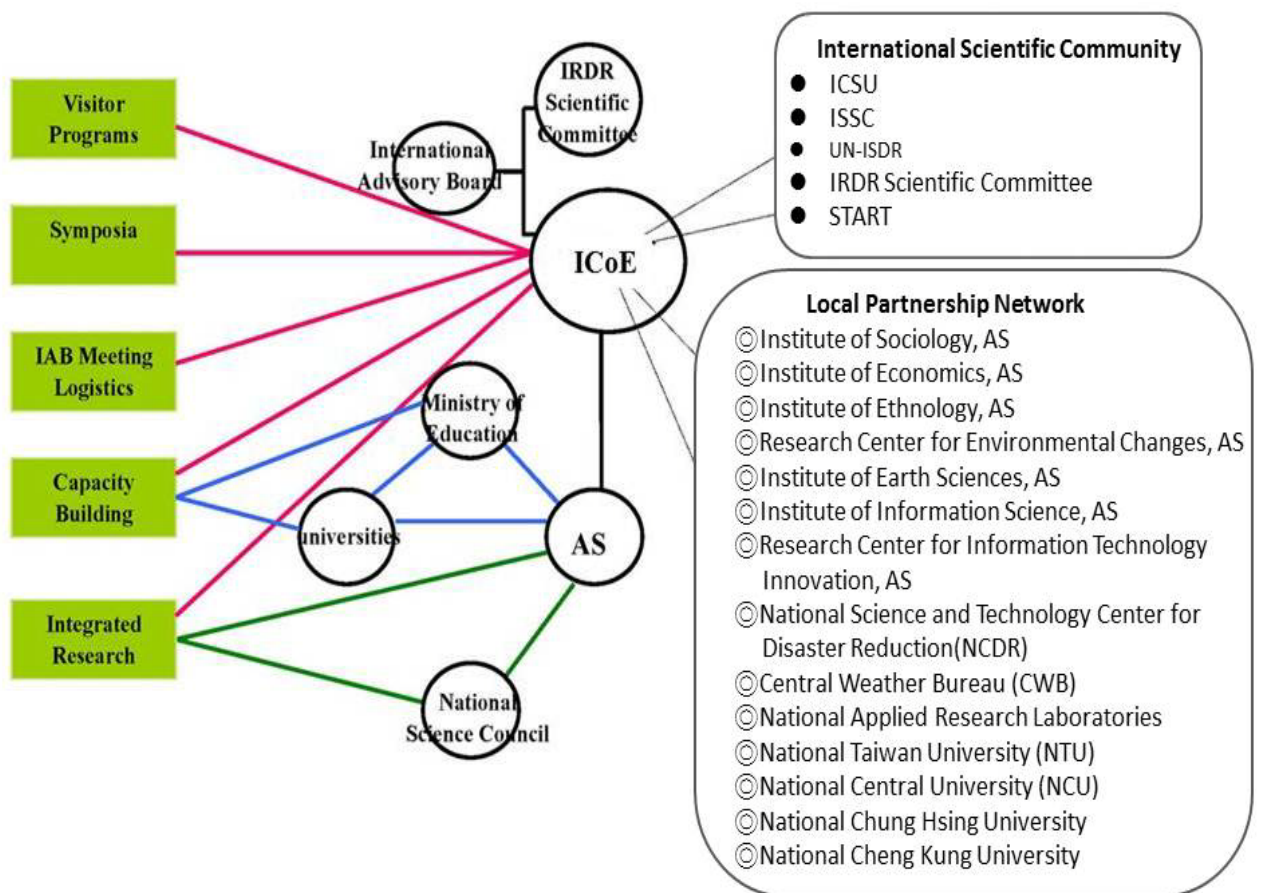


Integrated Research on Disaster Risk, International Centre of Excellence (IRDR-ICoE) has been established since November 2010 at Academy of Sciences located in Taipei, China. The ICoE serves as an international platform for conducting integrated research on disaster risk from both the natural and social science perspectives and builds a partnership network of disaster reduction research in China: Taipei.

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Recent Activities

- **The Advanced Institute on Forensic Investigation of Disasters:**

The Advanced Institute on Forensic Investigation of Disasters – Southeast Asia hosted and organized by the IRDR International Centre of Excellence (IRDR-ICoE) in China: Taipei, in partnership with START (Global Change System for Analysis, Research and Training), the International Council for Sciences (ICSU) and the international Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) program during March 12th ~19th, 2012.

The 2012 Advanced Institute on FORIN brought together more than 50 participants attended the Institute including senior international and local scientists and approximately 30 young researchers in the Southeast Asia region. During the Advanced Institute, the young researchers can have the opportunities to know more about the enhanced understanding, skills and resources to design, organize and carry out FORIN related studies in their own countries. Institute sessions included educational modules, hands-on interactive exercises and field visits. As a condition of acceptance, all Institute participants are expected to conceptualize an individual or collaborative project, to be presented in plenary at the conclusion of the Institute, which may later be submitted for competitive funding to support follow-on activities



Group photo of AI FORIN in March, 2012

• **“Cities at Risk: Building Adaptive Capacities for Managing Climate Change Risks in Asian Coastal Cities (CAR II)**

IRDR-ICoE successfully held the “Cities at Risk: Building Adaptive Capacities for Managing Climate Change Risks in Asian Coastal Cities (CAR II)” in Taipei during 11th. -13th. April 2011. Many scientists and researchers all over the world working on urban adaptation and risk were invited to participate in the Symposium. Issues related to Climate Change, Vulnerability and Adaptation were discussed in the meeting.



Group photo of CAR II in April, 2011

Visitor Program

Through IRDR-Academy of Sciences located in Taipei, China Visiting Scholar Fellowships, ICoE will invite senior scientists for short/long term visits, ranging from a few weeks to several months. Also ICoE will accept applications from junior researchers with background either in natural or social science working in disaster-related fields for up to one year visit at an institute or a department of China Academy of Sciences located in Taipei, China and other partner universities in China: Taipei.

The IRDR-ICoE had invited the 1st visitor of senior scientists, Dr. HUA-LU PAN, Physical parametrization specialist, IMS Group / Environmental Modeling Center, NCEP from February to March, 2012. And the ICoE will work on the program of inviting the junior researchers to come to China: Taipei for doing researches and working on projects in the near future.

Activities plan

The ICoE plans to hold Advanced Institutes on Forensic Investigations of Disasters (FORINS) and Risk Interpretation and Action (RIA) at Taipei in 2012. The participants in the Advanced Institute will have the opportunity to learn more about disaster risk reduction, management and other relevant information through cases studies, participatory exercises and interdisciplinary discussions.

The Advanced Institutes on Forensic Investigations of Disasters (FORINS) was held in March, 2012. And the Advanced Institute on Disaster Loss Data (DATA) will be held in Taipei in In October, 2012. And the AI DATA will be held by the IRDR -ICoE in China: Taipei, in partnership with START (Global Change System for Analysis, Research and Training), the International Council for Sciences (ICSU) and the international Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) program. And the ICoE Scientific Advisory Board meeting might be scheduled in conjunction with this AI event in October, 2012.