

News Articles

UN sets the stage for the adoption of a new global agreement on disaster risk

By confirming that the third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will take place in Sendai, Japan in 2015, the United Nations General Assembly has set the stage for the roll out of a new agreement on disaster risk. The main agenda for the conference, that's due to take place from 14th-18th March, is the adoption of a successor to the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA). The HFA is a 10-year plan, that combines expert knowledge and practice from different sectors and actors with a view to reducing disaster risk worldwide.

Source: UNISDR. To read more, click [here](#)

China outlines new national climate change adaptation plans

China has outlined a number of initiatives including developing early warning systems, and designing climate resilient urban infrastructure as part of its efforts to tackle climate change. This comes on the back of a new report that noted that the country had lost US\$32.9 billion in climate related losses since 1990.

Source: RTCC. To read more, click [here](#)

Featured Publication

Assessing ecosystem benefits

A new paper published by United Nations University's Institute for Environment and Human Security, in the International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction, examines the role of ecosystem-based solutions for combating heat waves in Cologne area of Germany. The objective of this study was to assess the vulnerability of the Cologne urban population to heat waves, taking into consideration a range of social and ecological variables. Findings from the paper attest to the importance of developing healthy ecosystems, that can provide important benefits to mitigate the impacts of heat waves.

To read the full report, click [here](#)



Job Vacancy

Consultant-building drought resilient dryland communities in the Horn of Africa project

Employer UNDP
Location Home based
Duration Jan-Feb, 2014
Closing date 20th December, 2013
Focus Monitoring and evaluation, Questionnaires and survey design, draft evaluation report.

For more information, click [here](#)

Upcoming training

Turn down the heat: Why a 4°C warmer world must be avoided

What: Online training course on climate change that brings together renowned scientists to provide a synthesis of current scientific evidence and suggest opportunities for action.

When: 27 Jan - 27 Feb 2014

Who : The World Bank.

Click [here](#) for more details.

PEDRR Shoutout

International Conference on Sustainable Development Goals



The seventh session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals will take place from the 6th-10th January, 2014 in New York. Organized by the United Nations, the conference brings together field practitioners, policymakers and researchers to discuss key issues in the area of sustainable cities and human settlements, sustainable consumption and production and, climate change and disaster risk reduction.

For more details on the conference, click [here](#).

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