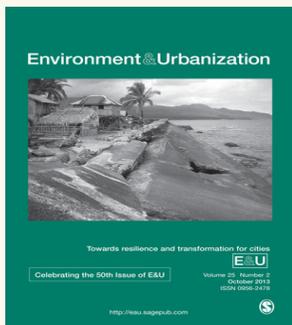


## Featured Publication

### Building resilient cities



This issue brief discusses the importance of building resilient cities that can withstand and recover from climate change induced disaster risk. It includes papers that evaluate disaster reduction efforts, urban policies, and environmental assessment mechanisms across 10 Asian cities. The brief also highlights the need for the development of a flexible and responsive governance infrastructure across countries to adequately respond to disaster risk challenges.

Source: IIED  
To read the full issue, click [here](#)

## Job Vacancy

### Disaster Recovery Specialist

**Employer** ADPC  
**Location** Thailand, Bangkok  
**Duration** 1 year  
**Closing date** 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2013  
**Focus** Development of post disaster needs assessment plans, Design training modules, advocacy and partnership building.

For more information, click [here](#)

## Educational Resources

The Government of Australia's International Development arm, AusAid, has an Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction e-learning portal. The portal aims to guide researchers, partner governments and educational institutions to develop a better understanding of the need to integrate environment, climate change and disaster risk reduction approaches into AusAid's programs.

To access the portal, click [here](#).

## News Articles

### Discussing disaster risk at COP19

The 19th Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC (COP19) will be held in Warsaw, Poland, from 11<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November. UNISDR has released a briefing note, that includes key messages to be discussed during the conference, specifically focusing on setting up institutional mechanisms for loss and damage, adaptation committee, and devising national adaptation plans. As part of the conference, UNISDR will also hold two disaster risk reduction related side events.

Source: UNISDR.  
To read the full briefing note, click [here](#)

### Accessing weather data on phones

Farmers in Tanzania are learning to access weather information on their mobiles, that will help reduce their risk of crop failure amid recurring dry spells. The FarmSMS initiative was set up in 2010 and is a joint project between Tanzania Meteorological Agency and World Meteorological Organization.

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

## PEDRR Shoutout



## International conference on protected area management

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) in collaboration with the Government of Japan, and the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) will be hosting the first Asia Parks Congress from the 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November in Sendai, Japan. The Congress will provide an opportunity for conservation professionals, researchers and field practitioners from across Asia to share their knowledge and experience on the future of protected area management and its role in disaster risk reduction. For more information, click [here](#)

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