World Conference on Disaster Reduction  
18-22 January 2005, Kobe, Hyogo, Japan

# Daily programme

**Friday, 21 January 2005**

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Participants are kindly requested to retain copies of documents throughout the session, in order to reduce paper consumption.

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Intergovernmental segment (continued)

17:00 – 18:00  
Credentials Committee  
*Closed meeting*

Ohwada Plenary Room

Thematic segment

10:00 – 12:00  
**Cluster 1: Session 1.9**  
Local governance: preconditions for effective disaster risk reduction
Organized by:  
- German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ)  
- German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV)  
- Capacity Building International, Germany (InWEnt)

Nunobiki Meeting Room

10:00 – 12:00  
**Cluster 4: Session 4.7**  
Community based disaster management
Organized by:  
- UN Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD)  
- Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS)  
- Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC)

Kitano Meeting Room

10:00 – 12:00  
**Cluster 3: Session 3.6**  
Implementation strategies for application of research and development on disaster reduction
Organized by:  
- Ministry of Education, Sports, Culture, Science and Technology (MEXT), Government of Japan in cooperation with:  
  - National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention, Japan (NIED)  
  - World Seismic Safety Initiative (WSSI)  
  - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)  
  - UN Education, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO)  
  - Regional Disaster Information Center, Latin America and the Caribbean (CRID)

Kikusui Meeting Room

10:00 – 12:00  
**Cluster 2: Session 2.4**  
Coping with multiple hazards in urban settings
Organized by:  
- Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)  
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)  
- Institute of Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ILCR)

Ikuta Meeting Room

12:15 – 14:15  
**Cluster 2: Session 2.2**  
A Seamless Approach to the Global Problem of Drought
Organized by:  
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in collaboration with World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Ikuta Meeting Room

12:15 – 14:15  
**Cluster 1: Session 1.4**  
Turning Practice into Policy: supporting community risk reduction through government and institutional policy
Organized by:  
- Tearfund  
- UN Development Programme (UNDP), India  
- Cranfield University  
- with contributions from:  
  - Government of India  
  - Swedish International Development Agency

Nunobiki Meeting Room
Thematic segment (continued)

12:15 – 14:15 Cluster 3: Session 3.2 Kikusui Meeting Room
Innovations in risk reduction, education for young professionals: field campus and case stations for implementation sciences
Organized by: Disaster Prevention Research Institute (DPRI)
              International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
              Japan Society of Natural Disaster Sciences (JSNDS)

13:00 – 15:00 Thematic Panel Cluster 5 Kairaku Main Committee Room
Preparedness for effective response
Chair: Mr. Siddiquur Rahman Choudhury, Secretary in Charge of the Bangladesh Ministry for Food and Disaster Management
Rapporteur: Ms. Norah Niland, Chief, Policy Development Section
            UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Geneva (OCHA)
Speakers:
Mr. Johan Schaar, Head of Division, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, (SIDA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ms. Fernanda Teixeira, Secretary General of the Mozambique Red Cross Society Federation
Mr. Randolph Kent, expert in Relief and Development, Kings College London
Mr. Jose Llanes, Director, National Disaster Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cuba
Ms. Yvette Stevens, Assistant Emergency Relief Coordinator and Director of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Geneva (OCHA), Geneva
Mr. Kenro Oshidari, Deputy Regional Director; Regional Bureau for Asia, World Food Programme (WFP), Bangkok

14:30 – 16:30 Cluster 2: Session 2.9 Ikuta Meeting Room
Reducing risk through effective use of earth observations
Organized by: Japan Space Agency (JAXA)
            UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)
            National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

14:30 – 16:30 Cluster 1: Session 1.2 Nunobiki Meeting Room
National platforms within ISDR
Organized by: German Committee for Disaster Reduction (DKKV)
            Partner European national platforms

14:30 – 16:30 Cluster 4: Session 4.8 Kitano Meeting Room
Vulnerability of modern societies towards natural disasters – the impact on critical infrastructures
Organized by: Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research (MCEER)
              German Federal Office for Civil Protection and Disaster Response (BBK)

14:30 – 16:30 Cluster 3: Session 3.10 Kikusui Meeting Room
Capacity building and disaster reduction
Organized by: World Health Organization Centre for Health Development (WHO Kobe Centre)
              WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO)
              UN Disaster Management Training Programme (DMTP)
              UN Development Programme (UNDP)
Thematic segment (continued)

15:00 – 17:00
Regional session
Geographical proximity – common threats

Organized by: Regional entities of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Disaster Reduction (IATF/DR), namely:
- African Union (AU)
- Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)
- Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)
- Council of Europe
- European Commission Joint Research Centre (EC/JRC)
- Organization of American States (OAS)/Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction (IACNDR)
- South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC)

Chair: Suvit Yodmani, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)
Rapporteur: Rowena Hay, UMVOTO

Panel A - Regional and sub regional mechanisms for disaster reduction
Speakers:
- Mr. Kim Hak-Su, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
- Mr. John Martin Ower, Assistant Commissioner, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Uganda
- Ms. Danièle Smadja, European Commission Directorate-General External Relations
- Mr. Jeremy Collymore, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA)

Panel B - Regional entity roles in implementing the outcomes of the WCDR
Speakers:
- Mr. Masayuki Kitamoto, Asian Disaster Reduction Center (ADRC)
- Mr. Laban Ogallo, Regional Climate Information Center for Africa (ICPAC)
- Mr. Peou Samy, ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management
- Mr. Geronimo Giusto, Coordination Center for the Prevention of Natural Disaster in Central America (CEPREDENAC)
- Mr. Mark Keim, Center for Disease Control (CDC)

16:45 – 18:45
Cluster 2: Session 2.7
People-centered early warning systems
Organized by: ISDR Platform for the Promotion of Early Warning (PPEW)
2nd International Conference on Early Warning (EWC-II) partners

16:45 – 18:45
Cluster 5: Session 5.3
Effective response through coordination, partnership and integrated assessment
Organized by: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
Environmental Emergencies and Field Coordination Support Sections
CARE International

16:45 – 18:45
Cluster 4: Session 4.10
Disaster prevention functions and disaster resistant sustainable livelihoods
Organized by: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan (MAFF)
Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG)
Meetings of regional and other interest groups
(information updated as received by the WCDR secretariat)

08:15 – 09:45 Central Asian Informal Consultation
Ikuta Meeting Room
Organized by: UN Development Programme (UNDP), Tajikistan
UN Inter-agency secretariat of the International Strategy
for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR)

08:30 – 10:00 European Union
Ohwada Plenary Room
Closed meeting

Public forum

Theme for Friday, 21 January 2005
Morning: Building strong housing and city against disasters
Afternoon: Building a strong infrastructure and infrastructure constitution

Public forum workshops will be held at a range of venues within the vicinity of the Kobe Portopia Hotel.
Morning session: 09:00 - 12:00
Afternoon session: 14:00 - 17:00

The public forum exhibition and poster session will be held at the Kobe International Exhibition Hall, open daily from 10:00 to 17:00.
Further information is available in the Programme of the Public Forum.

All day The Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake Forum
Kobe Portopia Hotel
Organized by: Cabinet Office, Government of Japan
Hyogo Prefecture

All day Prevention and Mitigation of Disasters related to
Weather, Climate and Water
International Conference Room 301
International Conference Center
Organized by: World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

All day World Conference of Volunteers for Disaster
Meeting Room 502
International Conference Center
Organized by: Nippon volunteer network
action disaster (secretariat)

All day Disaster Risk Management for Megacities in Asia
Room 503/504/506
(used in combined form)
International Conference Center
Organized by: Kobe University, Research Center
for Urban Safety and Security

All day 5th Workshop for comparative study
Kobe International Exhibition Hall
on urban earthquake disaster management
Organized by: Research Center for Disaster Reduction Systems

All day DCP: District Continuity Plan
Meeting Room 3B
Kobe International Exhibition Hall
Organized by: Urban Disaster Prevention Organization
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### Afternoon

**Sustainable glass system to protect people in natural disasters**  
Meeting Room 1-2-3  
(used in combined form)  
Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI)  
Organized by: Flat Glass Manufacturers Association of Japan

**Kobe forum on harmonious multi-religious city - Where the gate of gods is open**  
Netherland Center  
Organized by: Executive Committee for Kobe Forum on Harmonious Multi-religious City

### Media events

Attendance at press briefings and press conferences are limited to WCDR accredited journalists only (with the exception of press attachés, delegation members and UN officials directly concerned with the conference).

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Kobe Portopia Hotel | Mr. Andrew Maskrey, Chief, Disaster Reduction Unit, UN Development Programme Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (UNDP/BCPR)  
Organized by: UN Development Programme (UNDP)  
Speaker: Mr. Andrew Maskrey, Chief, Disaster Reduction Unit, UN Development Programme Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (UNDP/BCPR) |
| 11:30 – 13:00 | Disaster Communications and the Media: A partnership in disaster prevention, response and relief | Waraku Press Conference Room  
Kobe Portopia Hotel | Mr. Gary Fowlie, Chief of Media Relations, International Telecommunications Union (ITU)  
Mr. Timothy Large, Deputy Editor, Reuters AlertNet  
Mr. Xavier Castallanos, Information and Disaster Expert, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
Mr. Chris Horwood, Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN) News  
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Mr. Chris Horwood, Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN) News |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Press conference: Fourth EC decision for tsunami victims including contribution to early warning system | Room 403  
International Conference Center Kobe | Mrs. Smadja, Head of the European Commission Delegation  
Organized by: European Commission  
Speaker: Mrs. Smadja, Head of the European Commission Delegation |
Media events (continued)

17:00 – 18:00  Press conference: Climate calamities and human health  Waraku Press Conference Room  Kobe Portopia Hotel

Speakers:
Dr. Wilfrid Kreisel, Director, World Health Organization (WHO) Centre for Health Development
Mr. Sombo Yamamura, Director, Asian-Pacific Network for Global Change Research
Dr. Michael Glantz, National Center for Atmospheric Research
Dr. Carlos Corvalan, Coordinator, Occupational and Environmental Health, World Health Organization (WHO)

Organized by: World Health Organization (WHO)

18:30 – 19:00  UN daily press briefing  Room 301  International Conference Center Kobe

Speaker: Dr. Daniel D.C. Don Nanjira, WCDR Spokesperson

Organized by: WCDR secretariat

19:30 – 20:30  Government of Japan daily press briefing  Room 403  International Conference Center Kobe

Mr. Koichi Ito, Global Environment Division, Global Issues Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan
Mr. Satoru Nishikawa, Director for Disaster Preparedness, Cabinet Office of Japan

Organized by: Government of Japan

Announcements

Meeting on tsunami early warning systems

The Inter-agency secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) Platform for the Promotion of Early Warning (PPEW) and the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) invite delegates to a scoping meeting on the development of tsunami early warning systems particularly in the Indian Ocean region to be held on Saturday 22 January.

The meeting will be held at 14:00-18:00 in the Ohwada Plenary Room, with UN interpretation services available as well as Japanese. While not formally part of the WCDR programme, the meeting is being held within the Conference premises and is open only to existing WCDR-registered delegates.

Film screenings

The following films will be screened from 13:00 in the Ohwada Plenary Room:

- “The Other Side of Paradise”
  World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
  Produced by UN Television

- “The Eighth Plague: West Africa’s Locust Invasion”
  Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN) News