the Council of Ministers
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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