

### Featured Publication

#### Linking environment and DRR



A briefing note published by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) discusses the role of protected areas in disaster mitigation. It further highlights the benefits of using environmental tools for disaster reduction and argues that efficient protected areas management can help to mitigate hazard such as flooding and landslides and reduce the impact of avalanche and storm surge.

Source: IUCN

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

### Job Vacancy

#### Project Manager-Climate Change Adaptation

**Employer** German Red Cross  
**Location** Soroti, Uganda  
**Duration** 1 year  
**Closing date** 31st December, 2013  
**Focus** Development of disaster needs assessment plans, vulnerability and capacity assessments, advocacy and partnership building.

For more information, click [here](#)

### Upcoming event

#### “Geospatial Momentum for Society and Environment”

**What:** AGSE 2013 International Conference

**When:** 16-19<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

**Where:** Ahmedabad, India

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### News Articles

#### Indian Ocean Islands strengthen DRR

Five island states in the Indian Ocean region are working to establish and manage disaster loss databases. The Union of the Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Zanzibar are working on developing a model that will estimate losses that could potentially occur over a certain period of time from cyclones, floods and storm surges, which regularly affect the region.

Source: UNISDR.

To read the article, click [here](#)

#### EU pledges support to the Maldives

The European Union has pledged to aid climate change adaptation projects in the Maldives with an additional €4million as support over the next few years. The additional funds will aid the government in implementing a clear strategy for wetland management, eco-tourism and community rainwater harvesting.

Source: Minivan news

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### PEDRR Shoutout



### Symposium on sustainable cities and urbanization

The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs in collaboration with the Government of China is organizing a high level symposium on sustainable cities from the 16-19<sup>th</sup> December in Yangzhou, China. The symposium will provide an opportunity for urban planners, mayors, and decision-makers to share knowledge and best practices in the areas of investment in urban infrastructure, slum upgrading, affordable and sustainable transport and energy and arrive at a consensus on how to move towards building sustainable cities.

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