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"People-centered early warning systems"

The lessons of EWC-II

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EWC-II

"Integrating early warning of natural disasters into public policy"

- Organised by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Secretariat of the ISDR, in Bonn.

- ✓ The process of regional consultations to identify needs and areas for action

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"...despite quite good knowledge of disasters and early warning methods... overall progress over the last decade to build early warning systems that truly serve those affected and most at risk, has been disappointing."

Key requirements

a) Sustained political commitment,

b) Incorporation of early warning as an integral part of policy and decision-making for disaster prevention and reduction,

c) More systematic and coordinated efforts

Lessons from the EWC-II

❶ Better integration of early warning into development process and public policies

❷ Improved data collection and availability for forecasting on different time scales and investigating long-term risk factors

❸ Improved capacities and strengthened early warning systems, particularly in developing countries

Lessons from the EWC-II

❹ Development of people-centred warning systems

❺ Mechanisms for sustaining the early warning dialogue and supporting the development of the programme

Agreements from the EWC-II

> ## International Early Warning Programme

✓ to encourage and facilitate an expanded dialogue amongst UN agencies, international organisations, academic institutions, non-governmental organisations and private sector –at all levels–.

Agreements from the EWC-II

Platform for the Promotion of Early Warning

- ✓ the organisational capacity to support and advance the International Early Warning Programme.

The International Early Warning Programme
"People-centred early warning systems"

Four elements of effective early warning systems:

RISK KNOWLEDGE	WARNING SERVICE
DISSEMINATION	RESPONSE CAPABILITY

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"*People-centred early warning systems*"

Elements for future work...

- ✓ Development, implementation and monitoring the efficiency of early warning systems...

- ✓ Partnerships