Chairman’s Statement

For the fifth time since 2006, the International Disaster and Risk Conference is back in Davos, Switzerland. This biennial gathering of global leading risk and disaster experts builds on the strength of its previous events, and features a broad scope of topics, stakeholders and partners. IDRC Davos 2014 is focused on how science and technology can strengthen the post 2015 framework.

I cordially invite you to participate in this exciting, productive and insightful meeting.

Dr Walter J. Ammann,
President GRF Davos
Chairman IDRC Davos 2014

What is IDRC? – The risk interface

IDRC, the International Disaster and Risk Conferences and workshops, organised by the Global Risk Forum GRF Davos, are the ideal platform for assessment and dissemination activities, and in particular for networking activities. IDRC is the interface for experts, practitioners and institutions from science, technology, business, politics, and civil society to create transparency and encourage synergies to reduce and manage risks worldwide.

IDRC attempts to find solutions to today’s challenges by managing risks, reducing disasters and adapting to climate change. It helps build stronger ties with adequate public–private partnership models among risk management communities and sectors, enabling a move towards a truly integrative way of thinking about risks and disasters.
Programme

Plenary Sessions

• Outcomes of recent International Disaster Risk Management Conferences
• Sovereign Disaster Risk Financing
• Urban Areas and Critical Infrastructures: Resilience is Key
• Future Scenarios of Global Risks: The Social, Health and Humanitarian Dimensions

Keynote Presentations

“Towards a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction”
by Margareta WAHLSTRÖM – Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Disaster Risk Reduction – United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction UNISDR

“Why we tend to misjudge risks. Implications of risk perceptions for risk governance”
by Ortwin RENN – Professor for Environmental Sociology and Technology Assessment; Dean of the Economic and Social Science Department – University of Stuttgart

“Thinking the impossible: Societal collapse?”
by Stephan LECHNER – Director – European Commission Joint Research Centre Institute for the Protection and the Security of the Citizen, Ispra – Italy

“Towards a disaster resilient sustainable development – The importance of DRR in the Sustainable Development Goals post-2015”
by Michael GERBER – Ambassador and Swiss Special Representative for Global Sustainable Development – Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency SDC

Incorporating Science and Technology for Disaster Reduction, the Japanese Experience
by Satoru NISHIKAWA – Vice-President, Japan Water Agency (JWA)

“Identifying Risks Using a Long-Term Global Model: Looking for Imbalances”
by Barry HUGHES – Director, Frederick S. Pardee Center for International Future

“Towards a disaster resilient sustainable development – The importance of DRR in the Sustainable Development Goals post-2015”
by Michael GERBER – Ambassador and Swiss Special Representative for Global Sustainable Development – Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency SDC

Detailed programme available online: https://www.conftool.pro/idrc2014/
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RISK AWARD
Munich Re Foundation, GRF Davos and United Nations Secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) will again award the 2nd RISK AWARD winner (www.risk-award.org) at the 5th IDRC Davos 2014. The RISK AWARD offers €100'000 to a risk reduction project that contributes to increasing people’s resilience to disasters, especially in developing communities which are most at risk.

IDRC participants represent a wide variety of practitioners involved in Risk and Disaster Management. They include government officials, experts and practitioners, representatives from IGOs, NGOs, the private sector, from scientific and academic institutions covering natural sciences, social sciences, medical, legal or engineering sciences as well as the media and the public.

"IDRC Davos is an excellent forum where ideas, concerns, challenges and opportunities can be discussed, shared and implementable actions developed."

Shah, Haresh C.
Professor of Engineering, Emeritus, Stanford University, Founder and Senior Advisor Risk Management Solutions, Inc., Stanford, USA

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• access to receptions
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• access to exhibitions

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