



## **PEDRR SHOUTOUT: Launch Event Introduces Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Disasters, Ecosystems and Risk Reduction– June 23, 2014**



**Mahesh Pradhan**, UNEP, presented the Master's Course on Ecosystem-based DRR, developed by PEDRR and CNRD in 2013, and is the basis of the MOOC.

UNEP launched the MOOC on Disasters and Ecosystems: Resilience in a Changing Climate during the first United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) held in Nairobi. Organized by UNEP in collaboration with the Cologne University of Applied Sciences and Center for Natural Resources Development, the launch event was attended by country delegates, civil society and students. The MOOC is open to all individuals free of charge and will be ready in end October 2014. For more information, write to [the.mooc@unep.org](mailto:the.mooc@unep.org).



**Sylvia Heuchemer**, Vice-President, Academic Affairs, Cologne University of Applied Science (CUAS), delivered a video message on the MOOC

### News

#### **Sandy Grant Targets Storm Resilience**

Rutgers University, New Jersey, has been awarded \$1.17 million for their participation in the Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant Program. The funds will be used to help 54 flood-prone towns in the Raritan River basin, NJ, to protect their ecosystems and use ecosystems to mitigate floods.

Green infrastructure will be used to replace impervious surfaces in at-risk communities, serving to reduce stormwater runoff in addition to providing other environmental benefits such as carbon sequestration.

Source: Greater Media Newspapers, 2014  
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#### **Quick Knowledge!**

Do you know the 25 worst natural disasters ever recorded? Click [here](#) to find out!



### Featured Publication

#### **Building Disaster Resilient Communities and Economies**

This report, developed by the UNEP Finance Initiative, aims to deepen the understanding of DRR globally through a comprehensive evaluation of the effectiveness of risk reduction measures. This information can help governments and communities worldwide manage risk.

Source: UNEP Finance Initiative, 2014  
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### Announcement

UNISDR is launching its *Ask a DRR expert page* where they have an expert for a week to answer questions on a specific topic.

Be a guest expert on Ecosystem-based-DRR or Ecosystem-based Adaptation! Interested individuals may contact the UNISDR secretariat directly.

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

### Job Vacancy

#### **Expert Search for EU-Project in Central Asia-Disaster Risk Management**

GOPA is seeking applicants for the following positions for the upcoming Prevention, Preparedness and Response to natural and man-made Disasters in EaP East-PPRD East II :

- Team Leader/Disaster Preparedness Expert
- Senior Civil Protection Expert

Employer: GOPA  
Location: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine  
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