

## **EEI Disaster Resilience in the Americas Program (DRCAP) Geographic Information Systems for DRR Workshop**

*June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017* - The FIU Extreme Events Institute (EEI) [Disaster Resilience in the Americas Program \(DRCAP\)](#) conducted a workshop on Geographic Information Systems for DRR in Panama City, Panama, from May 30–June 2, 2017. The workshop included participants who had successfully completed the online GIS4DRR 2017 course and had submitted proposals for a GIS project. Participants from Caribbean and Latin American countries developed the fundamentals of a preliminary GIS for DRR effort for their communities designed for growth and real-world application.

El Programa DRCAP-FIU condujo un Taller sobre Sistemas de Información Geográfica para la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres en la ciudad de Panamá (Panamá) del 30 de Mayo al 2 de Junio de 2017. El Taller incluyó participantes seleccionados del curso en línea GIS4DRR de 2017 que habían sometido propuestas para un proyecto de SIG. Los participantes de Latinoamérica y el Caribe desarrollaron las aplicaciones principales para un esfuerzo de GIS para sus comunidades.

### **About DRCAP**

In September 2016 the United States Agency for International Development, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) awarded a three-year Cooperative Agreement to FIU for the Disaster Resilience in the Americas Program (DRCAP). The program, within the FIU Extreme Events Institute (EEI), will help advance disaster risk reduction (DRR) by addressing existing risks in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and by confronting the drivers of new risk, in addition to developing capabilities and mechanisms for increasing resilience, particularly given ongoing climate change dynamics.

### **About EEI**

The FIU Extreme Event Institute's (EEI) mission is multi-hazard research synergy across disciplines to reduce human and economic losses from disasters, and to help sustain FIU's Carnegie "Research 1" status. By their very nature, extreme events cross traditional academic boundaries and require trans-disciplinary research and knowledge application. EEI programs include faculty and researchers from the social and behavioral sciences, engineering, computer science, earth and atmospheric sciences, business, public health, public administration, and management.