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1ST INTERREGIONAL MEETING
**Urban
Preparedness**
for health emergencies
and disasters



First Interregional Meeting on Strengthening Preparedness for Health Emergencies and Disasters in Cities and Urban Settings

Quito, Ecuador. October 15-17, 2024



PAHO Country Office in Ecuador welcomes you.

We hope you have a productive visit filled with enriching exchanges of experiences and ideas, enabling us to continue working for the health of the people of the Americas.

PAHO Country Office in Ecuador welcomes you to what is also your home.





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GENERAL FACTS ABOUT ECUADOR

Ecuador is recognized for its rich cultural heritage and biodiversity. Quito, its capital, has a population of 2'500.000 inhabitants. Its population is mostly mestizo, and there is a large presence of indigenous communities that preserve their traditions.

The airport of the city of Quito is the Mariscal Sucre International Airport, which is located in the Tababela sector, 45 minutes from the center of the capital.





GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ECUADOR



Required documentation

- To enter Ecuador, you must have a valid passport.
- Citizens of the Andean Community may enter Ecuador with their identity card or citizenship card.
- Upon entry, you must present your documents along with a customs declaration form, which will be provided to you before landing in Ecuadorian territory.
- During internal activities and mobilizations, it is recommended to use only one form of identification.



Climate

- Quito has a temperate climate with temperatures between 10°C and 20°C.
 - The city experiences rapid temperature changes throughout the day and possible rainfall in the afternoon.
 - Due to the altitude of the city (2850 meters) it is possible to experience mild symptoms, such as dizziness or cold, so it is recommended to wear a warm upper garment and avoid physical and avoid physical effort until you have fully adapted to the climate.
- Due to solar radiation, it is recommended to use of
- sunscreen.



Currency

- The official currency is the US dollar. Most businesses accept bills up to \$20.
- If you have higher denomination bills, it is recommended to exchange them for smaller bills or coins at official exchange offices located at the airport.
- If you use credit cards, they must have international authorization to make payments in Ecuador.



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ECUADOR



Transport

- The taxi service from the airport to the hotel costs \$25.
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- The city has an integrated public transportation system, with fares ranging from \$0.35 to \$0.45 per trip.
- For getting around the city, you can take a hotel taxi, which offers packages for trips, hours, or days.
- Payment for transportation services can be made in cash or through credit card applications.



Accommodation

- Event participants will be accommodated at the Swissôtel Quito (Av. 12 de Octubre 1820 y Luis Cordero, Quito-Ecuador). Phone: +593 2 393 5200.
- The hotel is centrally located, providing easy access to strategic points in the city, such as government offices and the Historic Center of Quito, where the Presidential Palace and the Quito Municipality are located.
- The hotel features specialized meeting areas, restaurants, and an in-house store that includes a pharmacy and Ecuadorian handicrafts.



Food

- The hotel has 3 international cuisine restaurants and offers specialized menu services.
- If you require meals outside the hotel, there is a list of options and transportation available from the hotel to the city's signature restaurants.



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ECUADOR



Security

- It is recommended to comply with the security parameters established by the organization.
- In case of emergency, contact the Integrated Security System - ECU 911.
- If you require assistance, contact the United Nations Security Operations Center, available 24/7, at +593 98 539 6562 (Glenda Criollo).



Connectivity

- In Ecuador, the most common types of electrical connections are Type A and Type B. These are the same types used in much of North America and many other countries around the world.
- Type A: Has two parallel flat pins.
- Type B: Similar to Type A but includes a third round pin for grounding.
- The standard voltage for electrical appliances is 120 volts at a frequency of 60 hertz.

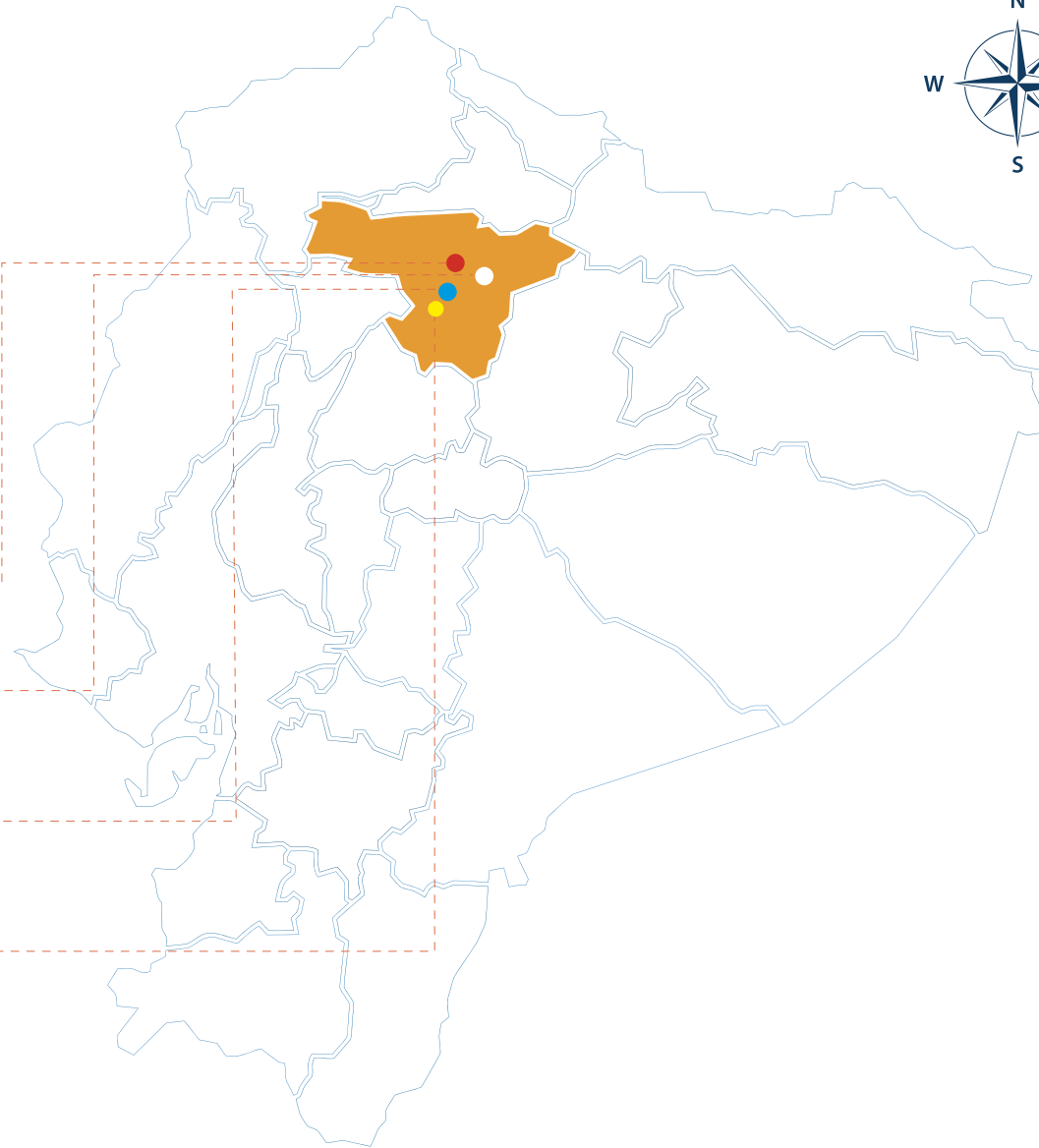
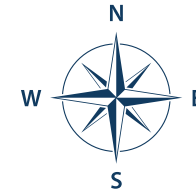
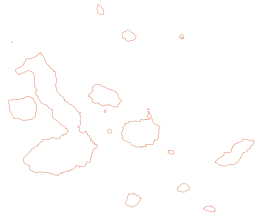


Sector Authorities

- President of the Republic, Daniel Noboa.
- Minister of Health, Antonio Naranjo Paz y Miño.
- Vice Minister of Health Governance, Eduardo Alejandro Herdoiza Arroyo.
- Vice Minister of Comprehensive Health Care, Andrea Stefania Prado Cabrera.
- Mayor of Quito, Pabel Muñoz.



STRATEGIC LOCATIONS



- Quito.
- Mariscal Sucre Airport in Quito.
- Swissôtel Quito
- Metropolitan Cultural Center of Quito.



WORK AGENDA

DATE 	PLACE 	SESSION 
<p>Tuesday 15th October 2024</p>	<p>Swissôtel Quito</p>	<p>08:30 Registration of participants.</p>
		<p>09:00 Session 1. Opening - Overview of the initiative</p>
		<p>10:00 Session 2. Presentation - Progress and successful experiences in the implementation of the initiative.</p>
		<p>11:00 Break</p>
		<p>11:10 Session 3. Risk assessment in cities and urban environments.</p>
		<p>13:00 Lunch.</p>
		<p>14:00 Panel Discussion: Main challenges facing cities and urban environments in the face of climate change.</p>
		<p>15:00 Break.</p>
		<p>15:30 Session 4: Side Events: Strengthening preparedness for response and recovery in urban environments and cities.</p>
<p>17:00 Summary and conclusions.</p>		





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DATE 	PLACE 	SESSION 
Wednesday, October 16th 2024	Cultural Center Metropolitan	08:30 Registration and Welcome to the authorities.
		09:00 Session 5. Inaugural Session.
		10:40 Group photo.
		11:00 Session 6. Inclusion and Accessibility.
		12:00 Session 7. International success stories: Resiliency in cities and Urban settings.
		13:00 Lunch.
		14:00 Session 8: Preparedness for pandemics caused by respiratory pathogens: experiences from urban environments and cities.
		19:30 Conclusions and closing.



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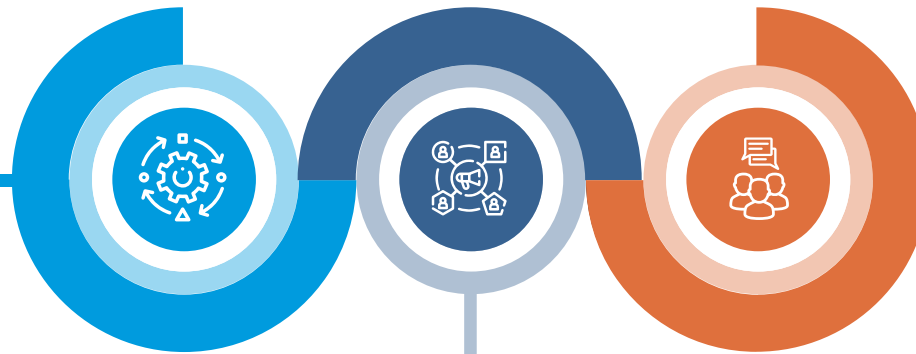
DATE 	PLACE 	SESSION 
Thursday 17th October 2024	Swissôtel Quito	08:30 Registration of participants.
		09:00 Session 9. Regional Implementation and Expansion Strategy.
		09:30 Group Work Workshop: Construction of the Regional Strategy for expansion of the initiative and construction of evidence.
		11:00 Break.
		11: 15 Presentation of strategies by working group.
		12:00 Interactive exercise: Evidence-based strategic planning. Importance of data collection and indicators for informed decision-making.
		13:00 Lunch.
		14:00 Conclusions and closing of the event.



OUR OBJECTIVES

1

Evaluate the progress of the initiative.



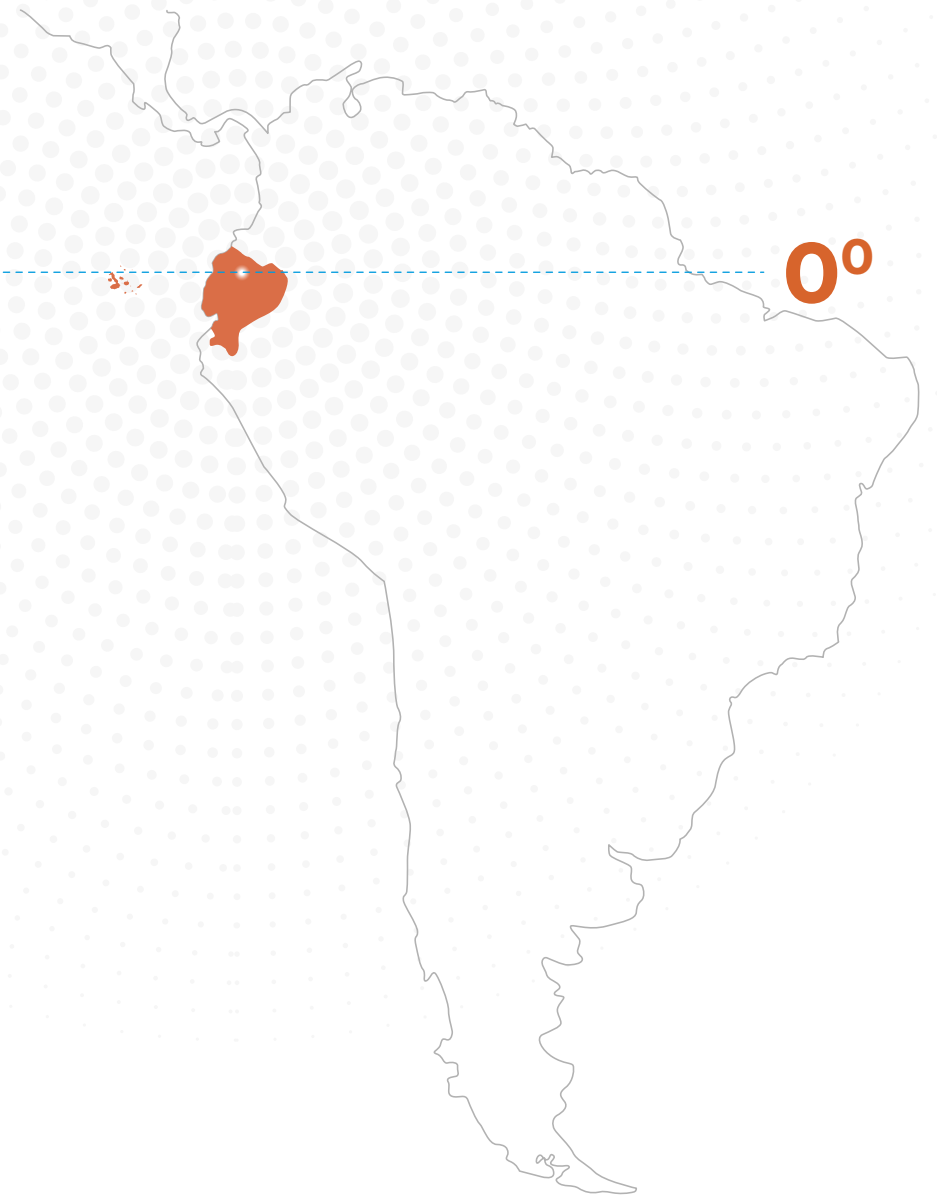
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Facilitate the exchange of experiences and lessons learned among participating cities and other regions of the world

3

To formulate in a participatory manner regional strategic lines of work for the expansion of the initiative in the region of the initiative in the region

Welcome to Ecuador



Logistical support and mobilization



Magdalena Alcócer



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