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Purposes of the Northwest South America Flash Flood Guidance System (NWSAFFGS) Initial Planning Meeting



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Purposes of the NWSAFFGS IPM

- To present and discuss the needs for flash flood forecasting and early warnings in the Northwest South America region, dissemination procedures and protocols for warning populations at risk, and coordination among the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and the Disaster Management Agencies;
- To reach agreement with countries on their intent to participate in the project, including an understanding of their responsibilities, and the determination of a Regional Centre for the project.



Expected Outcomes of the NWSAFFGS IPM

- Understanding of local, regional and international cooperation among related institutions and organizations to reduce the adverse effects of flash floods;
- Understanding of flash flood guidance system concept, its implementation and data requirements among participants;
- Achieve a robust commitment by all participants to actively engage in the regional and national implementation of the project for the benefit of the region;



Expected Outcomes of the NWSAFFGS IPM

- Countries indicate their desire (or not) to be part of the NWSAFFGS;
- Basic agreement on potential project plan and its implementation;
 - Initially large focus on system development and implementation as well as undertaking extensive training,
 - System evaluation, fine tuning, and validation of system outputs.



Thank you

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