

Breakout Group Discussion Questions – Alliance for Response Forum

Please lead your table group through the below discussion questions and identify a speaker to summarize your discussion with the group. We will go through with each question one at a time with discussion before moving on to the next (provided time is not an issue).

1. How would you prioritize the emergency management needs in your city/region in terms of information resources, planning, mitigation measures, training, available supplies, communications, etc.?
2. Have you identified hazards that you may face in your area and the level of risk?
3. Please discuss available resources in your city/region. Do you need support identifying resources?
4. Are there any disaster recovery supplies, resources, or subject matter expertise that your institution or agency/organization can offer to the group?
5. What steps would you outline to continue the dialogue begun at this Forum? Who should be included in the discussions?

To help focus on these questions, consider the following:

1. What is the status of current disaster mitigation planning for your institution, or, for first responders, your familiarity with your local cultural heritage institutions' disaster plans? Are you willing to share your institution's plan as a model?
2. Have you prioritized your collection for emergency salvage purposes? If so, how were these decisions made?
3. Have members of your institution's staff had training on disaster mitigation planning? Is there a need for such training?
4. Does a level of cooperation currently exist between cultural heritage institutions? Between the institutions and first responders?
5. What community-based or regional resources are available? What could be developed, both short- and long-term?
6. Would your institution be willing to store copies of the disaster plans of other members of your group for safekeeping?
7. What are the most pressing needs for your region in order to facilitate cooperative response?
8. Who from the region should be involved in developing a cooperative disaster mitigation plan?