

Save the date: RP23 will be held from February 28 to March 2, 2023, in Uruguay

The government of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction - Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean, are pleased to announce that the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean (RP23) will be held from February 28 to March 2 in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

"The RP23 will be a key event for the region, as it takes place right in the mid-term of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030), so it will serve not only to review regional progress, but also to look at the main challenges in building a resilient future. Along with Uruguay, we will build a space to design policies to strengthen comprehensive risk management and the development of multi-hazard early warning systems in the region," said Raúl Salazar, chief of UNDRR - Regional Office for the Americas and the Caribbean.

"Disaster risk management policies and practices must be based on a comprehensive understanding of risk. Such knowledge is essential for pre-disaster risk assessment, for prevention, for mitigation once risk occurs, and for the implementation of appropriate preparedness and response measures to effectively and comprehensively address emergencies and disasters. And for all these issues, technology is a key element. This is why in this eighth edition we will focus on technological issues," said Sergio Rico, national director of the National Emergency System (Sinae) of Uruguay.

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged all systems and sectors across the globe, and has become a learning opportunity in terms of systemic risk and multi-hazards. This event is an opportunity to deepen the dialogue around common issues, to capitalize on experiences, good practices and lessons learned, and to contribute to the implementation of our regional and global commitments, such as the Sendai Framework.

The RP23 is a further step in disaster risk reduction that will result in better living conditions for our region.

More details of the event will be available in the coming weeks at <u>undrr.org</u>



