



INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR

Dealing with climate change and disaster risk in informal settings in Latin America and the Caribbean:

Theoretical and practical considerations

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Date: Tuesday June 29, 9:00 to 12:30 (Eastern Time)

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Conditions of informality in Latin American cities represent a paradox in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and the fight against climate change effects. On the one hand, informal settlements, economic activities, and citizens living in conditions of informality (women in particular) are particularly vulnerable to climate change impacts. On the other hand, informal settlements and neighborhoods of informal origin are constant incubators of innovative solutions led by women, local leaders, and communities. How to deal with climate change effects and risks in conditions of informality? What do we know about the impact of bottom-up solutions on disaster risk reduction? What is the role of women in DRR in conditions of informality?

This seminar addresses these questions and explores theoretical and practical approaches on DRR in Latin American cities. It synthesizes the results of ADAPTO, a four-year project funded by IDRC Canada and devoted to enhancing DRR in Latin America and the Caribbean. The seminar presents the results of innovative bottom-up solutions led by women in Cuba, Colombia, and Chile. It unpacks how climate activism works in informal settlements, and its main challenges and opportunities.

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Objectives:

1

Explore theoretical and practical approaches to facilitate Disaster Risk Reduction in informal settings in Latin America and the Caribbean.

2

Present results from IDRC-funded ADAPTO project and identify new research avenues in areas related to food insecurity in the region.

3

Explore new research avenues and opportunities for collaboration with other stakeholders in the region.

4

Identify lessons learned in initiatives aimed at improving adaptation to climate change in the region.

Participants:

Universidad del Valle:	Adriana López and Oswaldo López
Universidad Javeriana:	Holmes Páez, Julia Diaz R. and Ana Milena González
Universidad las Villas:	Andrés Olivera and Gonzalo González
Universidad del Bío Bío:	Roberto Burdiles and Claudio Alameda
Corporación Antioquia Presente:	Elsa Monsalve and Nicolás Ordoñez
McGill University:	Lisa Bornstein
Université d'État d'Haïti:	Karine Bouchereau
Concordia University:	Kevin Gould
Université de Montréal:	Gonzalo Lizarralde, Benjamín Herazo, Anne-Marie Petter David Smith, Steffen Lajoie
Keynote speakers:	Roberto Barrios, University of New Orleans, USA Brigitte Baptiste, Escuela de Administración de Negocios EAN, Colombia Ana Falu, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina

Program:

- 9:00 to 9:15:** Presentation of the webinar and the ADAPTO project - Gonzalo Lizarralde
- 9:15 to 9:45:** New epistemologies in (and for) Disaster Risk Reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean - **Keynote speaker: Roberto Barrios**
- 9:45 to 10:00:** Break / Pausa
- 10:00 to 11:00:** **Round Table 1**
How to produce change on the ground: Presentation of key results from ADAPTO. In Spanish
Como producir cambio: Presentación de resultados del Proyecto ADAPTO
Moderated by Lisa Bornstein
Panelists: Adriana López, Elsa Monsalve, Gonzalo González, Holmes Páez
- 11:00 to 11:15:** Break / Pausa
- 11:15 to 12:15:** **Round Table 2**
A feminist perspective of Disaster Risk Reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean. In Spanish
Una visión feminista de la reducción del riesgo en Latinoamérica y el Caribe.
Moderated by Gonzalo Lizarralde
Panelists: Brigitte Baptiste, Sara Latorre, Elsa Monsalve, Ana Falu
- 12:15 to 12:30:** Synthesis: from theory to practice in disaster risk reduction - **Brigitte Baptiste**