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The conference is open and free of charge,
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CERG-C WORKSHOP:
Risk Management:
which Strategies in a
World of increasing complexity?

Friday 4 November 2011
University of Geneva
(site Battelle)
GOAL OF THE WORKSHOP

Human and economic losses from recent disasters such as hurricane Nargis in Myanmar in 2008, the Haiti earthquake in 2010, the Pakistan floods in 2010, the Russian heat wave in 2010, landslides in Brazil and the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in 2011, underscore the need to improve methodologies to assess and manage natural risks.

The CERG-C workshop on “RISK MANAGEMENT: WHICH STRATEGIES IN A WORLD OF INCREASING COMPLEXITY?” intends to bring together scientists (including researchers, graduate students and other experts) from various disciplines (e.g., geology, volcanology, seismology, hydrology, climatology, economics, sociology) and members of national and international disaster response and mitigation organizations to share their experience, discuss potential lines of collaborations and identify new strategies for training and research in the field of risk reduction.

Primary objectives include:

• exploring the needs and benefits of specialized training for professionals and scientists in the field of risk reduction;
• identifying common key objectives for training and research in the field of risk reduction;
• reinforcing networking within and outside of the CERG-C and coordinating disaster risk reduction efforts in the natural hazard community;
• establishing stronger links between scientists and practitioners, such as decision-makers, disaster managers, insurers, donors and training organizations.

The unit of geological risk in the Faculty of Sciences, University of Geneva, has offered a postgraduate certificate course for scientists and practitioners focusing on the assessment and management of geological and climate related risk (CERG-C) since 1988. The course was launched to provide support for countries exposed to potentially high levels of disaster risk by training people in capacity building at local to national levels. As the consequences of disasters resulting from geological and climate phenomena can only be reduced through multidisciplinary approaches, ideas from multiple disciplines are merged, including the natural, physical and social sciences, engineering, geography and economics.

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PROGRAM

8h Registration
8h30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
   Prof. Jean-Marc TRISCONE, Dean of the Faculty of Sciences
   Prof. Costanza BONADONNA, CERG-C Director

9h Opening conference:
   Current and future challenges in the field of disaster risk reduction
   Margareta WALHSTRÖM, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, UNISDR Geneva

9h45 Coffee Break

10h15 Josef HESS, Executive director, steering committee intervention against Natural Hazards
10h40 Frank STÖSSEL, Focal Point Disaster Risk Reduction, Swiss Humanitarian Aid
11h05 Franco BARBERI, Vice president Commissione Grandi Rischi, Italian Civil Protection
11h30 Surya PARKASH, Associate Professor, National Institute of Disaster Management, India

11h55 Thematic Discussion:
   key strategies and targets of training and research in the field of disaster risk reduction

13h Lunch Break

14h15 John HARDING, Head, Policy and Practice Unit, UNISDR
14h40 Francesco PISANO, UNOSAT Manager, UNITAR
15h05 Gari MAYBERRY, Geoscience advisor, USAID
15h30 Coffee break

16h Carlos MUÑOZ, Regional Disaster Risk Reduction Advisor, OXFAM
16h25 Katalin DEMETER, Senior urban management specialist, GFDRR
16h50 Insurance, NN

17h15 Thematic discussion:
   International training network and training support

18h Conclusion
18h30 Apero