

## Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction 2013 Special Edition

### PEDRR Shoutouts



Many thanks to all those who contributed & participated in all our events at the Global Platform!  
Your continuous support will ensure better recognition of ecosystem-based approaches in DRR and CCA.

#### PEDRR Promotes the Role of Environment in DRR at the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction

(Geneva, Switzerland 19-23 May 2013) The biennial meeting once again brought together actors and stakeholders from the public and private sectors to discuss and share knowledge on advancements in the field of disaster risk management and climate change adaptation. This 4<sup>th</sup> session had a special focus on the economic losses from disasters and the importance of public-private partnerships (PPP) in reducing the costs of catastrophes.

PEDRR actively promoted ecosystem-based approaches as viable solutions to disaster risk mitigation, climate change adaptation (Eco-DRR-CCA) and resilience building through presentations and side events. The well-placed Marketplace booth and the Education and Community space allowed to showcase the Partnership's work in promoting Eco-DRR-CCA, while the launching of "The Role of Ecosystems in Disaster Risk Reduction" (UNU-Press) and the high-level panel discussion as well as the

side event on "Ecosystems, resilience and DRR" were a success. Social media platforms were also used as an advocacy tool during the conference.



As the gathering came to a close, the Partnership's efforts were rewarded as a delegate of the East African Community and the Head of the specialized group on environment and DRR of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation both supported the reinforcement of the role of environment in the follow-up document to the Hyogo Framework for Action during the final plenary session summarizing key outcomes and messages of the conference.\*

#### Upcoming Events

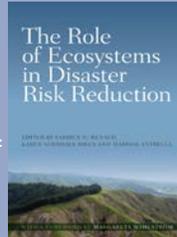
- **Launch of the new Master's module *Disasters, Environment and Risk Reduction (Eco-DRR)* at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Environmental Education Congress, 9-14 June 2013, Marrakech, Morocco [www.weec2013.org/en/](http://www.weec2013.org/en/). A half-day orientation session for interested University lecturers will take place on 11 June 2013, from 10:30-13:30**

- **The 1<sup>st</sup> Conference of Natural Resources and Development, 25-28 November, Conference Town Hotel/Viña Del Mar, Chile ([www.confncrd2013.info](http://www.confncrd2013.info)). The event aims to bring together experts from various backgrounds to reflect on food, water and energy security with regards to sustainability.**

#### Featured Publications

##### The Role of Ecosystems in Disaster Risk Reduction (Renaud, F., Sudmeier-Rieux, K. & Estrella M. (ed.))

This publication provides an overview of knowledge and practice in the multidisciplinary field of ecosystem management and DRR, encouraging further discussions between the political actors and the scientific community. To order a copy, click [here](#).



##### Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction 2013 *From Shared Risk to Shared Value: The Business Case*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the GAR highlights how business investments in disaster risk management can reduce losses and enhance resilience. More on GAR 2013 [here](#).

\*You may find attached the PEDRR input into the post-2015 Global Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction.

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