

PEDRR SHOUTOUT: Third UN Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

The first session of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom1) of the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held from 14-15 July 2014 in Geneva at the Palais de Nations. PEDRR partners present include UNEP, Wetlands International, IUCN, UNU, UNDP and UNESCO. *Not attending in person?* Watch the PrepCom1 plenary sessions live from the homepage of the World Conference website at <http://www.wcdrr.org>.



Featured Publication

Building with nature

This week's featured publication highlights ecological engineering practices that align with and utilize natural processes and provide opportunities to integrate nature into the infrastructure development process. By synchronizing the interests of nature and human stakeholders, these eco-building practices offer disaster risk reduction solutions.

Source: EcoShape, 2012 [Read More](#)

Training Website

Interested in learning more about ecosystems and DRR? Click [here](#) to check out the *Conservation Training* website.

Source: The Nature Conservancy, 2014

Quick Knowledge!

Think you know the most deadly natural disaster? Click [here](#) to find out.



News

Eco-engineering to help coastal cities fight the effects of climate change

Delegates gathered at the Global Estuaries Forum in Deauville, France, last week heard a host of examples from around the world where developers and city planners are using natural engineering to reduce flood risks and improve water quality in coastal cities.

Examples of the eco-engineering case studies discussed included the Netherlands, where Willow Forests have been planted along the coast in place of conventional levees, creating a natural barrier that will dissipate damaging waves in the event of storm surges.

Source: Greenbiz.com, 2014 [Read More](#)



Estuaries, home to 22 of the world's 32 largest cities, face increasing storm risks & rising sea levels

Upcoming Events

14th international course on mangrove ecosystems

This Course aims to build the capacity of professionals and institutions in developing countries to undertake monitoring, research and conservation of mangrove forests, which play a vital role in mitigating coastal hazards.

Location: Centre of Advanced Studies in Marine Biology, Annamalai University, India

Date: Oct 27-Nov 10, 2014

Closing Date: July 31st, 2014

Source: UNU-INWEH, 2014 [Read More](#)

Job Vacancies

Junior Consultant Geneva – UN World Food Programme Office

Start date: August, 2014

Duration: 6 months

Duty station: HQ/Geneva

Closing date: July 20th, 2014

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Environmental Officer- World Economic Forum

Location: Belgium

Salary: \$170,600 USD

Contract: Full time

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