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Announcement/ Request for Expression of Interest
Vulnerability Assessment Methodologies, Applications and Gaps Workshop (VAT II)
August 13-15, 2001

In relation to the OAS Inter-American Task Force (IATF) Working Group on Mainstreaming Disasters in Development (MDRD) and its second task - available vulnerability assessment methodologies and gaps in methods approaches - we are pleased to announce that the OAS/USDE and NOAA/Coastal Service Center will co-sponsor a 2 and 1/2 day workshop, August 13 -15, 2001 at the NOAA/CSC in Charleston, South Carolina. The workshop begins on Monday afternoon, will feature invited presentations of case studies of a variety of vulnerability assessment techniques and their application in the Americas. These presentations will be followed by panel discussions on the applicability of vulnerability assessment techniques to development program and project preparation, approval and implementation, including project funding processes outside and inside the context of disaster reconstruction. Gaps in needed techniques will be identified, and recommendations for application and further technique development will be prepared.

These recommendations will be for the use of the participating working group members in their respective institutional contexts, as well as for use by the Working Group on Vulnerability Assessment and Indexing of the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction. The IACNDR will then forward to the OAS Permanent Council policy and strategic action initiatives regarding vulnerability assessments and indexing for formal consideration by the countries of the hemisphere.

If you are interested in participating in VAT II, please provide the information requested below before March 2, 2001. Please send the requested information to the Natural Hazards Project, attention Melanie Dillon, tel (202) 458-6295, fax (202) 458-3560 or e-mail: mdillon@oas.org

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- I am interested in presenting a vulnerability assessment and/ or indexing methodology with a case study.

Title: _____

Case Study Geographical Focus: _____ Case Study Sector Focus: _____

Case Study Natural Hazard Focus: _____

Brief Description of Methodology Structure and Output: _____
