



Focusing On

- **Populations and Settlements**
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The University of South Florida's **Center for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance (CDMHA)**, the **USF Globalization Research Center**, and the **Organization of American States' Unit for Sustainable Development and Environment**, invite your participation in an hemispheric conference on the impact of natural hazards on Trade Corridors. Policy makers from financial institutions, government, academia, and the private sector will examine *Trade Corridors* as the goods and service production and distribution areas that cut across the nations and regions of the Western Hemisphere.

The purpose of the conference is the promotion of research, training, and technology transfer toward reducing the vulnerability of trade corridor human populations and health, water/natural resources, and urban information and transportation infrastructure to the impacts of natural and technological hazards.

The conference's primary goals are building inter-disciplinary networks, developing a policy agenda for Trade Corridor vulnerability reduction, and promoting the sustainable development of key components of Trade Corridors. The conference format will utilize both general assemblies (presentations) and breakout sessions (panel discussions).

Hazards vulnerability will be addressed through the following sub-themes:

1. Historical impacts of natural and technological hazards on Trade Corridors-
2. Resilience/recovery of Trade Corridors from disasters
3. Mitigation Strategies for reducing vulnerability of Trade Corridors to future events.

Trade Corridors exist within the following major trade agreement areas: North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM), the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), the Andean Community of Nations (CAN), and the Central America Common Market (MCCA).

For more information:

- To have your name added to the email and/or snail mail lists for conference updates, please email or fax your contact information to Erica Thomas at ethomas@hsc.usf.edu or FAX 813-974-7860.
- For more information regarding content, please go to the CDMHA website: www.cdmha.org
- If you are interested in being a speaker or moderator please contact Nick Colmenares, Project Director, at ERMNOW@aol.com.
- If you are interested in being a sponsor or exhibitor, please contact Tracey Ryan at tryan@hsc.usf.edu.
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