

- Weekly news on ecosystems-based risk reduction and climate change adaptation -

This week's event

This week saw the 2nd **International Congress of Integrated Management in High Watersheds**. Hosted in Megève, France, from the 8th – 10th October, the congress sought to “assert the role of water as the core issue of territorial projects, within a perspective of adaptation to global changes”. [Find out more](#).



Job Vacancy Programme Officer

Supporting the work of the Mediterranean Action Plan, assisting in Ecosystem Approach implementation.

Title: Programme Officer, P3

Deadline: 3 November

Duty Station: Athens

Source: UNEP/DEPI – MAP

For Terms of Reference see PEDRR's [Linked In](#).

News

“Belize Protects Rich Ecosystem to Curb the Effects of Climate Change”

A US\$6 million Global Environment Facility (GEF) project has been approved to better manage natural resources in key biodiversity areas and promote alternative livelihoods in Belize. As a hurricane-vulnerable country, Belize will increasingly rely on its environmental resources to mitigate the effects of climate change. Reforestation and sustainable forest management have never been more important.

Source: The World Bank. [Read more](#)

Eco-DRR/CCA paper presented at the Annual DMISA Conference in South Africa

During the DMISA annual conference held this year between 17-18 September, Mr. Johanes Belle, from the University of the Free State Disaster Management Training and Education Centre (UFS-DiMTEC), presented a paper on Eco-DRR/CCA titled “*Building Community Resilience through Eco-DRR/CCA: A Case Study of Wetlands in the Eastern Free State*”.

Source: Disaster Management Institute of South Africa (DMISA). [Read more](#)

Scientific Corner

Let's bring in the floods: de-poldering in the Netherlands as a strategy for long-term delta survival?

Discussing the ‘ecological turn’ in Dutch water management, this paper presents the case of the Noordwaard Project where formerly agricultural land is set aside to accommodate river floods. This ecologically-oriented strategy marks a shift away from conventional flood prevention practices, although the authors highlight the need to address the role of sedimentation processes when considering the long-term future of deltas.

Authors: van Staveren, M.F., Warner, J.F., van Tatenhove, J.P.M., & Wester, P.

Source: Water International. [Read more](#).

Trending

UN Climate Change Summit 2014 – Chair's Summary

“[This] summit has shown that we can rise to the climate challenge.”

[Read summary](#)

Source: UN Climate Summit 2014

PEDRR SHOUTOUT: Ecosystem-based Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction synergies through natural solutions – Rio Conventions Pavilion

Held on 8th October, this event, organized by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, the European Commission, and PEDRR partner the IUCN, discussed the possibilities for the simultaneous achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity targets, Eco-DRR and EbA*. There is growing recognition of the role that healthy ecosystems can play in tackling the global challenges posed by natural disasters and climate change.

*Eco-DRR = Ecosystem-based Disaster Risk Reduction, EbA = Ecosystem-based Adaptation



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