

Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction 2013 Special Edition

PEDRR Shoutouts



UNEP has launched a Thunderclap campaign to promote **World Environment Day** on social media platforms! Join the movement by supporting it through your own personal Twitter or Facebook account and on **5 June**, an automatic message will be posted on your wall encouraging your contacts to do something for the environment on this special day. More details [here](#).

PEDRR Seminar Series Off to a Good Start

The first session of the quarterly seminar series took place at the International Environment House (IEH) 2, in Geneva, Switzerland on 24 May 2013. Entitled “Tsunamis in Lake Geneva? Some Lessons from Japan”, the session welcomed two speakers who each gave presentations on past tsunami events in two entirely different settings. Katrina Kremer from the University of Geneva talked about her article “Giant Lake Geneva Tsunami in AD 543” published on Nature Geoscience and showed the origin of the wave as well as its impact on cities on the Lake’s coast, while Radhika Murti from IUCN presented her findings about perceptions and practices on ecosystem-based solutions for DRR, e.g. coastal forests, in the affected areas in Japan.

The event highlighted the interest of the audience – Geneva-based but from different backgrounds – on the subject of natural hazards, in particular low-frequency high-magnitude events such as tsunamis. Questions on the presentations and the implications of their conclusions on disaster risk management in Geneva and in Japan were raised during the animated discussion moderated by Dr. Muralee Thummarukudy of UNEP. The series will most likely be continued, with the next session already scheduled on International Disaster Reduction Day (13 October 2013) also at IEH 2.



[Have Your Say on Post-HFA](#)

- The Synthesis Report on consultations on the post-2015 framework, a reference document for the ongoing discussions, is now available online [here](#).
- The Draft Chair’s summary features the key messages during the plenary sessions during the 4th Session of the Global Platform. The outcome document will inevitably feed in to the post-2015 Global Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction discussions. Access the document [here](#).

Featured Publications

Forests and Natural Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and the Pacific

by The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC) and the FAO Regional office for Asia and the Pacific)

This publication provides a concise overview of the ways in which forests help mitigate disasters when integrated in disaster risk reduction plans and in conjunction with appropriate land-use planning, mitigation measures and infrastructures, and early warning systems. Download the complete version of the policy brief [here](#).

IUCN Red List of Ecosystems (RLE) by IUCN and CEM

This evaluation will help to determine the status of ecosystems by assessing losses in the area, degradation and other major changes. A summary of the criteria used in the RLE as well as an article published on PLOS-ONE scientific basis for this ecosystem assessment tool are attached to this news alert.

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