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The 6th Annual UN-SPIDER Conference, jointly organized by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and the Ministry of Civil Affairs of the People's Republic of China, was held in Beijing on 19-21 September 2016. The event attracted about 130 participants, including representatives of space agencies and disaster management organizations from 35 countries, who visited relevant organizations as part of the three-day program.

Day 1

The opening session featured several key officials. Mr. Benjie Yin (Deputy Director, General Office of China National Commission on Disaster Reduction) delivered the opening remarks, Ms. Mei Chai (Deputy Director-General, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Civil Affairs) served as moderator, and Dr. Shirish Ravan (Secretary-General, UN-SPIDER Beijing Office) provided an overview of the sessions to be held during the three-day program. The two topics discussed on the first day were "Building on UN-SPIDER 10 Years' Achievements" and "Risk Assessment and Mapping Using Earth Observation Data." Presentations were followed by Q&A discussions. On the second topic, for example, presenters noted that there is high regard for the use of value of radar sensing in satellite technology, and that drought prediction accuracy needs to be improved through disaster observation and data accumulation.

Day 2

The morning sessions on the second day addressed the topics of "Access to Data and Information for Risk Assessment" and "National Spatial Data Infrastructure and Data Framework to Support Disaster Management." The morning sessions highlighted the contributions of satellite data to flood and drought monitoring and prediction efforts. Thus, initiatives to introduce the Chinese "Gaofen" series of high resolution earth observation satellites must be effectively promoted.

The afternoon featured three breakout sessions on "Monitoring indicators against the global targets of the Sendai Framework," "Procedural guidelines for sharing space-based information during emergency response," and "Crowd-source mapping for risk assessment and emergency response." Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)

representative participated in the second breakout session, and reported the importance of proactive participation in learning events and capacity building enhancement in each country to facilitate



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the sharing of space-based information.

Day 3

The morning session on the third day featured reports from the Regional Support Offices (RSOs), including ADRC, as well as country reports on the topic of "Networking and Engagement with the UN-SPIDER Network." In the afternoon, participants went on one of two separate site visits. One group visited the National Disaster Reduction Center of China (NDRCC) while the other visited the Yungang Satellite Earth Station. The ADRC representative joined the first group, which also visited the UN-SPIDER Beijing Office.

By participating in this conference and visiting various institutions abroad, ADRC is able to strengthen its networks with relevant countries and organizations, and to further its efforts to build interpersonal relationships with colleagues around the world.

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