

Programme
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Monday 27 March 2006

Plenary Opening Session

10.00 Welcome address by the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Germany,
Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier

10.15 Opening address by United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs,
Jan Egeland

10.30 Message from the Mayors' Conference on Early Warning, delivered by
Juan del Granado Cosio, Lord Mayor of the City of La Paz

10.35 Keynote address by **Katherine Sierra**, Vice-President, Infrastructure, World Bank

10.55 Organizational matters

11.00 Plenary adjourns

11.00 Press Conference

11.30 Opening of **Poster Session**

12.25 Plenary resumes

12.30 Address by Special Guest **President William J. Clinton**, UN Special Envoy for
Tsunami Recovery, followed by short discussion with Plenary

13.30 Plenary adjourns

Priorities and Projects Forum	Scientific and Technical Symposium
<p>Moderator: Thomas Kausch</p> <p>15.00 Opening of Session (Chairman), introduction of Moderator, Thomas Kausch</p> <p>15.05 Overarching issue 1: A global early warning system: who is responsible and how can it be achieved? <i>International action and governance to build reliable systems worldwide, to energize partnerships, and to capitalize on opportunities and plug the gaps.</i></p> <p>Keynote: Sir David King (Chief Scientific Advisor, UK)</p> <p>15.30 Session 1: EARTH <i>Shaking, blasting and sliding – ready and resilient for the hazards of the Earth</i> During this session, the following projects will be presented that illustrate problems encountered and solutions offered in relation to earthquakes, landslides and volcanic activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From Local Action to National Cooperation: National and People Centred Early Warning System in Tajikistan, <i>submitted by the Ministry of Emergency Situations</i> • An Early Warning System Towards Hazards of the Tungurahua and Cotopaxi Volcanoes, Province of Tungurahua, Ecuador, <i>submitted by Junta</i> 	<p>11.15 Opening of the Symposium by the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, by Michel Jarraud</p> <p>11.45 Session 1: MULTI-HAZARD APPROACHES Keynote: Promoting risk-wise behaviour: an integrated strategy for reducing vulnerability and improving resiliency, by Helen M. Wood</p> <p>In this session, participants will listen to twelve short presentations on subjects related to multi-hazard approaches, in different parts of the world, using various technologies. A discussion panel will conclude the session.</p>

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- A Warning Analysis Network and Site for Iran, *submitted by the National Disaster Task Force of the Ministry of Interior*
- Flooding and Landslide Early Warning System in the City of La Paz, Bolivia, *submitted by the Municipality of La Paz*
- Short presentation of Geographical Analysis of the Watershed of the Mocoties Valley and Urban Local Plan for Sustainable Development for the Community of Santa Cruz de Mérida, submitted by Alcaldia de Santa Cruz; Universidad de Los Andes; Universidad Simón Bolívar, Venezuela

Experts in relevant areas will contribute to the presentation and participants will be invited and encouraged to take part in the discussions. From the exchange, the moderator will draw out features that deserve to be brought into the conference outcome documents.

18.30 Closing of Session (Chairman)

19.00 Reception hosted by the **German Federal Foreign Office**

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Moderator: **Mishal Husain**

09.00 Opening of Session (Chairman), introduction of Moderator, Mishal Husain

09.05 Feedback from Symposium Session 1:
Multi-hazard Approaches

09.10 **Overarching issue 2:** National warning systems for all hazards and all people
Welding the best players into the best team for the best results: politicians, hazard experts, disaster authorities, media, community leaders.
Keynote: Barbara Carby (Director, Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, Kingston, Jamaica)

09.30 Session 2: **WATER**
Too much or too little -- coping with the hazards of Water

Participants will be presented with the following projects to illustrate problems and solutions related to climate risks, floods and tsunamis:

- Enhancing Hydroclimate Monitoring, Early Warning and Applications for the Reduction of Climate Related Risks in the Greater Horn of Africa, *submitted by the IGAD Climate Prediction*

09.00 Session 2: **MEGA-EVENTS**

Keynote: Istanbul earthquake early warning and rapid response system, by **Mustafa Erdik et al.**

In this session, participants will hear eight short presentations on mega-events in different parts of the world, related to a variety of subjects that are directly related to early warning of mega-events in different natural hazards. A discussion panel will conclude the session.

<p><i>and Applications Centre</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementing a Real-Time Flood Forecasting System for East Black Sea Region in Turkey, <i>submitted by the General Directorate of State Hydraulic Works</i> • Towards a Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Response System in West Afriva, <i>submitted by the World Meteorological Organization</i> • Early Warning Systems for Natural Hazards in the Binational River Basin Catamayo-Chira, <i>submitted by the Provincial Council of Loja, Ecuador and the Regional Government of Piura, Peru</i> • Establishment of an Information Chain to Influence the Behaviour of Populations Exposed to Atmospheric and Geological Risks (Cyclones and Tsunamis) in the Caribbean Basin and the Atlantic Ocean, with a View to Reducing their Vulnerability, <i>submitted by Victorin Lurel (the President of the Regional Council of Guadeloup), Pierre-Marie Sarant (CORISK), PIRAC</i> <p>Inputs from experts and participants will be invited as before, and the moderator will draw conclusions and features for the outcome documents.</p>	
<p>13.00 WORKSHOPS</p> <p>15.00 Session 2, cont.</p>	
<p>Moderator: Sir Trevor McDonald</p> <p>Opening of Session (Chairman), introduction of Moderator, Sir Trevor McDonald</p> <p>16.00 Session 3: AIR <i>Weather eyes open -- predicting and responding to the hazards of the Air</i> During this session, the following projects will be presented, to illustrate problems and solutions related to drought and desertification, storms and climate risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Warning Communication System for the Kingdom of Tonga, <i>submitted by the Tonga National Disaster Management Office</i> • Development of a Regional Sand and Dust Storm Early Warning System in North East Asia, <i>submitted by the Centre for Atmosphere Watch and Services, China Meteorological Administration and the World Meteorological Organization</i> <p>Experts in relevant areas will contribute to the presentations and participants will be invited and encouraged to take part in the discussions. The moderator will draw features that will deserve to be brought into the conference outcome documents.</p>	<p>15.00 Session 3: PEOPLE, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS Keynote: Cost-effective strengthening of warnings through informal networks and channels, by John Handmer</p> <p>In this session, participants will be presented with nine short interventions to discuss early warning from a socio-economic and political perspective. Experiences from different parts of the world will be brought by the participants to enrich the discussion panel that will conclude the session.</p>

17.40 Feedback from Symposium Session 2: Mega Events 17.45 Closing of Session (Chairman)	
19.00 Reception hosted by the City of Bonn	
Wednesday 29 March 2006	
09.00 Opening of Session (Chairman) 09:05 Session 3: AIR continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of an Advanced Tropical Cyclone Early Warning System for the Philippines, <i>submitted by the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration; City University of Hong Kong; Bureau of Meteorology, Australia; and the World Meteorological Organization</i> • Early Warning Systems for Desert Locusts – a West Africa Pilot Project, <i>submitted by National Meteorological Services of Senegal and Mauritania, WMO, and the Institute of Biometeorology of Florence, Italy</i> 09.00 Overarching issue 3: The ultimate question: who gets the message and what should they do? <i>Engaging communities, building awareness and preparedness, and making early warning systems people-centred.</i> Keynote: Eunice Mucache (Director of Programmes of the Mozambique Red Cross Society) Overarching Issue 4: Early Warning for Early Action - Mobilizing the International Community Keynote: Henri Josserand (Chief, ESCG, Global Information and Early Warning System, UN Food and Agriculture Organisation)	09.00 Session 3, cont.
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Plenary Closing Session 12.00 Closing session During this session, the two streams of the conference will come together, from the Priorities and Projects Forum and from the Scientific and Technical Symposium, to conclude and map out future steps and consider the outcome documents that will have evolved during the 3-day conference, including a final statement on the role of Early Warning in Disaster Reduction. 13.00 Closure of the conference	