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

Agenda Item 9: Next IRDR Meetings

14th SC meeting

The 12th SC meeting discussed options for the 14th SC meeting in autumn 2015, for which it had been decided to hold it in South Africa: alternatives proposed were an early meeting in September conjunction with the World Social Science Forum in Durban, or a meeting in keeping with the regular schedule (in November) at the IRDR ICoE-REaL headquarters at Stellenbosch University.

In terms of scheduling and pricing, the Durban proposal proved unsuitable. Currently, discussions are under way to prepare the meeting in November. This meeting would offer an opportunity for involving, to a larger extent than has been possible so far, the African S&T communities in the field of DRR.

3rd IRDR Conference

At its 12th meeting, the SC had briefly discussed when to hold the next IRDR Conference. It was felt that a biennial rhythm was needed (perhaps alternating with the Consultative Forum) to maintain visibility. A conference in 2016 was considered the preferred option. The agreements between international co-sponsors and Chinese sponsors indicate that the conference would be held in China. A similar date as had been chosen for the conference in 2014 (early June) would be suitable.

It was suggested to invite the Chinese hosting organisations to very actively engage in the mobilisation of resources and participants for the conference.

The ED and Chinese hosting organisations will report on the ongoing negotiations with the local sponsors. IPO staff will provide additional information about costs and venues.

Sálvano Briceño, Djillali Benouar and SHM Fakhruddin (members of the internal organising group), jointly with the ex-officios, SC Chair, Vice-Chairs, and ED will convene to discuss the state of preparations.

Actions:

9.1 The SC and other IRDR bodies present are invited to suggest appropriate additional African partners to be involved in the preparation of the upcoming SC meeting in South

Africa.

9.2 The SC is invited to comment on the state of preparations of the conference and decide whether it is realistic to pursue the plans for 2016.