

**COUNTRY STATEMENT PRESENTED AT THE WORLD
CONFERENCE ON DISASTER REDUCTION (W.C.D.R) HELD
AT KOBE HYOGO JAPAN 18TH – 22ND JANUARY 2005 BY THE
SWAZILAND DELEGATION**

Your Excellency Chairman of the World Conference on Disaster Reduction.

Your Excellency distinguished representative of the United Nations.

Distinguished representative of the Government of Japan.

Your Excellencies members of the Diplomatic Missions.
Distinguished Delegates Ladies and Gentlemen.

May I on behalf of the Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland, His Majesty King Mswati III, His Majesty's Government and the people of the Kingdom of Swaziland, take this opportunity to extend to you Mr. President, Your Excellencies, distinguished delegates, very warm regards and good wishes from His Majesty the King and the people of the Kingdom of Swaziland for the success of this historic meeting.

On behalf of my delegation, I would like to extend to you Mr. Chairman our sincere gratitude for the very warm welcome and the splendid facilities that we have enjoyed since our arrival in Kobe, this beautiful City of Japan.

May I also extend our sincere gratitude to our many international friends, including the various organs of the United Nations System, for the different forms of assistance, both financial and in kind, that

