



An integrated, multi-hazard, inclusive approach to address vulnerability, risk assessment and disaster management, including prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, is an essential element of a safer world in the 21st Century.

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Living with Risk

towards effective disaster reduction



Wednesday 19 March, Kyoto, Japan, 15:45–18:30
Suehiro Room, Takaragaike Prince Hotel
Kyoto, Japan

Convened by
the Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for
Disaster Reduction
(UN/ISDR, Geneva)
and
the Asian Disaster Reduction Center
(ADRC, Kobe)

To be held within the Session 'Water and Poverty'
coordinated by the Asian Development Bank (ADB)
at the Third World Water Forum

- Exploring the linkages between disaster reduction and the water agenda
- Following-up the World Summit on Sustainable Development
- Integration of risk reduction and vulnerability to water related hazards into water management policies and initiatives

Keynote presentations:

Exploring the scope and relevance of disaster reduction within the context of sustainable development

Mr. Manuel Dengo, Head of the Water Division in the Department for Social and Economic Affairs, United Nations (UN/DESA)

Addressing the social, economic and environmental causes of vulnerability in disaster reduction

Ms. Madeleen Helmer, Climate and Disaster Preparedness Centre

International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Netherlands

Panel Discussion:

The panel of experts will bring together water experts in fields such as sustainable development, gender and livelihoods, as well as disaster risk management.

Panel Experts include:

- Mr. Junji Miwa, Japanese Ministry of Land and Infrastructure and transportation (MLIT)
- Prof. Yujiro Ogawa, Fuji Tokoha University, Japan and Former executive director of Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)
- Dr. Jerry Velasquez, United Nations University (UNU)
- Mr. LeHuu Ti, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
- Mr. Henk van Schaik, Dialogue on Water and Climate (DWC)
- Dr. Rajib Shaw, United Nations Centre for Regional Development, (UNCRD)
- Ms. Mandira Shrestha, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- Brett Orlando, IUCN

Resource Exchange

Session participants are provided with opportunities to share experiences and information as well as gather documentation on disaster reduction from a wide range of partners in the field. A background paper on disaster reduction and water has been prepared and will be further developed following consultation and discussions resulting from the Session.

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This Session is one of a series of events comprising the 2003 World Disaster Reduction Campaign. In accordance with the International Year of Freshwater, the Campaign organised by the UN/ISDR will review the numerous issues associated with water related disasters, culminating on the International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction, 8 October 2003. Its aim is to increase public awareness of, and participation in measures that can be taken to reduce the risk and vulnerabilities of communities to the negative impacts of natural hazards.

UN/ISDR invites you to contribute research, success stories, personal experiences and other information for possible inclusion in the 2003 World Disaster Reduction Campaign information kit.

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