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Maritza Delgado is a Program Officer of the Environment and Emergency Telecommunications Division within the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT). Maritza is responsible in the context of emergency telecommunications for developing ICT projects for early warning, disaster management and risk reduction, and for providing assistance for disaster mitigation, prevention, response and recovery. She holds a University degree in Electronic Engineering and Telecommunications and has over 13 years of experience in the field of disaster management. Her recent focus is on encouraging countries: to develop their own emergency telecommunication plans, integrated with the national emergency plan; to design an early warning system addressing hazard threats that affect the region; and, to include ICTs in their early warning systems.