

The Global Crisis Room Support Programme starts capacity development activities in Washington, D.C.

Washington, United States – The first training course of the Global Crisis Room Support Programme (GCRSP) will start on the 13th of July in Washington, D.C. Personnel from the Organization of American States (OAS) will participate in this first training course on researching information from public sources.

This training course is part of a two-year capacity development initiative of the European Union to support Latin American and Caribbean regional organizations and their Member States to enhance their conflict early-warning capabilities through tailored human capacity development measures. This training programme is being hosted in collaboration with the OAS.

A total of 15 experts from the Department of Sustainable Democracy and Special Missions (DSDSM), the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia (MAPP/OAS), the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), and the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security (SMS) will participate in the training. Over five days they will develop a range of skills including how to monitor social media information for crisis support, the use of data processing tools and the principles of safer searching. This training will improve participants' capacities to anticipate potential crises with the help of open source media.

The Global Crisis Room Support Programme (GCRSP) aims to build and strengthen crisis response and early warning capacity in the Latin American and Caribbean region. The organizations participating in this capacity development programme are: the Organization of American States ([OAS](#)), the Implementation Agency for Crime and Security ([IMPACS](#)) and its two sub-agencies the Regional Intelligence Fusion Center ([RIFC](#)) and the Joint Regional Communication Centre ([JRCC](#)), the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency ([CDEMA](#)), the Caribbean Public Health Agency ([CARPHA](#)) and the Regional Security System ([RSS](#)). The programme will end in January 2017 and comprises of three phases: foundational skills, advanced analytical disciplines and development of professional skills. The GCRSP also seeks to improve the interconnectivity between crisis response centres within the region as well as strengthen cooperation with the EU Situation Room and other EU institutions in the field of crisis response and early warning. Activities include training, workshops and technical information sessions in Europe, covering risk and scenario analysis, early warning, conflict analysis, open source information, knowledge management, and other related topics. The GCRSP has a global approach; the present project however focuses on the Latin American and Caribbean Region. GCRSP is funded by the European Union and managed by the [EUNIDA](#) network.

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