

Job Vacancy

Regional Officer - Africa

Deadline: 10 March 2015

Source: Ramsar Convention Secretariat

Consultant Loss and Damage from Climate Extremes/CC

Deadline: 2 March 2015

Source: Unesco

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News

"GAR15 to seek fresh start"



GAR15, to be launched in different venues starting in New York on the 4th of March, then in London, and culminating at the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, will assess how disaster risk management has been implemented under the HFA and whether the world is prepared for a world threatened by increasing disaster risk. UNEP contributed a background paper on environment and the HFA for GAR15.

[Read full article.](#)

Source: UNISDR

Road to Sendai

Progress and Challenges in Disaster Risk Reduction

This publication provides an in-depth analysis of the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) Progress Reports. Under Priority for Action 4, which addresses reducing environmental risk factors, the report highlights how flood management is increasingly a combination of investing in hard and soft measures, with the successful example of the US in controlling floodplain development to mitigate flood impacts.

[Read full publication.](#)

Source: PreventionWeb

Upcoming Event

8th Ecosystem Services Partnership World Conference

The conference will hold sessions on the use of ecosystem services in business and include special problem-solving workshops focused on Africa. **The call for abstracts and session proposals is still open.**

[More information.](#)

Date: 9-13 November 2015

Location: Cape Town, South Africa

Source: Ecosystem Services Partnership (ESP)

Featured Publication

The Federal Resource Management and Ecosystem Services Guidebook

This guidebook, developed by the National Ecosystem Services Partnership (NESP), Duke University and federal agencies, provides a consistent approach for federal resource managers to account for benefits such as the coastal protection offered by oyster beds or carbon sequestered in soils that help to stabilize the climate.

"Paying attention to ecosystem services can help agencies better balance the multiple natural benefits that people care about.", says Lydia Olander, NESP director.

[Read full publication.](#)

Source: Duke University

Opinion

Let nature play a role in climate adaptation, experts urge

At the UN climate talks in Lima in December 2014, experts emphasized the need for ecosystem-based adaptation, which they viewed as a vital approach to help a growing world population survive climate change impacts without destroying the natural world.

[Read full article.](#)

PEDRR SHOUTOUT: IPBES Call for Nominations until 31 March 2015

The Intergovernmental science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) has called for nomination of expert authors who will contribute towards IPBES's research agenda. It includes scoping of a global assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem services as well as undertaking thematic assessments addressing land degradation and restoration, invasive alien species, and land sustainable use. [More information.](#)



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