

## *Weekly news on ecosystems-based risk reduction and climate change adaptation*

### **PEDRR Shoutouts**

UNEP and the Center for Natural Resources and Development (CNRD) launched a graduate course on 'Disasters, Environment, and Risk Reduction' on Wednesday at the 7<sup>th</sup> World Environmental Education Congress in Marrakesh, Morocco. The module aims to promote the link between sound ecosystem management and development, and has already been implemented at universities in Egypt, Germany and Indonesia. To read the full UN press release, click [here](#).



### **Image of the Week**

#### **Band-e-Amir National Park Bamyan Province, Afghanistan**

Did you imagine Afghanistan could be so serene? This photo was taken by Muralee Thummarukudy while visiting a PEDRR pilot project site in Afghanistan.

For more photos, visit the UNEP Disasters & Conflicts Flickr Gallery [here](#).

### **Upcoming Event**

#### **The 6<sup>th</sup> International i-Rec Conference: Sustainable Post-Disaster Reconstruction – From Recovery to Risk Reduction**

26-30 May, Ascona, Switzerland

*i-Rec is a web-based international network focused on the study of reconstruction after disasters. The conference includes a student competition with submissions from 18 universities on innovative ways of improving post-disaster reconstruction strategies.*

More information: [www.i-reconference2013.ch](http://www.i-reconference2013.ch)

### **News Article**

Responding to the extreme flooding in central Europe, Ase Johannessen from the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) recommends increasing vegetation in urban areas to slow down future water flows.

She says, "...the voices that are being heard tend to be advocating for big embankments and flood defences when they should be addressing the underlying causes such as land use change."

To read the full article on Responding to Climate Change, click [here](#).

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