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Disaster Management Community



Community Update

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From the Resource Team

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Disaster Management Community!

According to Indian Metrological Department, country is likely to experience a below-average monsoon rainfall during June-September 2014; raising the possibility of drought. The drought may have a negative impact on agriculture production and agro based products such as sugar, edible oil and pulses. On an average every year 2-3 states experience drought, impacting overall growth. As drought is a slow onset disaster, long term measures need to be evolved for drought management by various stakeholders.

The 6th Asia Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) will be hosted by the Royal Thai Government in collaboration with UNISDR in Bangkok from 22nd to 26th June 2014. This is the final regional inter-governmental meeting in Asia before the completion of the current Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-15, in January 2015 and the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) in March 2015.

The query on "Petro-Chemical Disaster Risk and Safe Township Planning - Examples; Advice. Reply by 24 June 2014, is underway and once again we look forward to receiving the insights of the members on the topic.

As usual, in order to make the DM community more active and robust, we are making efforts to share with you all whatever information we can get. Of course the depth and range depends on what we can get and therefore we request all members to send us information for community updates (workshops, conferences, trainings, job vacancies, research papers; topics for thematic newsletter etc.). Also, please bring forth critical issues related to Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction that can be deliberated to find possible and workable solutions.

Thanking you in anticipation of your continued support in making the community vibrant.

With warm regards,

G. Padmanabhan and Mahendra R,
Resource Team,
Disaster Management Community, UN Solution Exchange.

Members Postings

Workshops and Conferences

Recently Held

From [Reshmi Theckethil](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Annual Relief Commissioner's Conference (2014) 27 May, 2014, New Delhi

Presentations from the Annual Relief Commissioners Conference (2014) have been posted DM division page of MHA website <http://www.ndmindia.nic.in/> and the details of the conference can be read at http://www.ndmindia.nic.in/ACStateUT_020414.pdf.

About 19 individual presentations can be downloaded for reference at <http://www.ndmindia.nic.in/ddmpresentation.htm>

From UNDP India News Room, UNDP, New Delhi

City Disaster Management Plan

The City Disaster Management Plan (CDMP) was being upgraded with recommendations from experts and disaster specific action plans ahead of the monsoon season. Addressing the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) conclusion ceremony of the five-day training course on Incident Response System (IRS) for different departments Vijayawada Municipal Commissioner C. Hari Kiran said here on Friday "efforts were on to strengthen early warning system, capacity building of stakeholders and other measures to avoid human and property loss during calamities". For more information please click the [link here](#). (source The Hindu-June 14th, 2014)

Upcoming

From [Anil K Gupta](#), NIDM, New Delhi.

International Conference 24-26 June 2014

Call for Participation in the Special Event '[Policy Dialogue on "Sustainability Issues in Disaster Management – Recent Advances on tools and practices"](#)' is being organized by NIDM at 6th AMCDRR, Thailand. For more details, please visit www.nidm.gov.in

From [Mahendra. Rajaram](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Asia Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR)

The Asia Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) is a biennial conference in the Asia region to ensure political and stakeholder's commitment towards Disaster Risk Reduction implementation. Five AMCDRR conferences have been organized by countries in Asia in collaboration with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) since 2005. 6th Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Bangkok is being held from 22-26 June 2014. For more details please visit <http://6thamcdrr-thailand.net/6thamcdrr/About-AMCDRR>

Recommended Website/Portals

Community News

Open Queries

"Petro-Chemical Disaster Risk and Safe Township Planning - Examples; Advice. Reply by 24 June 2014, Click [here](#) for details.

From Our Partners

National Institute for Disaster Management, New Delhi is conducting number of training programs, events and online courses. For more details please visit <http://nidm.gov.in/default.asp>

Testimonials

We request members to share their testimonials, wherein knowledge sharing has made difference to their work.

Update your Profile!

Members who wish to update their profile are requested to send us an [email](#) with relevant information. Please refer your colleagues and friends to join the community.

For Queries!

We request members to send in queries on issues relevant to Disaster Management, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change and State specific issues related to DRR & CCA to the [resource team](#).

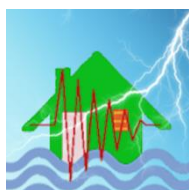
Job Opportunities

From [Jiji Bhattacharji](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Vacancy: **Government Relations and Research Manager**
Organization: Australian Consulate

From [Prasad Babu](#), UNDP, New Delhi.

Mobile Application – Geo Risk



Geo-Risk mobile application provides location based natural and man-made hazards, and preparedness information for user. It equip user to survive and help others when disaster strikes. It enhances the understanding of hazards of user's current location and neighbourhood.

For downloading on your android phone, go to play store

>> search for GeoRisk >> install and use it. Please download:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.spinlogics.GeoRisk&hl=en>

Additional Information: Requires Android 3.1 and up; Updated on June 7, 2014; Current Version 1.1.1. Soon Geo-Risk will be available in iOS and Windows environment and with data updation.

Skymet –Weather wise

Skymet can provide accurate forecasts at the village level. Skymet can provide reliable seasonal forecast for the next 7 months, including the monsoon. To know more about Skymet click on the link <http://www.skymetweather.com/maps/hazard>

From [Prashant Hedao](#), Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, Bangalore

Successful Response Starts with a Map

Interesting and useful report from National Academies Press, and the report will be helpful for many of us working in disaster management and plan on using Geospatial/GIS technologies. The PDF can also be downloaded [here](#).

Recommended Readings

From [Reshmi Theckethil](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Disaster Response and Management Journal

The Volume II, Issue 1 of the Disaster Response and Management, published by Center for Disaster Management, LBS National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie provides insight to the field administrators about the field level disaster management and scientific interventions towards Disaster Risk Reduction. To read the journal please [click here](#) and for further information write to Email: cdm.lbsnaa@nic.in

From [Prasad Babu](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Connectivity structure of the Kosi mega-fan and role of rail-road transport network

The article was published under the subject Geomorphology in the Elsevier Journal in April 2014. The article discusses the importance of geomorphic connectivity particularly in dynamic landforms such as Kosi mega fan, Bihar. Analysis shows how the landforms have been changing over the years due to natural (sediment flux) and human interventions (road and rail network). To read further please [view here](#). The article can also be viewed at www.elsevier.com/locate/geomorph

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From [Mahendra. R](#), UNDP, New Delhi

General

Location: Chennai, India

Closing: 2 July 2014

Please view details in <http://www.india.embassy.gov.au/ndli/jobsinfo.html>

Vacancy: **Public Diplomacy Manager**

Organization: Australian Consulate General

Location: Chennai, India

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Training Opportunities

From [Murali Thangam](#), UNDP, New Delhi

EHS Management System

A 5-Day NABET Accredited Lead Auditor Training on Environmental, Occupational Health & Safety (EHS) Management Systems is organised by CII-ITC Center for Excellence for Sustainable Development from 14-18 July at Bengal Club, Kolkatta, West Bengal. For more details read [here](#)

UN News

From [Jorn Sorensen](#), UNDP, New Delhi

UN Public Lecture on Climate Change and Sustainable Energy for All

will be delivered by Nobel Laureate Dr. Rajendra K Pachauri, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on Saturday, 28 June at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The details of the program can be [viewed here](#).

Call for Papers



United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

Even though desertification is one of the significant challenges of our times, many people do not know what it is, or how it affects their lives. On 17th June UNCCD observes World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD) to create

public awareness. UNCCD, in cooperation with UNESCO has produced a teacher's kit, [Learning to Combat Desertification](#), for primary schools and a [Teaching Resource Kit for Dry Land Countries](#) for secondary schools. The kit is used as a tool in the education initiatives under the [UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development \(2005-14\)](#). It is available through UNESCO's Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) with a total of 8,000 schools in 177 countries. For more details please visit <http://www.unccd.int>

'Land belongs to the Future, Let's Climate Proof it'



The Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting (Independent Charge), Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Independent Charge) and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Prakash Javadekar addressing on the occasion of "World Day to Combat Desertification" on the theme of programme is 'Land

belongs to the Future, Let's Climate Proof it', in New Delhi on June 17, 2014.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this issue!

If you have items to feature in this News Update, please send it to Solution Exchange for the Disaster Management Community in India at se-drm@solutionexchange-un.net.in. In case your email doesn't support viewing this news update, please visit [UNDP India website](http://www.un.org/india) to read.

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From [Mahendra. Rajaram](#), UNDP, New Delhi

Handbook of Research on Climate Change Impact on Health and Environmental Sustainability

The Advances in Environmental Engineering & Green Technologies (AEEGT) Book Series is a mouthpiece for Handbook of Research on Climate Change Impact on Health and Environmental Sustainability. The proposed handbook will discuss topics within environmental engineering or that deal with the interdisciplinary field of green technologies. The last date to submit proposal is 30 July 2014 For more details, click [here](#). For further inquiries please write to Soumyananda Dinda sdinda@gmail.com or sdinda2000@yahoo.co.in

