



Regional group of new trainers from the Americas in Disaster Risk Reduction Planning. Photo Credit: UNISDR Americas

UNISDR GETI and the Office in the Americas trains 35 professionals in Disaster Risk Reduction planning

Thirty-five professionals in disaster risk management from 16 countries of the Americas successfully completed their training in structuring disaster risk reduction plans within the framework of the international programme promoted by the Global Education and Training Institute (GETI), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) training body. Among the global targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 is to significantly increase the number of countries with national and local disaster risk reduction strategies by 2020, with an expected increase in the regional demand for specialized technical training, such as the training provided by this intensive 35-hour programme.

Read More: <https://www.unisdr.org/archive/51399>

Technology: the future of disaster risk reduction?



Fast-paced tech developments have the potential to help the world rein in the impact of natural and human-induced hazards, notably when it comes to tackling urban risk. The annual Korean Making Cities Resilient event, held at the annual K-Safety expo, drew 222 officials from 176 Korean cities for a special 'Tech for DRR' seminar in partnership with ICLEI, KAIST and POSTECH.

Read More: <https://www.unisdr.org/archive/51043>

Singapore and UNISDR boost developing countries' Sendai capacity



Singapore and UNISDR have renewed their partnership to strengthen the disaster risk management capacity of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and other developing countries that are vulnerable to natural disasters and are on the front line of climate change. A joint specialised training course provided practical support and knowledge for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to participants from 18 countries, namely Bahrain, Bhutan, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Djibouti, Ecuador, Fiji, India, Jordan, Mauritius, Nauru, the Philippines, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Timor-Leste, and Togo.

Read More: <https://www.unisdr.org/archive/50859>

Provinces, Cities, and Municipalities of Bicol Region. Philippines Embrace the Local Implementation of the Sendai Framework



Over 85 mayors from the entire Bicol region gathered together to learn and share local approaches and measures to manage and reduce risk and to enhance recovery planning. The UNISDR GETI Workshop organized with the leadership of Ms Madelaine Yorobe Alfelor, Mayor of Iriga City and Ms Violeta Seva, UNISDR Advocate for Making Cities Resilient Campaign and in collaboration with the International Recovery Platform and UN Habitat was an opportunity for the Mayors of Bicol Region to sign up for MCR campaign and expressed their commitment to promote resilient towns and communities in their respective localities.

Mongolian cities tackle



Curbing deaths from disasters requires local authorities and other community partners to raise their capacity to manage risks and thereby ensure safe and sustainable development for their citizens. In Mongolia, the government has committed not only to national action but also to fostering cities' capacity. Deputy Prime Minister Khurelsukh encouraged the mayors of the three cities to integrate disaster risk reduction into local development policy and urban planning and implement it.

Read More: <http://www.unisdr.org/archive/50641>

Incheon City Honorary Citizen Diplomats ready to play their role



29 members of the Incheon Honorary Citizen Diplomats Association representing seven of ten districts of Incheon Metropolitan City were convened by the city to learn about the importance of understanding disaster risk, risk reduction approaches, global policy and local tools for implementation.

Read More: <http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/51247>

Munda Island built the Business Case for Disaster Risk Reduction



the UNISDR GETI and the UNISDR Pacific Office's training of this kind was first ever in that part of Solomon Islands, which brought practical tools for businesses to learn about disaster risk management and to strengthen collaboration with each other as neighbouring businesses on a small island. Key areas for concrete actions such as reinvesting in safer infrastructure, securing back-up storage in safe locations, identifying alternate work sites, back-up power supplies and implementing scenarios and drills for staff and guests were recognized by businesses.

Yangcheon-gu: Becoming a resilient city



Yangcheon-gu, a district of metropolitan Seoul, already has programmes emphasizing the needs of the elderly and disabled, and disaster and safety preparedness and planning. A 31 October workshop boosted their disaster risk reduction knowledge and shared how to share their experience via the Making Cities Resilient campaign.

Read More: <http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/50734>

Incheon City Officials 'Prepared, Aware and Ready'



100 Incheon City officials met on 11 October to celebrate the International Day for Disaster Reduction and learn how disaster risk reduction supports Incheon's plan for resilience and motto: 'Be Prepared. The 2016 campaign will seek to create a wave of awareness about actions taken to reduce mortality around the world. During this workshop, participants will also reflect on how Incheon is improving how people are becoming more risk informed.

Read More: <http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/50485>

Tech for DRR: Smart City Apps for Resilience



On day two of the Smart Cities Conference under Stream One on Smart Governance, UNISDR ONEA-GETI brought its Tech for DRR seminar series to the conference to share Smart Apps for early warning, preparedness and risk mapping from Making Cities Resilient cities from Indonesia, Korea, Ghana, the UK and US, and opportunities for using tech to implement the Sendai Framework and SDGs.

Read More: <http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/51288>

Disaster Risk Reduction Workshops for primary healthcare - Northern Queensland



132 participants attended a series of workshops held in Cairns, Mackay and Townsville, Australia organized by UNISDR GETI and the Northern Queensland Primary Health Network. Traditionally, the health response activities post-disaster have focused on immediate trauma and communicable diseases. This focus remains despite the actual risk of post-disaster communicable disease outbreaks being low, particularly in developed countries. The purpose of the workshop was to facilitate integration of the primary healthcare sector into disaster management.

Read More: <https://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/50164>

Korean National University of Education (KNUE) commits DRR to curriculum



The KNUE President has signed an agreement with the UNISDR GETI for the cooperation of school safety education programmes. In the future, the two organizations will work together to educate future principals and teachers. On the occasion, a primer in teaching disaster risk reduction in the classroom was attended by over 200 second-year teachers' college students.

Education Reduces Disaster Risk



Did you know that students of all ages can participate effectively in school and community safety measures and work with teachers and other adults to minimize risk before, during and after disasters? The Incheon City 'Towards a Culture of Prevention for Korean Students' training programme has kicked off with national interest.

Read More: <http://www.preventionweb.net/news/view/50728>

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Calendar for Jan-Mar 2017

DRR Training of NATO– Seoul	Sofia, Bulgaria	17-19 Jan
Local Implementation of Sendai Framework	Ulaanbaatar, Darhan, Mongolia	16-20 Jan
Model UN 2017	Sogang University	19 Jan
Local Implementation of Sendai Framework	Moscow, Russia	End Jan
Local Implementaion of Sendai Framework	Mashhad City, Iran	8-11 Jan
Resilience Action Planning - Implementing the Sendai Framework at the Local Level (UNITAR –UNISDR online course English and Spanish)	Online	Feb-April
The Business Case of Disaster Risk Reduction	Manila, Philippines	March
Risk Assessment Trainig and Local Implementation of Sendai Framework for West Cities of Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	March

More incoming events at www.unisdr.org/incheon