Serving as the basis for the second round of Preparatory Committee discussions in Geneva (to be held the 17th & 18th November), this zero draft includes Eco-DRR references such as the recognition that it is important to “strengthen the sustainable use and management of ecosystems and implement integrated environmental and natural resource management approaches that incorporate disaster risk reduction.” Find out more.

**Opinion**

“Not all fires are worth fighting”

Balancing the economic and ecological effects of fighting or leaving wildfires to run their natural course is one of the key challenges of British Colombia’s resource managers. Natural fires can regenerate Boreal forests; allowing fires to burn can also regulate forest undergrowth, which in turn can reduce the intensity of future fires.

Source: Vancouver Sun. Read more

**Featured Publication**

Flood Early Warning Systems in Nepal: A Gendered Perspective

This ICIMOD working paper promotes the integration of gender perspectives into disaster risk management. By aiming to understand the existing flood warning systems, the study seeks to improve responses for vulnerable groups, such as women.

Source: International Center for Integrated Mountain Development. Read more.

**News**

Sri Lanka launches $100 million climate resilience effort

As part of a wider $100 million package of investment funded by a World Bank loan, a $13 million study of Sri Lanka’s river basins will look at flood and drought risks. The study seeks to lower risks for an expected billion dollars private investment to the area. It will also be a forerunner for a broader survey. Read more

Source: Thomson Reuters Foundation

**Featured Event**

**Incentives and Mechanisms for scaling-up DRR – Face-to-Face 2014 of the Swiss NGO DRR Platform.**

This event seeks to catalyse discussion around incentives and financial mechanisms for Eco-DRR approaches, how CBA can be used to incentivize, linking socio-economic and disaster resilience, and how to advocate for scaling up DRR.

Dates: 25-29 November
Location: Thun
Registration deadline: 25th October
More information & to register

**Podcast**

“Disasters and Ecosystems: Resilience in a Changing Climate MOOC – Intro”

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The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), through its collaboration with the Global Universities Partnership on Environment for Sustainability (GUPES) and Cologne University of Applied Sciences are soon to release the first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Disasters and Ecosystems: Resilience in a Changing Climate. Find out more about the MOOC.

Source: World Bank e-Institute & UNEP

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