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**13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IRDR Science Committee**  
**Ocean University of China, Laoshan Campus, Qingdao**  
**Shandong Province, China**  
**1-3 June 2015**

**Agenda Item 3: Review of 3<sup>rd</sup> WCDRR**

Under this item, the SC is invited to review the achievements of the 3<sup>rd</sup> WCDRR and its possible or potential impact on the future of the IRDR Programme.

By way of introduction, JSO Kerry-Ann Morris will give an overview presentation of the IRDR presence at the 3<sup>rd</sup> WCDRR, including at the Working session, “Applying Science and Technology to Disaster Risk Reduction Decision-making,” the IRDR session during the WCDRR Public Forum, “Integrated Research on Disaster Risk: the Role of Science in Disaster Risk Reduction,” and in a number of other sessions, fora and events. She will also allude to the work of the Communications Unit of ICSU and the IRDR IPO in preparing, displaying and distributing IRDR publications, and mention a number of specific sessions in which IRDR SC members and others participated.

With a view to better collocating the position and possible role of the IRDR Programme in the post-Hyogo and new Sendai process, SC members will be invited to comment (*tour de table*, based on questionnaire circulated earlier) on:

- the Sendai Framework for Action (S&T aspects in particular, but also in general the targets and indicators);
- Science and Technology Major Group Plenary Statement (delivered by SC Chair); and
- ICSU commitment and the 4+2 formula.

It would be useful to collect elements for a review of both the ICSU Science Plan for IRDR (2008) and the IRDR Strategic Plan, published in 2013 after discussions by the SC, in the light of Sendai.

It seems equally important to discuss how, in the view of this SC, DRR science (and IRDR in particular) should position itself vis-à-vis the ongoing negotiations (and the resulting shifts in scientific emphasis and investments) on SDGs and CCA. What will be the implications of this new post-2015 world for IRDR and its activities?

The matrix for an internal impact review presented by SC member Mark Pelling at the 12<sup>th</sup> SC meeting in Paris might be helpful in this context.

It is intended for main results of this discussion to form key elements for a presentation at the Royal Society London (RSL) at the end of June 2015. The event at RSL, co-organised with ICSU, will be presided over by Margareta Wählstrom, and is meant to discuss the role of S&T in the post-Sendai world of DRR.

**Attachments:**

- 3.1 IRDR at Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (3<sup>rd</sup> WCDRR)
- 3.2 Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- 3.3 Statement by the Scientific and Technological Community Major Group Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 14-18 March 2015, Sendai
- 3.4 Voluntary Commitment by ICSU on behalf of the Scientific and Technological Communities Major Group
- 3.5 Carabine E. “Revitalising Evidence-based Policy for the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030: Lessons from Existing International Science Partnerships.” *PLOS Currents Disasters*. 2015 Apr 23. Edition 1.  
doi: 10.1371/currents.dis.aaab45b2b4106307ae2168a485e03b8a.
- 3.6 ICSU (2008). A Science Plan for Integrated Research on Disaster Risk
- 3.7 IRDR Strategic Plan 2013-2017
- 3.8 Mark Pelling (2014). An Impact Assessment for IRDR to track progress on the ‘integration’ agenda

**Actions:**

- 3.1 SC members are invited to contribute to the presentation of the IRDR presence at the 3<sup>rd</sup> WCDRR.
- 3.2 SC members are invited to discuss key texts arising from the 3<sup>rd</sup> WCDRR that will shape the positioning of S&T under the new SFDRR, and parallel frameworks that will be developed in the course of 2015, and comment on how this will influence the future of IRDR.
- 3.3 The SC is invited to identify key elements for IRDR core messages after Sendai, also for purposes of the RSL meeting scheduled for 24-25 June 2015.