



CONCEPT NOTE

Title: Learning Lab 2, Science & Technology for DRR: Post-Disaster Forensic Investigation (FORIN)

Date and time: Tuesday, 2 November 2021 (Day 2)

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Jamaica time, Eastern Standard Time Zone (Jamaica, Panama, Mexico, Peru)

Venue: Virtual

Lead organization: Social Studies Network for Disaster Prevention in Latin America and the Caribbean (LA RED)

Co-lead organizations: UNESCO

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GOAL

This facilitated Learning Lab on the FORIN methodology for tracing root causes of disasters will seek to expose participants to multi-state applications. The objectives are to:

1. Present the FORIN methodology and its application potential for various purposes and processes that seek to explain the causality of disasters that have occurred.
2. Show the four approaches that FORIN resorts to and the cases in which they can be used.
3. Identify a list of potential new cases for the application of the methodology in the Americas.

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

1. Dissemination of the methodology among participants
2. Inputs for the elaboration of an agenda to implement FORIN in the period 2021-2023.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Understanding disaster risk is a fundamental and essential aspect of disaster risk management and the promotion of resilience. Evidence from recent decades shows that disasters are indicators of extremely complex processes of risk generation and consolidation. The Sendai Framework supports this approach and promotes the development of activities aimed at better understanding disaster risk.

FORIN is a methodology that seeks to generate an explanation of disasters based on the elements that, forged in the territory, explain why a disaster has particular characteristics; why it affects certain population groups, communities, or productive activities and not others. By articulating development processes and the underlying causes of risk, FORIN allows for a more comprehensive reading from which valuable lessons can be learned to avoid repeating or to correct dynamics that could be consolidating the scenario for future disasters.

QUESTIONS THAT THE SESSION WILL SEEK TO ANSWER

1. What is the FORIN methodology and what approaches does it adopt?
2. What are the types of cases in which the methodology can be applied?
3. What opportunities exist in the region for the application of the methodology in the period 2021-2023?