



# German Activities in the Context of IRDR

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- **Interest to establish an IRDR - Center of Excellence in Germany**
- **First initiative focused on a centre regarding FORIN studies (Univ. of Hannover)**
- **This has changed – now a NETWORK of key institutions is a core goal (meeting 18th July 2013)**
- **Motivation – systematic integration of research expertise – ensure integrated research, funding opportunities**
- **Various open questions remain**

- **Center of Excellence as a Network**  
UNU-EHS (focal point), CEDIM, University of Karlsruhe, University of Potsdam, GFZ, DKKV/National IRDR
- **Focus / thematic areas (in discussion)**  
Cascading risks, root causes and drivers of disaster risk, lessons learned studies
- **Funding (intended)**  
Own resources and new funding intended (BMBF, AA)
- **Institutional set-up and goals (in discussion)**  
Establishment of joint research structure; Joint Academic Board (?), Coordinator position (?),

- **Integrated Research on Disaster Risk**
  - How integrated should the research be?
  - What are funding sources?
- **What products and benefits are key?**
  - Joint Assessments of the literature, research
  - Joint publication series
  - Joint contributions to international processes
- **How does such a center and its funding requests at national level link to:**
  - Excellence initiative of universities
  - Future Earth
  - DKKV /National IRDR (formal partner /eligibility etc.)
  - Basic funding might come from network partners, joint projects intended
  - Support of IRDR needs to be clarified (website, outreach)



# THANKS

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