

Group of Organizations of Civil Society Statement at the 6th Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean

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OCHA LAC made a call for attention on its 2017 Report regarding the disaster scene associated, in a high percentage, to climate change-related phenomena, the increase in the recurrence of extreme hydro-meteorological events and the increase of the destructive force of hurricanes with devastating effects for the population, domestic economy and family subsistence mechanisms.

The last June the 3rd, Guatemala's Volcano of Fire presented what was one of the biggest eruptions in the last 40 years. The latest left roughly 1.7 million people affected, more than 12,000 evacuees, 110 deceased and 200 people missing, being the State of Public Calamity decreed in the affected departments.

This is just a sample of the events that called our attention in the last year, and shows a reality that convokes all actors to accelerate actions for climate change adaptation and preparedness of the population in case of adverse events in our region.

From The Civil Society Organizations, we confirm our conviction that the effectiveness of the Sendai Framework for DRR (and the interconnected global agendas) will depend on, to a great extent, in the inclusion of local population into planning, implementation and monitoring of policies, standards and plans. For this, we believe that the region must move forward for building of an institutional and political environment that facilitates the participation of population and local actors, along with enabling them the access to resources for the implementation of actions at the local community level.

CSOs present in the 6th Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in the Americas and the Caribbean, reassure our commitment and willingness to contribute, under the coordination of the States, in order to greater progressing on the implementation of Sendai Framework at highly exposed communities to risks, with a comprehensive and inclusive understanding.

In 2016, in Canada, we assumed some commitments that we have served:

1. We have progressed in promoting the creation and development of Americas Local Communities Forum for Disaster Resilience (Foro de Comunidades Locales de las Américas para la Resiliencia ante los Desastres) which is being developed in alliance and coordination with different regional networks.
2. We have collected, and currently in the process of documenting and sharing best practices of DRR at a local level by using an integrated and cross-sectorial approach in our region.
3. We work closely to the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) and we hope to define a Civil Society Advisory Group for the Americas region.
4. We have participated and contributed to the reinforcement of DRR platforms at every level by participating and providing evidence from the local level.

5. We promote the multi-stakeholder association and we hope to continue progressing on the reinforcement of public-private initiatives.

With urgent prospective, we make a call to governments and associated actors to safeguard the right to development of peoples, by speeding up the implementation of the Americas Action Plan at all levels, in order to prevent losses and adverse effects of potential disasters that delay or set-back the access to development of the people who needs it the most in our region. Accelerate the implementation of participatory and inclusive policies of prevention and preparedness actions for the communities that are highly exposed to risk, paying special attention to groups in vulnerabilities situations: persons with disability, women, children and young people, elderly people, indigenous peoples, continue being a priority in our proclamation, in terms of the overwhelming scenarios of the last disasters which affected, in a disproportionately manner to the most poor population in the continent.

Increase the efforts to connect agendas and sectors both at national and sub-national level.

Social vulnerabilities increase, adding more exposition risk to disasters for the poorest families and communities of the Americas. The interconnection of the DRR with the 2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement, Humanitarian Agenda and the Urban Agenda will trigger a synergy of actions that will contribute to reinforce the resilience of communities and their territories by means of the public institutionality.

We impel governments to the region to review their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) with ambitious plans and goals as part of the interconnected actions with the environmental agenda and DRR. Without this, we can not respond to the magnitude, neither the frequency of extreme weather events, as forecasted in a world with an increase of over 2°C in global warming.

Tackle inclusion gaps in a cross-cut manner, the needs of the groups in a situation of higher risk situation.

Groups that are disproportionately exposed to risks must have institutionalized opportunities for participation in order to influence in national and sub-national policies of disaster risk management which must include and consider the requirements of all groups that are particularly exposed to risks.

Inclusion must be tackled as a cross-cut issue; policies and systems must give priority to the specific needs to deal with specific challenges that the most underprivileged groups must face. Special emphasis must be given to persons with disability, boys, girls and young people, elderly people and migrants, with no exclusion whatsoever of other significant groups as per vulnerability situation or risk context.

Women participation and recognition of their social transformative capabilities.

We make a special call for attention to prevent a continued increasement of the historical gender debt by including women organizations in the design and policy implementation of DRR. Evidence broadly demonstrate the women's resilience and transformation

capabilities, along with their views and capabilities in action will be an important contribution to set the urgency of Action Plans.

This includes, in particular, Civil Protection National Systems and the public institution regarding DRR to apply internally gender equality and diversity policies in the establishment of their structures at all levels, both at operational level as well as at leadership level.

Promotion of Local Leadership and Sustainable Community Risk Management.

Transference and reinforcement of local capabilities must be promoted to identify risks and act in case of adverse scenarios, by institutionalizing training mechanisms and capabilities recognition of local capabilities and knowledge. Prioritization of National and local Early Warning Systems as well as Disaster Risk Management Observatories, among other local empowerment mechanisms. Local community as a first respondent must be trained to mitigate and prevent, as well as to act based on its local networks and capabilities. There will be no resilient nations without a substantive increase of the local communities' resilience.

We impel to increase of resources to monitor and evaluate results aiming to "Localize" the Disaster Risk Reduction.

We call upon the States, International Cooperation Actors and others associated parties to provide funding for a better development and innovation of DRR at a local level, by paying attention in setting capabilities, developing proper mechanisms that will allow the transparent flow and management of funds with social accountability. Likewise, we encourage the states to invest in their governmental employees for them to have a holistic understanding of the DRR, by enhancing the value of the capabilities of each one of the actors and their inter-institution relations.

Local accountability and monitoring mechanisms for the progress of the Sendai Framework in Frontline that promotes a decision-making process with local evidence.

We call to include of evidence collection mechanisms regarding the progress of inclusive and participative actions at local level by obtaining disaggregated information at a local level, complemented by the high-risk groups' perception.

The development of Sub-national Inclusive DRR Platforms must be supported to make a follow up of the Sendai Framework implementation at a local level. Inclusive platforms are key to promote participation at all levels, to monitor local realities with the perspective of the multi stakeholder complementarities and to promote local commitments in a coherent manner under their own realities.

Recognize efforts and capabilities of CSO networks at all levels and its potential for interconnection of actors and territories at a regional, national and sub-national level.

Civil Society Organizations have an important capital of knowledge and capabilities to complement the efforts of other actors in the DRR progress, at all levels. Contributions of CSO networks are diverse and are based on inputs obtained from existing best practices

in the region and the capability of reproducing the lessons learned by connecting actors, generating new knowledge and transferring capabilities to the local communities and groups in a vulnerability situation.

Commitments of Civil Society Organizations

1. Continue supporting local leadership and community resilience by means of promotion of Sustainable and Institutionalized Risk Community Management and promote actions to include this one into DRR policies and strategies at all levels.
2. Continue developing knowledge generation initiatives by means of evidence collection with local leadership participation in the monitoring, exposition to risks, vulnerabilities and capabilities generation for DRR.
3. Promote capabilities transference and knowledge dialogue to implement Early Warning Systems based on local actors.
4. Continue building bridges between CSOs, its networks, communities and other groups of local interest.
5. Promote and support the generation of DRR culture based on four main aspects: understand, connect, cooperate and communicate.
6. Continue transferring capabilities to local leaders and communities in order for them to manage all phases of risk cycle.
7. Implement monitoring and evaluation mechanisms that include local views for the Sendai Framework progress measurement in the region.
8. Promote and encourage DRR policies and strategies with gender equality that take into account adverse effects on female head of households, women and girls in general, which are mainly affected by disasters and promote a greater women's role in the Local Leadership for DRR by revealing their transforming capabilities to achieve a substantial contribution to the progress of the Sendai Framework.
9. Include an approach of Risk Management based on the Ecosystem to promote the increase of resilience in communities at risk by considering resilience, protection of biodiversity and natural resources.

Organizations that subscribe to the Statement:

1. Red Global de Organizaciones de la Sociedad Civil para la Reducción de Desastres GNDR-LAC
2. ACCION A. G. (Red de ONGs Chilena)
3. ACP Civil Society Forum – Barbados
4. ACT Caribe
5. ACT-Alianza – Regional LAC
6. Action Secours Ambulance (ASA) – Haiti
7. ADEVAS Agencia de Desarrollo Departamental de Ocotepeque “Valle de Sensenti” – Honduras
8. ADROH Asociación para el Desarrollo Rural de Honduras
9. AESMO Asociación Ecológica de San Marcos Ocotepeque – Honduras
10. Agencia Adventista de Desarrollo y Recursos Asistenciales- Argentina
11. Agrupamiento Mburucuya de Uruguay
12. Alianza por la Resiliencia – Guatemala
13. Amigos del Viento Meteorología Ambiente Desarrollo – Uruguay

14. AMIR Asociación de Mujeres Intibucanas – Honduras
15. APDI Asociación Popular de Desarrollo Integral – Honduras
16. AQUAVIDA – Bolivia
17. Arquitectos De Desastres – Sociedad Central de Arquitectos – Argentina
18. Artigas 86 – Uruguay
19. ASIDE Asociación de Investigación para el Desarrollo Ecológico y Socioeconómico – Honduras
20. Asociación Chilena Pro Naciones Unidas – ACHNU Chile
21. Asociación Civil por la Igualdad y la Justicia (ACIJ) – Argentina
22. Asociación Coordinadora Comunitaria de Servicios para la Salud – Guatemala
23. Asociación de Desarrollo Agrícola y Microempresarial. ADAM
24. Asociación de Productores Agrícolas Campo Verde
25. Asociación de Proyectos Comunales de El Salvador
26. Asociación Ecologista rio Mocretea- Uruguay
27. Asociación Internacional de Clubes de Leones
28. Asociación Ministerio Diaconal Paz y Esperanza – Perú
29. Asociación Nacional de Radios Comunitarias y Ciudadanas de Chile
30. Asociación para la Educación y el Desarrollo – ASEDE Guatemala
31. Asociación para una Sociedad Más Justa – Honduras
32. Asociación Promoción de los Derechos de los niños y niñas- PRODENI-Chile
33. Asociación Proyectos e Iniciativas Locales para el Autodesarrollo Regional de Honduras
34. Asociación Tesai Reka Paraguay
35. Asociación Unidos por La Vida – Guatemala
36. Asociación Vecinal Barrio Saladero de Bahía Blanca – Argentina
37. ASONOG (Asociación de Organismos No Gubernamentales) – Honduras
38. Associação Grupamento de Bombeiros Civil Voluntários – GBCV (Brasil)
39. Association Haitienne pour la Promotion des Handicapes – Haiti
40. ATRIDEST Asociación del Trifinio para el Desarrollo Sostenible – Honduras
41. AYUDA EN ACCION- LAC
42. Bagulhadores do Mió – Brazil
43. Barbados Association of NGOs
44. Bilu Guidai Conservación y Ecoturismo-Uruguay
45. Brigada de Protección Civil Zapallar-Chile
46. CARITAS Argentina
47. CARITAS Brasil
48. CARITAS Chile
49. CARITAS Colombia
50. CARITAS Honduras
51. CARITAS Uruguay
52. CARITAS, Diócesis de Zacapa, Guatemala
53. CARSAL Cooperativa Agropecuaria Regional Santabarbarensense Ltda – Honduras
54. CASM Comisión de Acción Social Menonita – Honduras
55. Centro al Servicio de la Acción Popular – CESAP Venezuela
56. Centro Alexander von Humboldt – Nicaragua
57. Centro de Asesoramiento para el Desarrollo Social CADES-Bolivia

58. Centro de Estudios y Prevención de Desastres (PREDES) – Peru
59. Centro de Estudios, Análisis y Documentación del Uruguay
60. Centro de Investigación y Acción para el Desarrollo Urbano – Perú
61. Centro de Jubilados Puerto Viejo Bahía Blanca – Argentina
62. Centro de Protección Para Desastres
63. Centro Estratégico para el Desarrollo Sostenible – Chile
64. Centro Intereclesial de Estudios Teológicos y Sociales – Nicaragua
65. Centro Machilia para la Investigación y el Desarrollo Educativo
66. CERT Brasil
67. CISP – Sviluppo dei Popoli Regional LAC Office
68. Climate Action Network-CAN-LAC
69. Club Agrario La Juventud – Uruguay
70. Coalición Clima21
71. Comité de Emergencia Garífuna de Honduras
72. Comunidad de Historia Mapuche – Chile
73. Comunidad Promotora de Resiliencia San Juan Lurigancho-Lima, Perú
74. Comunidades Cristianas de Apoyo – Guatemala
75. Concertación Regional para la Gestión de Riesgos – CRGR Centro América
76. Confederación Colombiana de ONG – Colombia
77. Consejo de Iglesias de Cuba
78. Conservación del Territorio Insular Mexicano
79. Construction Resource & Development Centre – Jamaica
80. Construyendo Sociedad – Paraguay
81. Consultoría Social Integral Vinni Cubi A.C.
82. Convergencia Ciudadana para la Gestión de Riesgos – COCIGER – Guatemala
83. Cooperación Suiza en América Central
84. Cooperativa de Asistencia Técnica Transdisciplinar – Uruguay
85. CopaU – Uruguay (Consumidores organizados de la producción agroecológica del Uruguay)
86. COPRAOL Cooperativa Regional Agrícola Ambiental de Occidente, Ltda. – Honduras
COPROCAA Comité de Protección del Parque Nacional Cerro Azul y Ambiente – Honduras
87. Honduras
88. Corporación de Estudios Sociales y Educación – Chile
89. Corporación Gestión del Riesgo Acción Integra – Colombia
90. Corporación Nueva Acrópolis Chile
91. Cruz Roja Argentina
92. Cruz Roja Ecuatoriana
93. Cruz Verde - El Salvador
94. Cruz Verde- Honduras
95. Cuerpo de Bomberos Voluntarios de Envigado
96. CULTURA AMBIENTAL – Uruguay
97. DIA Desarrollo Integral Alternativo – Honduras
98. Diakonie
99. Equipo Metodista de Ayuda Humanitaria Chile
100. Federación Luterana Mundial
101. Federation des Organisations Sociales du Grand Nord (FOSGN) – Haiti

102. Fondation Eddy Mesidor pour le Developpement
103. Fondo Pro Naturaleza (PRONATURA)
104. Foro Ciudades para la Vida – Perú
105. Frente Social de Vecinos Unidos con Propiedad AC – Venezuela
106. Fundación Alto Rio – Chile
107. Fundación Asperger Chile
108. Fundación ASTUR- Uruguay
109. Fundación Atuca
110. Fundación Ayla- Chile
111. Fundación Azimuth – Colombia
112. Fundación de Mujeres Luna Creciente – Ecuador
113. Fundación del ALTO – Argentina
114. Fundación Ecuménica Guatemalteca “Esperanza y Fraternidad” – Guatemala
115. Fundación Gaia Pacha
116. Fundación Guatemala
117. Fundación Humanidad y Desarrollo – Ecuador
118. Fundación Maquilishuatl – El Salvador
119. Fundación Nacional para la Superación de la Pobreza – Chile
120. Fundación Orlando Robleto Gallo – Nicaragua
121. Fundación para el Desarrollo Alternativo Responsable para Galápagos – Ecuador
122. Fundación para el Desarrollo Comunal y Municipal – El Salvador
123. Fundación para la Integración de Estrategias Profesionales
124. Fundación Parque Nacional Pico Bonito – Honduras
125. Fundación Pro Natura- República Dominicana
126. Fundación Red de Solidaridad Ciudadana – Venezuela
127. Fundación Red de Solidaridad Ciudadana RET Internacional
128. Fundación Salvadoreña para la Promoción Social y el Desarrollo Económico – El Salvador
129. Fundación Social Equipo Metodista de Ayuda Humanitaria – Chile
130. Fundación Social Humanitaria, FUNDASHU
131. Fundación Todo Tuyo María/ Miembro Riadis
132. Fundación Unidos con Propiedad AC República Bolivariana de Venezuela
133. FUNDAR GALAPAGOS
134. Global Infancia
135. GRIDES
136. Groots Honduras/Comision Huairou
137. GROOTS Perú / Comisión Huairou
138. Grupamento de Bombeiros Civis Voluntários – GBCV – Brazil
139. Grupo Impulsor de la Gestión de Riesgos de Desastres – Peru
140. Grupo Social CESAP de Venezuela
141. Habitat for Humanity International
142. Habitat para la Humanidad LAC Office – Costa Rica
143. Initiative Citoyenne du Nord-Ouest pour la Democratie et le Developpement – Haiti
144. Instituto Andino y Amazónico de Derecho Ambiental - IAADA
145. Instituto de Desarrollo Urbano – Peru

146. Instituto de Investigación, Capacitación y Desarrollo de la Mujer – El Salvador
147. Instituto del Río Negro (INDRA) Instituto para el Desarrollo Rural y Aguas – Uruguay
148. Instituto Fonte para o Desenvolvimento Social
149. Instituto para la Superación de la Miseria Urbana de Guatemala
150. International Association of Emergency Managers Colombia
151. International Association of Emergency Managers El Salvador
152. International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences
153. International Security and Safety Protection Professional Association – Peru
154. Investigación en Clima para la Acción
155. IUTUS - Instituto Uruguayo de Turismo Sustentable
156. Junta de Vecinos 4A - Villa Santa María del Sol - Comuna La Florida
157. Klimaforum Latinoamerica Network
Lutheran World Federation / Federación Luterana Mundial - Departamento para el
158. Servicio Mundial
159. Mesa Forestal y Ambiental de Huehuetenango – Guatemala
160. Mesa Nacional de Incidencia para la Gestion de Riesgos – Honduras
161. Mesa Nacional para la Gestión de Riesgos – Nicaragua
162. Mesa Permanente para la Gestión de Riesgos – El Salvador
163. Movimiento Climático de Jóvenes Colombianos
164. Movimiento Comunal Nicaraguense – Nicaragua
165. Movimiento de mujeres indígenas de Cotopaxi- Ecuador
166. Movimiento Nacional de Mujeres de Sectores Populares del Ecuador LC
167. Municipios frente al Cambio Climático – Argentina
168. Network Monitoring Citizen of Vitória ES Brazil
Nexo - Asociación Civil Comunicación para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres –
169. Argentina
170. Observatorio Ciudadano para la Gestión Integral de Riesgos - Guatemala
171. OCDIH Organismo Cristiano de Desarrollo Integral de Honduras
172. Ocelote Artes y Sostenibilidad A.C.
173. ODECO Organización para el Desarrollo de Corquin – Honduras
174. ONG ESTRATEGIA – Paraguay
175. ONG Inclusiva – Chile
176. Organismo Cristiano de Desarrollo Integral de Honduras
177. Organización de Bomberos Americanos
178. Organización para la Conservación de Cetáceos-OCC Uruguay
179. Oxfam LAC
180. Practical Action Regional LAC Office
181. PRO VIDA, Asociación Salvadoreña de Ayuda Humanitaria – El Salvador
182. Psicólogos Sin Fronteras Venezuela
183. Radio Club Venezolano
184. RAPID LA – Peru
185. READAPT – Brazil
186. Red Centroamericana para la Descentralización, Poder Local, Gestión de Riesgos y Cambio Climático - RECADEL
187. Red Chilena de Municipios ante el Cambio Climático (coordinada por Adapt-Chile)

188. Red Cruz Verde Internacional
189. Red de Ambientalistas en Acción – El Salvador
190. Redescubre A.C. – México
191. Réseau des Volontaires pour la Promotion de la Démocratie et du Développement d'Haiti
192. RET LatAm
193. RIADIS
194. SEDYS-Trujillo – Peru
195. Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicanas (SSID) – Republica Dominicana
196. Sociedad Colombiana de Geología
197. Sociedad Cubana de Geología
198. Sociedad Ecológica Conservacionista Aragua – Venezuela
199. Sustainable Development Institute – IDEST – Brazil
200. TECHO – Argentina
201. TECHO- Chile
202. TECHO- LAC
203. Unidad de Rescate Nacional Rep Dominicana
204. Unión de Trabajadores del Campo Regional La Paz – Honduras
205. Union des Amis Socio Culturels d'Action en Développement – Haiti
206. Union Nacional de Productores Asociados – Nicaragua
207. UTC Unión de Trabajadores del Campo – Honduras
208. WETLANDS Internacional- Guatemala
209. World Accord
210. World Animal Protection – LAC
211. World Vision Chile
212. World Vision Colombia
213. Yo Soy Proteccion Civil- Mexico