

EEI Disaster Resilience in the Americas Program (DRCAP) Pasantia for Mayors of the Valle de Aburra (Colombia)

GESTION DEL RIESGO DE DESASTRES PARA MANDATARIOS DEL VALLE DE ABURRÁ

July 31st, 2017 - The FIU Extreme Events Institute (EEI) [Disaster Resilience in the Americas Program \(DRCAP\)](#) hosted a Pasantia for Mayors of the Valle de Aburra (Colombia) from the 24-28 of July, 2017. The purpose of this activity was to sensitize mayors and key decision makers on disaster risk management and risk governance. The content of the Pasantia included the Incident Command System and South Florida's emergency management model as well as the articulation of actors involved.

Eugenio Prieto Soto, Director of the Metropolitan Area of the Valle de Aburra stated, "There is a need to focus on local development planning and disaster risk management within the perspective and context of the territory"

Further topics focused on the importance to develop strategic alliances in disaster risk reduction to mitigate the effects of disasters and catastrophes, and the linkages between the environmental system and disaster risk management in the United States.



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

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