



ANNEX I – Preliminary Agenda

Online Workshop on the Role of Telecommunications/ICTs for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management
for the Americas

14th – 16th September 2021

From 9 am to 12 pm (Standard Atlantic Time – SAT)

From 3 pm to 6 PM (Central European Time- CET)

DAY 1	
09:00 – 09:05	Introduction by Moderator
09:05 - 09:15	Opening Remarks
	Group Photo
09:15 – 10:00	<p>Session 1 Role of ICTs in Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management This session will address the significant role of ICTs in disaster prevention, mitigation response and recovery. It will present discussion on the need for the timely, predictable, and effective information which is much needed by government agencies and other humanitarian actors involved in rescue operations and decision-making processes. During this session the Final Report of the ITU Study Group Question 5 on Utilizing telecommunications/ICTs for disaster risk reduction and management will be launched. This report highlights the importance of enhancing the use of ICTs for disaster management and risk reduction.</p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 2 The importance of Developing a National Emergency Telecommunication Plans (NETP) including Policy and Regulatory Frameworks on use of Telecom/ICTs in Emergency and Disaster Management in the Americas Region. This session will address Disaster Management in the context of the four phases (mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery) of National Emergency Telecommunication Plans; the ITU Guidelines for National Emergency Telecommunication Plans; ITU Online Emergency Telecommunications Tool Kit and the modality for developing a National Emergency Telecommunications Plan and stakeholder coordination. It will also address opportunities and challenges in adoption and implementation of NETP at the national level.</p>



11:00 – 11:50	<p>Session 3 Tampere Convention</p> <p>This session will discuss Opportunities and benefits of the Tampere Convention and its ratification process. It will highlight the importance of regional and national coordination, the challenges of importing ICT equipment and the importance of the Tampere Convention.</p>
11:50 – 12:00	<p>Wrap up of the Day's sessions and close by Moderator</p>

DAY 2	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Session 4 The importance of early warning systems and the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP)</p> <p>The session will address the significance of CAP in exchanging all-hazard emergency alerts and public warnings over all kinds of ICT networks; the importance of consistent warning messages and its dissemination simultaneously over many different warning systems and increasing warning effectiveness. The session will further highlight the benefits of CAP and shared best practices and lessons learned on how to create an enabling environment for leveraging CAP.</p>
10:30 – 11:50	<p>Session 5 The Priority and Importance of Drills and Exercises to National Emergency Telecommunications Planning</p> <p>This objective of this session is to highlight the priority of conducting drills and exercises and their importance to implementing and updating a national emergency telecommunications plan, which is scalable. It is also to increase awareness about the need for inter-agency coordination in disaster preparedness and response, to highlight the need for clear coordination structures and engagement with telecommunication service providers, media agencies, telecommunications bodies, meteorological and seismology service, and disaster management authorities.</p>
11:50 – 12:00	<p>Wrap up of the session and close by Moderator</p>

DAY 3	
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Session 6 New Technologies for Disaster Risk Reduction</p>



	<p>This session will identify innovative IT and ICT solutions to provide connectivity, as well as emergency services when disasters strike including for people with special needs.</p>
10:00 – 11:00	<p>Session 7 Importance of Partnerships for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) This session will address the rationale for multi-stakeholder partnerships in DRR. It will present discussion on commitment to collaborative action for Disaster Risk Reduction and will highlight the multi-sectoral and inter-organizational approach to cross-sectoral issues in DRR.</p>
11:00 – 11:50	<p>Session 8 The importance of Gender Equality in the use of ICTs for disaster management This session will address the significance of Gender equality and inclusion in Disaster Management and how to continue enabling more women to have inclusive access to and use of ICTs for saving lives. It will address how governments, international and national humanitarian organizations, and ICT private sector entities can incorporate a larger focus on gender and women in policy frameworks and the allocation of resources in the context of ICTs for disaster management</p>
11:50 – 12:00	<p>Wrap up of the session and close of 3-day Forum by Moderator</p>