

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

#### **PEDRR SHOUTOUT: 2<sup>nd</sup> Preparatory Committee Meeting held in Geneva; endorsement of ecosystem-based approaches from Member States**

Held on 17-18 November, the 2<sup>nd</sup> PrepCom for the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction was held with close to 1,000 delegates participating. The African group of Member States, the European Union and La Comunidad de Estados Latinoamericanos y Caribeños (CELAC) gave statements recognizing ecosystem-based approaches for DRR. UNEP and Wetlands International on behalf of PEDRR partners organized a side briefing on Eco-DRR for delegates. **The First Draft of HFA2 is expected on 21 November**, with additional negotiations of the text scheduled in early December 2014 and January 2015.

#### **Featured Publication**

##### **Safe Havens**

*Protected Areas for Disaster Risk Reduction  
and Climate Change Adaptation*

Demonstrating how protected areas can be used for DRR and CCA, this newly released publication from IUCN presents 18 case studies, covering a range of regions, approaches and ecosystem types. The book includes best and emerging practices, lessons learned and key recommendations. The final chapter provides an insightful overview, noting key issues to be addressed.



[Read full publication](#)

Source: IUCN

#### **Featured Event**

##### **- Save the date -**

10 December 2014,  
European Parliament, 18:45-21:00

#### **Wetland solutions to reduce disaster risk: Using ecosystems to save lives and livelihoods**

Bringing together members of the European Parliament, the European Commission and DRR and development practitioners, Wetlands International is hosting an evening reception to discuss how the EU can promote global action to address the underlying causes of disaster risk and vulnerability.

More information to follow on [www.wetlands.org/europe](http://www.wetlands.org/europe) or, for inquiries contact Vera Coelho, European Programme Manager ([vera.coelho@wetlands.org](mailto:vera.coelho@wetlands.org)).



Source: Wetlands International

#### **Opinion**

##### **Efforts to mitigate natural disasters pay off**

*"We must apply lessons from the past, scaling up or replicating successful development solutions that have yielded concrete results, before a disaster strikes. There is no time to lose; the disasters of tomorrow are already in the making. We owe this to the future generations."* [More](#).

Source: Business Day (South Africa)

Authors: Thomas, L., and Takaravsha, T.

#### **Oxfam South Caucasus news – Supporting Community Resilience**

*"Oxfam calls on governments around the world to start acting to protect their citizens against climate change. And across the Caucasus, we are using this global moment to push for more action on disaster risk reduction."* Source: Oxfam. [Read news](#)

#### **Job Vacancy**

**Consultant - Multi-country study of risk-informed and climate-sensitive programming in WASH in EAP**

Deadline: 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Office: Bangkok, Thailand

Source: UNICEF

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