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Bureau of Meteorology

THEME 2 - SESSION 2.1

INTEGRATED FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT THROUGH APPROPRIATE KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

20th January 2005



OPENING REMARKS

- Welcome and thank you for your participation
- Focus: Integrated Flood Risk Management
 - Total Flood Warning System
 - Multi-Disciplinary approach
- Knowledge/Information Sharing (Communication)
- Capacity Building – at all levels (Empowering through Education and Training, Resources, Legislation, etc.)



THE SCENE TODAY

- Weather/Water-related disasters make up 90% of disasters
- Natural hazards will always occur - they become disasters when the impact exceeds the Community's ability to cope.
- Much is being done, but more can be done
- Public Forum (Wednesday 19th January)
 - Capacity Building – Education and training - Schools
 - Access to Information - Early Warning – Getting the message across!
 - Learning from the past – research of past events
- International Flood Initiative – CHARM
- Setting targets – Measurable, Realistic and achievable



NEXT PRESENTATIONS

- Mr Atu Kalourmaira (Fiji)
 - Importance of integrating meteorological and hydrological data/information

- Mr Bobby Prabowo (Indonesia)
 - Importance of early warning for flash-flood and sediment related disasters in mountain regions

- Dr Slobodan Simonovic (Canada)
 - Importance of interagency activities for mitigating against, responding to and recovering from water-induced disasters