

News

Australia and UNDP Support Climate and DRR management in Typhoon Yolanda-Affected Areas

In the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda, the Government of Australia and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announced a contribution of \$4.3 million to the Government of the Philippines' Climate Change Commission.

As a climate change adaptation strategy, the Climate Change Commission will promote the improved management of coastal resources as buffers against disaster risk. [Read More](#)

Source: Climate Change Commission, 2014

Asia-Europe Meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

To kick off the three-day ASEM conference on disaster risk reduction and management, scientists and government officials visited Eastern Visayas in Manila to evaluate the preparedness and rehabilitation of towns that were devastated by Typhoon Yolanda.

Her Excellency Margareta Wahlström was invited to contribute to the ASEM conference. She discussed the importance of learning from the experiences of Typhoon Yolanda and using this knowledge in the formulation of a Post-2015 HFA. She discussed the need for a global awareness to the dangers and risk propelled by environmental degradation and a changing global climate.

Source: PreventionWeb, 2014 [Read More](#)



Featured Publications

UNEP Report 2014 – Emerging Issues for Small Island States

This report, compiled in consultation with over seventy Small Island Developing States (SIDS) experts and scientists, provides an overview of 20 issues that are critical to the sustainable development of SIDS. The results reveal that SIDS are faced with several serious environmental challenges, most notably those related to climate change, including sea level rise and biodiversity damage and loss.

Source: UNEP, 2014 [Read More](#)



Video of the Week



This video on "Drought and Disaster: Building Resilience – People with Greener Land" focuses on strengthening resilience to drought and disaster through Sustainable Land Management (SLM) practices and incorporating environmental solutions into national drought policy. [Watch Here](#)

Source: WOCAT, 2013

Upcoming Event

World Day to Combat Desertification 2014

June 17 - The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and Initiatives of Change International are organizing a public event to celebrate World Day to Combat Desertification this year. The objective of the event, entitled "Land Belongs to the Future – Let's Climate Proof it," is to (1) raise awareness about desertification, (2) introduce the concept of ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change and (3) present the work of the UNCCD secretariat and its partners to the public. The event will take place at the Maison de la Paix (Graduate Institute) in Geneva. The event will be followed by a buffet/aperitif.

Time: 18:30-20:30, Aperitif: 20:30-21:00

Source: UNCCD, 2014 [Read More](#)

Job Vacancy

Programme Management Officer – UNEP, Regional Office for Europe

The Programme Management Officer will work under the supervision of the Director ROE and will monitor all environmental, economic and political changes in the 54 European countries. The Programme Management Officer will then prepare briefings for senior management.

Successful applicants will have a minimum of five years of professional experience at the international level, ideally in a communications field, with tasks related to writing and editing.

Source: United Nations, 2014 [Read More](#)

Application Deadline: June 29, 2014

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