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**Regional Capacity Building Strategies for Disaster Reduction**

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- Established in 1902 by resolution of the Second International Conference of the Pan American States.

*"it shall be the duty of the International Sanitary Bureau to lend its best aid and experience toward the widest possible protection of the public health of each of the Republics"*

THE EVENING STAR  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1902

**SANITARY CONVENTION**  
Delegates Represent the American Republics

**TOPICS DISCUSSED**

CRUCIAL ADDRESS BY DR. WY-MAK, PRINCIPAL OFFICER

Secretary of War and American Secretary of the National Board of Health discussed yesterday and today.

The first international sanitary conference at the National Sanitary Bureau at 10 Avenue des Nations in the north end of the New York, when the delegates from 20 South American republics and their de-

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In 1949, the Director-General of the World Health Organization and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau signed the agreement recognizing the Pan American Sanitary Bureau as the Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas.

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**Agreement to Make Bureau Hemisphere Health Office**

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau today is reported to have an agreement to become the "regional office" for the hemisphere of the World Health Organization, officials announced.

Dr. Bruce Chittenden, WHO director general, is here for the emergency, standing part of a week-long session of an interim executive committee of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, which meets here today.

The bureau, representing 21 American republics, was set up shortly after the turn of the century to work as international agencies of public health, and with a growing jurisdiction of more than one nation. Dr. Paul L. Beant, director, will sign the WHO agreement on behalf of the bureau.


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**Disasters are not natural**

Risk  $\int$  Hazard . Vulnerability



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**Vulnerability to disasters is not compatible with physical, mental or social wellbeing.**

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