



Water-related disasters websites



The Associated Programme on Flood Management (APFM)

www.wmo.ch/apfm/

www.wmo.ch

www.gwpforum.org

A collaboration between World Meteorological Organization, and Global Water Partnership, the APFM aims to incorporate flood management as a component of Integrated Water Resources Management; provide the necessary tools to facilitate the above; provide a mechanism for coordinating regional activities on flood management and assist in the preparation of relevant projects at regional and national level.



Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED), Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium

www.cred.be

Established in 1973, the main focus of the Centre is on safeguards, public health and the sanitary aspects of disasters in addition to the socio-economic and long-term effects of these large-scale disasters. CRED maintains the OFDA/CRED International Disaster Database, EM-DAT, which contains essential core data on the occurrence and effects of over 12,800 mass disasters in the world from 1900 to the present, compiled from various sources, including UN agencies, non-governmental organisations, insurance companies, research institutes and press agencies.



Dialogue on Water and Climate

www.wac.ihe.nl/home.html

The Dialogue on Water and Climate aims to improve the capacity in water resources management to cope with the impacts of increasing variability of the world's climate, by establishing a platform through which policymakers and water resources managers have better access to, and make better use of, information generated by climatologists and meteorologists.



International Year of Fresh Water

www.wateryear2003.org/

The United Nations General Assembly in resolution 55/196 proclaimed the year 2003 as the International Year of Freshwater. It encourages Governments, the United Nations system and all other actors to take advantage of the Year to increase awareness of the importance of sustainable freshwater use, management and protection. It also calls upon governments, national and international organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to make voluntary contributions and to lend other forms of support to the Year.



Natural Hazards Center and HazLit

www.colorado.edu/hazards/

www.colorado.edu/hazards/litbase/litindex.htm

HazLit is the on-line library database of the Natural Hazards Research and Applications Information Center at the University of Colorado at Boulder. The library of the Natural Hazards Center houses an extensive collection of social science literature focusing on how society prepares for, responds to, recovers from, and mitigates natural disasters.



Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) - Disasters and Humanitarian Assistance

www.paho.org/disasters

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) is an international public health agency with 100 years of experience working to improve health and living standards of the people of the Americas. It enjoys international recognition as part of the United Nations system, serving as the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization, and as the health organization of the Inter-American System. Their disasters and humanitarian assistance web page highlights events and projects linking disasters and public health. The page also provides a topic based index on disaster issues.



Reliefweb

www.reliefweb.int

Administered by the UN Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Reliefweb contains a wealth of information serving the needs of the humanitarian relief community, including regular updates of natural disasters as they occur around the world.



UN Environmental Programme's (UNEP) Fresh Water Site

freshwater.unep.net/

Aside from background and information on fresh water issues and resources, the UNEP site features a subsection on droughts and floods which features articles on disaster planning and mitigation. Various links to relevant UN documents can also be found on the site.



UNESCO Water Portal

www.unesco.org/water/

The UNESCO Water Portal is intended to enhance access to information related to freshwater available on the World Wide Web, serving as an interactive point for sharing, browsing and searching websites of water-related organizations, government bodies and NGOs, including a range of categories such as water links, water events, learning modules and other on-line resources. Contains links to the World Water Development Report, a collaborative effort of 23 UN agencies and programmes launched in March 2003.



Water Media Network

www.worldbank.org/wbi/sdwatermedianetwork/index.html

The Water Media Network is an initiative designed to help journalists examine the social, environmental, regulatory and financial issues relating to water, and experience the difference that water can make to the economy in your regions. The program features workshops, field visits, distance learning courses and more.



World Water Council

www.worldwatercouncil.org

The World Water Council is an international water policy thinktank dedicated to strengthening the world water movement for an improved management of the world's water resources. Contains links to the 3rd World Water Forum held in March 2003 in Kyoto, Japan.