

L&D Regional experiences and needs

Experiences in Latin America

- **Regional initiatives organized around shared resources**
 - Water (Andes)
 - Land use management
 - Natural resources, including biodiversity (Mesoamerica)
- **Regional initiatives organized around political priorities**
 - CARICOM
 - Disaster risk management, disaster risk finance
 - Food security (MFEWS)
- **Regional initiatives organized around networks**
 - Information (CCRIF, CIMH, RIOCC, CIIFEN, drought monitoring)
 - Risk management (CEPREDENAC)
 - water

Priorities LAC perspectives

- Shared resources but also shared vulnerabilities
- Capacity, technical expertise sharing, facilitating collaboration
- Financial resources for action (making case for finance)
- Go beyond extreme events to address climate stressors that cause L&D (prepare for longterm change, do both better)
- Deal with unavoidable large losses → stable paths to the future, safety nets

Thematic areas, work needed

- Water: drought, glacial and river systems
- Population distribution, migration framework
- Livelihood, sectorial impacts
- Food security
- Early warning systems and how to translate information into political action

Linkages & Synergies (LAC)

- **Functions of regional approaches**
 - Collaborate to increase understanding
 - Capacity in specific areas (share, build)
 - Coordination of policies
 - Joint funding initiatives
- **Combinations of approaches**
 - Synergies in using platforms, building on platforms (like using disaster risk reduction, social safety nets, expanding information to facilitate risk transfer and risk reduction)
 - Level of awareness grows with collaboration
 - Need variety of groups to collaborate (Ministries, risk mgr, climate information, etc.)
- Regional groups: help in sectoral coordination
- **Need:** lessons learned from other regions: what is there, what could be improved upon, kind of support still needed

Toolkits, enabling environment

- Regional convenor: bring networks together, drive collaboration
- Financial resources: linked with established institutions at scale
- Private sector engagement: guidance, support national legislation
- Need monitoring: inform region and countries, international community, tipping elements, early warning
- Need to connect: information, decisions, action

Are existing initiatives shifting towards preparing for long-term change?