

## Call for Proposals

### Call for expert reviewers – Intergovernmental science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)

The IPBES Secretariat is seeking expert reviewers with relevant expertise and/or publications in the field of pollination, food production, and biodiversity and ecosystem services. [More information.](#)

**Deadline:** 2 March 2015

### Media and communication for disaster risk reduction

**BBC Media Action, UNISDR and their partners** offer an opportunity to showcase your work in the field of communications at their event at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. [More information.](#)

**Deadline:** 15 February 2015

## Job Vacancy

### Logistics Officer – 2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress

**Deadline:** 15 February 2015

**Source:** IUCN

For more information  
please see [PEDRR's Linked In.](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Regional Conference on Strategies and Tools for Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction into Development Planning and Financing

This conference will share effective institutional policies, strategies and guidelines on integration of DRR and CCA for development planning.

[More information.](#)

**Date:** 16-18 Feb 2015

**Location:** Thailand, Bangkok

**Source:** United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

### Intensive Summer Course on Advancing Disaster Risk Reduction to Enhance Sustainable Development in a Changing World

This free programme is designed for academics and practitioners working in related fields and takes a practical approach using geospatial technologies and hands-on exercises.

[More information.](#)

**Date:** 1-12 June 2015

**Location:** Germany, Bonn

**Source:** United Nations University - Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)

## Featured Publication

### The IPCC's Fifth Assessment : What's in it for Small Island Developing States (SIDS)?



*Aerial view of 'No man's Land' and Buccoo Coral Reef, Tobago. @Américo de Carvalho de Sousa*

This publication highlights general findings from the IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report on climate change adaptation (CCA) and mitigation which are of particular relevance to SIDS. **Conserving ecosystem services which provide storm surge protection** in addition to 'hard' solutions including building sea walls and surge barriers is one CCA key measure in these areas. However coastal ecosystems are also threatened, sea level rise is reported as the most significant climate change threat to the survival of mangroves, serving a host of commercial and subsistence uses. [Read full publication.](#)

**Source:** Climate & Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)

## PEDRR SHOUTOUT: MOOC 10,000 milestone!



The free **Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Disasters and Ecosystems** crossed 10,000 enrolment. If you haven't yet enrolled, you can do it until **the end of May 2015** and take the course at your own pace ! Get on-board and be one of the 50 participants to win a copy of our book "The Role of Ecosystems in a Changing Climate", enrol [here](#).

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