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Panama works on national emergency telecom plan

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Summary

ASEP and the International Telecommunication Union held a two-day meeting in Panama on emergency telecommunications, working toward a National Emergency Telecommunications Plan. ASEP said networks stayed largely operational after the 9 October earthquake.

Details (summary of the article)

Panama hosted a two-day meeting on emergency telecommunications organised by the International Telecommunication Union with support from the national public services authority ASEP. The main item on the agenda was the design of a National Emergency Telecommunications Plan setting out procedures, coordination mechanisms between institutions and measures to keep communication networks running during emergencies. Officials stressed that working telecoms are essential for alerting the public and coordinating responders during floods, earthquakes and landslides. ASEP's telecommunications director Alkin Saucedo said that after the 9 October earthquake networks and services remained active and resilient, with only localised suspensions, thanks to coordination with telecom and power distribution companies. The meeting also allowed exchange of technical experience and international good practice. The goal is stronger planning and institutional preparedness for future crises.

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PANAMÁ REÚNE A EXPERTOS PARA FORTALECER LAS TELECOMUNICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA ANTE DESASTRES Y CRISIS

Panamá acogió durante dos días una reunión sobre telecomunicaciones de emergencia, una iniciativa orientada a fortalecer la capacidad del país para responder ante desastres naturales, crisis y otras situaciones que puedan poner en riesgo la seguridad de la población y la continuidad de los servicios esenciales. El encuentro es organizado por la Unión [...]