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3rd International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC Davos 2010

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IDRC Davos 2010 - Aimes and Scopes

The 3rd International Disaster and Risk Conference IDRC Davos 2010, from 30 May – 3 June 2010, builds on the strength of its predecessor meetings in 2006 and 2008, and features again a broad scope of topics, actors and partners. With the large number of government officials, experts and practitioners, representatives from IGOs, NGOs, the private sector, scientific and academic institutions, the media, and other high-level personalities from all over the globe, the conference provides a valuable forum and strategic platform for the world's risk and disaster management community.

The over arching aim of IDRC Davos 2010 is to contribute to bridging gaps between the various sectors and actors. A vital mix of session formats, workshops and teaching courses grant for a profound science-policy-practice exchange. IDRC Davos 2010 is structured around an innovative matrix of integrated perspectives on multiple forms and facets of risks, safety and security, the broader sustainable development agenda, and the spectrum of global change phenomena. IDRC Davos 2010 aims to bring the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action forward and to draw conclusions for an improved design of international risk governance. As a key for success particular efforts to enforce public-private partnership initiatives have been made. Climate change and its manifold linkages with natural hazards, risks and disasters will thus be discussed against the background of global change, security and sustainable development beyond the MDGs.

The year 2010 started very sadly with a number of terrifying earthquakes, which made clear how vulnerable societies are, how limited we are in providing help, and how complex it is to overcome these disasters. The year 2010 will also be the year of the Millenium Development Goals review process with a special session of the UN General Assembly in September, the year of biodiversity with the UN Summit in Nagoya in October, and another COP16 meeting on climate change in December in Mexico City. IDRC Davos 2010 aims at adding momentum to these urgent and pressing issues by formulating a series of direct, pertinent and practical proposals that address burning issues in various key areas of risk reduction and disaster management.

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