

The 2nd Integrated Research on Disaster Risk Conference
Integrated Disaster Risk Science: A tool for sustainability
7-9 June 2014
Beijing, China

Organized by:

Integrated Research on Disaster Risk International Programme Office (IRDR IPO)
 China Association for Science and Technology (CAST)

Co-Organized by:

International Council for Science (ICSU)
 International Social Science Council (ISSC)
 United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)
 Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)
 Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) (to be confirmed)
 Institute of Remote Sensing and Digital Earth (RADI), CAS
 China International Conference Center for Science and Technology (CICCST)
 Other Chinese Ministries and Organization (to be identified later)

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Description:

The 2nd Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) Conference is designed to bring together leading experts in the field of disaster risk reduction from all academic and professional specialities to help create a 'global IRDR community'. This international conference will bring continued worldwide attention to the IRDR programme, including the emphasis on the importance of science as a tool to address hazard risks and issues of sustainable development.

This will be accomplished by bringing together researchers, politicians, practitioners, funding agencies and organizations to discuss and develop ways to better integrate disaster risk science into policy, practice and sustainability. The sessions will address the range of environmental hazards, vulnerability, and sustainability in both global and local contexts. The format will be a series of plenary sessions on the challenges of implementing integrated research, inter-organizational collaboration, and policy, as well as the interaction with sustainable development activities.

There will also be a series of breakout sessions based on

1. IRDR's key research activities:
 - Assessment of Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (AIRDR)
 - Disaster Data Losses (DATA)
 - Forensic Investigation of Disasters (FORIN)
 - Risk Interpretation and Action (RIA)
2. Incorporating the goals of IRDR:
 - Characterization of hazards, vulnerability and risk
 - Understanding decision-making in complex and changing risk contexts
 - Reducing risk and curbing losses through knowledge based-actions
3. Links between risk research and sustainable development.

These breakout sessions will be structured to allow for more interactive and discussion-based structure. Moderators will ensure that all sessions remain focused and within the time limits.

It is envisioned that members of the IRDR Science Committee, National/Regional Committees and IRDR International Centres of Excellence (ICoE) will play significant roles as speakers and moderators; helping to identify additional participants and speakers; and identifying linkages with representatives from the Co-Organizing organizations. Other speakers will be identified as needed.

Expected Participants from around the world:

- Researchers
- United Nations (i.e. UNISDR, UNESCO)
- World Bank
- European Union/European Commission
- National Academies of Science
- Various research centers
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- Non-governmental organizations working in risk reduction
- Risk reduction practitioners
- Parliamentarians

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Total expected number of participants: 300-500

The proposed dates are just after a major landslide conference in Beijing. This will enable many international participants to attend both events, allowing for maximum participation while minimizing costs for both events and participants.

Funding:

It has been proposed that funding for this event be provided by the CAST, IRDR IPO and other partners. It has also been recognized that additional funds will be raised through:

1. Registration fees for general participants and students.
2. The sale of display space in an exhibition hall.
3. Sponsorship from companies and interested organizations.

Program at a Glance:

Date	Time*	Description
Saturday 7 June 2014	0900 - 1100	Opening Ceremony/Welcome
	1100-1200	Plenary 1
	1330-1800	Breakouts
Sunday 8 June 2014	0900-1200	Plenary 2
	1330-1800	Breakouts
Monday 9 June 2014	0900-1200	Plenary 3
	1330-1600	Breakouts
	1600-1630	Plenary 4 - <i>Moving Forward</i>
	1630-1700	Closing Ceremony

* There will be coffee/tea breaks, lunches and welcome banquet.

Conference Venue: to be determined

Working Language:

English

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