

## Annex 3 List of ACRONYMS

<b>a</b>	
ACC	Administrative Committee on Coordination (now CEB)
ACMAD	African Center of Meteorological Applications for Development (Centre africain des applications de la météorologie pour le développement), Niamey, Niger
ACS	Association of Caribbean States
ADB	Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines
ADMIN	Australian Disaster Management Information Network
ADPC	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Bangkok, Thailand
ADRC	Asian Disaster Reduction Center, Kobe, Japan
ADRRN	Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network
AEDES	Agence Européenne pour le Développement et la Santé
AEGDM	ASEAN Experts Group on Disaster Management
AEMI	Australian Emergency Management Institute (now EMAI)
AGIS	Agriculture Geo-referenced Information System
AGMP	Agricultural Meteorology Programme, WMO
AGRHYMET	Specialized hydrometeorological institute of the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the SAHEL (CILSS). See also : CILSS, Comité permanent Inter Etats de Lutte Contre la Sécheresse dans le SAHEL.
AGSO	Australian Geological Survey Organization
AIDIS	Asociación Interamericana de Ingeniería sanitaria y Ambiental (Panamerican Engineering Association for the Public Health and Environment)
AIST	Agency of Industrial Science & Technology, Japan
AIT	Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand
ALIDES	Alianza para el Desarrollo Sostenible (Alliance for Sustainable Development), Central America
ALITE	Augmented Logistics Intervention Team for Emergencies, WFP
AOSIS	Alliance of Small Islands States
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APELL	Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at the Local Level (UNEP Program)
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum (for Regional Cooperation in Disaster Management)
ARPDM	ASEAN Regional Program on Disaster Management
ARTEMIS	Advanced Real Time Environmental Information Monitoring System, FAO
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
AU	African Union
AUDMP	Asian Urban Disaster Mitigation Program, ADPC, Thailand
AusDIN	Australian Disaster Information Network
AVHRR	Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer
<b>b</b>	
BCPR	Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP (formerly Emergency Response Division, ERD)
BGHRC	Benfield Greig Hazard Research Centre, University College London, United Kingdom
BIBEX	Biomass Burning Experiment
BICEPP	Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness
BIT	Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia
BPIEPC	Bureau de la protection des infrastructures essentielles et de la protection civile, Canada. See Also: OCIPEP, Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness
<b>c</b>	
CABEI	Central American Bank for Economic Integration
CAMI	Central American Mitigation Initiative (Iniciativa Centroamericana para la Mitigación)
CAC	Consejo Agrícola Centroamericano (Central American Agricultural Advisory Board)
CAF	Corporación Andina de Fomento (Andean Development Corporation)
CARDIN	Caribbean Disaster Information Network
CARE	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CBD	United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
CBDM	Community Based Disaster Management

<b>CCAs</b>	Common Country Assessments
<b>CCAD</b>	Comisión Centroamericana de Ambiente y Desarrollo (Central American Commission for Environment and Development)
<b>CCFSC</b>	Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control, Vietnam
<b>CCGC</b>	Coordinating Council for Disaster Management, Mozambique
<b>CCOP</b>	Coordinating Committee for Coastal and Offshore Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia
<b>CCP</b>	Cluster Cities Project
<b>CDB</b>	Caribbean Development Bank
<b>CDC</b>	Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, USA
<b>CDERA</b>	Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency
<b>CDM</b>	Clean Development Mechanism, UNFCCC
<b>CDMP</b>	Caribbean Disaster Mitigation Project
<b>CDPC</b>	Cranfield Disaster Preparedness Center, United Kingdom
<b>CDRN</b>	Citizen's Disaster Response Network, Philippines
<b>CEB</b>	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (formerly ACC)
<b>CEH</b>	Center for Ecology and Hydrology, United Kingdom
<b>CENAPRED</b>	National Center for Disaster Prevention, Mexico
<b>CEOS</b>	Committee on Earth Observation Satellites
<b>CEPREDENAC</b>	Centro de Coordinación para la Prevención de Desastres Naturales en America Central (Coordinating Centre for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America)
<b>CEP</b>	Caribbean Environment Program, UNEP
<b>CEPAL</b>	Comisión Económica para America Latina (Economic Commission for Latin America)
<b>CEPR</b>	Centre européen pour prévention des risques (European Center for Risk Mitigation), France
<b>CEUDIP</b>	Central European Disaster Prevention Forum
<b>CGIAR</b>	Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research
<b>CGMW</b>	Commission for the Geological Map of the World
<b>CHARM</b>	Comprehensive Hazard and Risk Management Program (Pacific Island States)
<b>CHED</b>	Philippine Commission on Higher Education
<b>CIDA</b>	Canadian International Development Agency
<b>CIFAL</b>	International Training Centre for Local Actors, Divonne-les-Bains, France
<b>CIMDEN</b>	Center for Disaster Research and Mitigation, Guatemala
<b>CILSS</b>	Comité permanent Inter Etats de Lutte Contre la Sécheresse dans le SAHEL (Permanent Inter-state Committee for Drought Control in the SAHEL)
<b>CINDI</b>	Center for Integration of Natural Disaster Information (USGS)
<b>CIRDAP</b>	Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific, Dhaka, Bangladesh
<b>CIS</b>	Commonwealth of Independent States
<b>CISMID</b>	Centro Peruano Japonés de Investigaciones Sísmicas y Mitigación de Desastres
<b>CLIVAR</b>	Climate Variability and Predictability, Project, World Climate Research Programme
<b>CNCIDR</b>	China National Committee for International Disaster Reduction
<b>CNCNDR</b>	China National Center for Natural Disaster Reduction
<b>CNDR</b>	Corporate Network for Disaster Reduction
<b>CNE</b>	Comisión Nacional de Prevención de Riesgos y Atención de Emergencias, Costa Rica (National Risk Prevention and Emergency Response Commission)
<b>CNHAP</b>	Canadian Natural Hazards Assessment Project
<b>COEN</b>	Comite de Emergencia Nacional, El Salvador (Committee for National Emergency)
<b>COHG</b>	Conference of Heads of Governments of the Caribbean Community
<b>CONRED</b>	Coordinadora Nacional para la Reducción de Desastres, Guatemala (National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction)
<b>COP</b>	Conference of the Parties
<b>COPECO</b>	Comisión Permanente de Contingencias, Honduras (Permanent Commission Contingency)
<b>COPUOS</b>	United Nations Committee for Peaceful Use of Outer Space
<b>CORDES</b>	Corporación para el Desarrollo, El Salvador (Development Corporation)
<b>CORECA</b>	Consejo Regional de Cooperación Agrícola (Central American Advisory Board for Agricultural Cooperation)
<b>COST</b>	European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research
<b>COSUDE</b>	Agencia Suiza para el desarrollo y la cooperación (COSUDE), (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC))
<b>CPACC</b>	Caribbean Planning for Adaptation to Global Climate Change (project)
<b>CPP</b>	Cyclone Preparedness Program (Bangladesh Red Crescent Society)

<b>CRED</b>	Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, Catholic University of Louvain, Brussels, Belgium
<b>CRID</b>	Centro Regional de Información sobre Desastres, América Latina y El Caribe, Costa Rica (Regional Disaster Information Centre, Latin America and the Caribbean)
<b>CSD</b>	Commission on Sustainable Development, United Nations
<b>CSDS</b>	Countries in Special Development Situations
<b>CSIR</b>	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, South Africa
<b>CST</b>	UNCCD's Committee on Science and Technology
<b>CSW</b>	Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations
<b>CTGC</b>	Disaster Management Technical Council, Mozambique
<b>D</b>	
<b>DAPSA</b>	Department of Early Warning and Food Security, Mozambique
<b>DAW</b>	Division for the Advancement of Women, United Nations
<b>DDMFC</b>	Department of Dyke Management and Flood Control, Vietnam
<b>DEPHA</b>	Data Exchange Platform for the Horn of Africa
<b>DEPI</b>	Division for Environment Policy Implementation, UNEP
<b>DESA</b>	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
<b>DESINVENTAR</b>	Inventario de Desastres, LA RED, (Disaster Inventory)
<b>DEWA</b>	Division for Early Warning and Assessment, UNEP
<b>DFID</b>	Department for International Development, United Kingdom
<b>DFNK</b>	Deutsches Forschungsnetz Naturkatastrophen (German Research Network for Natural Disasters)
<b>DG JRC</b>	Directorate General Joint Research Centre
<b>DHA</b>	Department of Humanitarian Affairs (now UN/OCHA)
<b>DHM</b>	Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, Nepal
<b>DiMP</b>	Disaster Mitigation for Sustainable Livelihoods Programme, University of Cape Town, South Africa
<b>DIPECHO</b>	Disaster Preparedness, European Community Humanitarian Office
<b>DISMAC</b>	Disaster Management Committee at National Divisional and Districts levels, Fiji
<b>DKKV</b>	Deutsches Komitee für Katastrophenvorsorge e.V. (German Committee for Disaster Reduction)
<b>DMC</b>	Drought Monitoring Centre (Harare, Zimbabwe and Nairobi, Kenya)
<b>DMF</b>	Disaster Management Facility, IBRD
<b>DMIS</b>	Disaster Management Information System, IFRC
<b>DMISA</b>	Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa, South Africa
<b>DMMU</b>	Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit, Zambia
<b>DMT</b>	Disaster Management Teams
<b>DMTP</b>	Disaster Management Training Programme, United Nations
<b>DMU</b>	Disaster Management Unit, Vietnam
<b>DNA</b>	National Directorate of Water, Mozambique
<b>DPCCN</b>	Department for the Prevention and Control of Natural Disasters, Mozambique
<b>DPCSS</b>	Disaster, Post-Conflict and Safety Section, UN-HABITAT
<b>DPCC</b>	Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission, Ethiopia
<b>DRBA</b>	Disaster Recovery Business Alliance
<b>DRRP</b>	Disaster Reduction and Recovery Programme, UNDP
<b>DSD</b>	Division for Sustainable Development, United Nations
<b>E</b>	
<b>EANHMP</b>	Eastern Asia Natural Hazards Mapping Project
<b>EAPAP</b>	Environment Assessment Program for Asia-Pacific (Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand)
<b>ECA</b>	Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
<b>ECE</b>	Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
<b>ECHO</b>	European Community Humanitarian Office
<b>ECLAC</b>	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations, Santiago, Chile
<b>ECOSOC</b>	United Nations Economic and Social Council
<b>ECPC</b>	Experimental Climate Prediction Centre, USA
<b>EDM</b>	Earthquake Disaster Mitigation Research Center, Miki, Japan
<b>EEA</b>	European Environment Agency, Copenhagen, Denmark
<b>EERI</b>	Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Oakland, California, USA
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone

<b>EHP/USGS</b>	Earthquake Hazards Program of the United States Geological Survey
<b>EIA</b>	Environmental Impact Assessment
<b>ELMS</b>	Environment and Land Management Sector of SADC, Southern Africa
<b>ELSA</b>	European Laboratory for Structural Assessment – Earthquake Engineering
<b>EMA</b>	Emergency Management Australia
<b>EMAI</b>	Emergency Management Australia Institute (former AEMI)
<b>EM-DAT</b>	Emergency Events Database (CRED, Catholic University of Louvain)
<b>EMI</b>	Earthquake and Megacities Initiative
<b>EMS</b>	Environmental Management Systems
<b>ENSO</b>	El Niño Southern Oscillation
<b>EPC</b>	Emergency Preparedness Canada
<b>EPOCH</b>	European Programme on Climatology and Natural Hazards
<b>EQTAP</b>	Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Technologies in the Asia-Pacific Region
<b>ERA</b>	European Research Area
<b>ERD</b>	Emergency Response Division, UNDP (now BCPR)
<b>ERWIN</b>	Early Warning System for tropical cyclone, Cook Islands
<b>ESB</b>	Emergency Services Branch, UN/OCHA
<b>ESCAP</b>	Economic and Social Commission of Asian and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, United Nations
<b>ESCWA</b>	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut, Lebanon, United Nations
<b>ESPRIT</b>	European Strategic Programme for Research and Information Technology
<b>ETS</b>	Emergency Telecommunications Service, ITU
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>EUR-OPA</b>	Major Hazards Agreement of the Council of Europe
<b>EWARN</b>	Early Warning and Response Network, Southern Sudan
<b>EWSs</b>	Early Warning Systems

<b>FANR</b>	Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Sector of SADC, Southern Africa
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization, United Nations
<b>FAO/AGL</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization/Land and Water Development Division
<b>FDR</b>	Fire Danger Rating
<b>FEMA</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Government
<b>FEMID</b>	Fortalecimiento de Estructuras Locales para la Mitigación de Desastres (Strengthening of Local Structures for Disaster Mitigation)
<b>FEWS</b>	Famine Early Warning System
<b>FEWSNET</b>	Famine Early Warning System Network
<b>FHWA</b>	Federal Highway Administration, US Government
<b>FICCI</b>	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
<b>FINCA</b>	Foundation for International Community Assistance
<b>FIVIMS</b>	Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping Systems, FAO
<b>FLACSO</b>	Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (Latin American Social Science Faculty)
<b>FOREC</b>	Fondo para la Reconstrucción y el Desarrollo Social del Eje Cafetero, Manizales, Colombia
<b>FSWW</b>	Foundation for the Support of Women's Work
<b>FUNDE</b>	Fundación Nacional para el Desarrollo (National Development Foundation)
<b>FUSAI</b>	Fundación Salvadoreña para la Asistencia Integral, El Salvador (Salvadorian Foundation for Integral Assistance)

<b>GA</b>	General Assembly, United Nations
<b>GADR</b>	Global Alliance for Disaster Reduction, USA
<b>GAV</b>	Vulnerability Analysis Group
<b>GCOS</b>	Global Climate Observing System
<b>GDIN</b>	Global Disaster Information Network
<b>GDP</b>	Gross Domestic Product
<b>GEF</b>	Global Environmental Facility (implemented by UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank)

<b>GEO</b>	Global Environment Outlook Report, UNEP
<b>GESI</b>	Global Earthquake Safety Initiative, Hyogo Office, Japan
<b>GFMC</b>	Global Fire Monitoring Center, Germany
<b>GHI</b>	GeoHazards International, California, USA
<b>GIEWS</b>	Global Information Early Warning System, FAO
<b>GIS</b>	Geographic Information Systems
<b>GLIDES</b>	<b>GL</b> obal <b>ID</b> entifier number
<b>GLO-DISNET</b>	Global Disaster Information Network
<b>GLOF</b>	Glacial Lake Outburst Flood
<b>GMES</b>	Global Monitoring for the Environment and Security (EU initiative)
<b>GMGS</b>	Groupe Maghrébin de Génie Sismique
<b>GNP</b>	Gross National Product
<b>GOOS</b>	Global Ocean Observing System
<b>GPHIN</b>	Global Public Health Intelligence Network
<b>GPS</b>	Global Positioning System
<b>GRID</b>	Global Resource Information Database, UNEP
<b>GROOTS</b>	Grass Root Organization Operating in Sisterhood
<b>GSDMA</b>	Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority, India
<b>GSJ</b>	Geological Survey of Japan
<b>GSHAP</b>	Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Program
<b>GTOS</b>	Global Terrestrial Observing System
<b>GTZ</b>	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Agency for Technical Cooperation)
<b>HAZ TAIWAN</b>	
<b>HAZUS</b>	Natural Hazard Loss Estimation Methodology, FEMA
<b>HDR</b>	Human Development Report, UNDP
<b>HIV/AIDS</b>	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
<b>HNDGDM</b>	Hungarian National Directorate General for Disaster Management
<b>HOMS</b>	Hydrological Operational Multipurpose System of WMO
<b>HPC-DMP</b>	High Powered Committee on Disaster Management Plans, India
<b>HYCOS</b>	Hydrological Cycle Observing System
<b>IACNDR</b>	
<b>IADB</b>	Inter-American Development Bank. See also: IDB.
<b>IAEA</b>	International Atomic Energy Agency, United Nations
<b>IAEE</b>	International Association of Earthquake Engineering, Tokyo, Japan
<b>IASC</b>	Inter-Agency Standing Committee
<b>IASPEI</b>	International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior
<b>IATF</b>	Inter-Agency Task Force (ISDR)
<b>IAVCEI</b>	International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior
<b>IBHS</b>	Institute for Business and Home Safety, USA
<b>IBRD</b>	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, World Bank
<b>ICAO</b>	International Civil Aviation Organization
<b>ICET</b>	Intergovernmental Conference on Emergency Telecommunications
<b>ICIMOD</b>	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development, Nepal
<b>ICRC</b>	International Committee of the Red Cross
<b>ICSU</b>	International Council of Science, Paris, France
<b>ICTP</b>	International Center for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy
<b>ICVA</b>	International Council of Voluntary Agencies
<b>ICWE</b>	International Conference on Water and the Environment, United Nations
<b>IDA</b>	International Development Association, World Bank
<b>IDAACA</b>	International Distributed Active Archive Centre for Africa
<b>IDB</b>	Inter-American Development Bank (Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo). See also: IADB
<b>IDF</b>	Institutional Development Fund, World Bank
<b>IDMC</b>	Inter-departmental Disaster Management Committee, South Africa
<b>IDNDR</b>	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, 1990-1999



<b>IDPs</b>	Integrated Development Plans
<b>IDRM</b>	International Institute for Disaster Risk Management, Manila, Philippines
<b>IERMP</b>	Iran Earthquake Risk Mitigation Program
<b>IFAD</b>	International Fund for Agricultural Development
<b>IFFM</b>	Integrated Forest Fire Management (Project, Indonesia)
<b>IFP/Crisis</b>	In-Focus Programme on Crisis Response and Reconstruction, ILO
<b>IFRC</b>	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
<b>IGAC</b>	International Global Atmospheric Chemistry
<b>IGAD</b>	Intergovernmental Authority on Development, Republic of Djibouti
<b>IGADD</b>	Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development (now IGAD since 1996)
<b>IGBP</b>	International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme
<b>IGCP</b>	International Geological Correlation Programme, UNESCO
<b>IGOS</b>	Integrated Global Observing Strategy
<b>IHP</b>	International Hydrological Programme, UNESCO
<b>IIEES</b>	International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology, Iran
<b>IIPA</b>	Indian Institute of Public Administration
<b>IISD</b>	International Institute for Sustainable Development, Canada
<b>IKSR</b>	Internationale Kommission zum Schutz des Rheines, Germany (International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (ICPR))
<b>ILO</b>	International Labour Organization, United Nations
<b>IMC</b>	Inter-ministerial Committee for Disaster Management, South Africa
<b>IMERCSA</b>	Musokotwane Environment Resource Centre for Southern Africa, Zimbabwe
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund
<b>IMO</b>	International Maritime Organization
<b>INAM</b>	National Institute for Meteorology, Mozambique
<b>INCEDE</b>	International Centre for Disaster Mitigation Engineering, University of Tokyo
<b>INDECI</b>	National Civil Defence System, Peru
<b>INGC</b>	Instituto Nacional de Gestao de Calamidades, Mozambique (National Institute for the Management of Calamities)
<b>INETER</b>	Instituto Nicaraguense de Estudios Territoriales (Nicaraguan Institute for Territorial Studies)
<b>IOC</b>	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
<b>IOM</b>	International Organization for Migration
<b>IPCC</b>	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
<b>IRCEN</b>	International Research Centre for the El Niño Phenomenon, Guayaquil, Ecuador
<b>IRI</b>	International Research Institute for Climate Prediction, Columbia University, USA
<b>ISDR</b>	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, United Nations
<b>ISO</b>	International Organization for Standardization, Switzerland
<b>ISP</b>	Integral Sustainable Production Units
<b>ITIC</b>	International Tsunami Information Center, Honolulu, Hawaii
<b>ITU</b>	International Telecommunication Union, United Nations
<b>IUCN</b>	The World Conservation Union
<b>IWRM</b>	Integrated Water Resources Management
<b>JICA</b>	Japan International Cooperation Agency
<b>JMA</b>	Japan Meteorological Agency
<b>KBDI</b>	Keetch-Byram Drought Index
<b>KVERMP</b>	Kathmandu Valley Earthquake Risk Management Project, NSET, Nepal
<b>LA RED</b>	La Red de Estudios Sociales en Prevención de Desastres en América Latina (The Latin American Network for the Social Study of Disaster Prevention)
<b>LCAS</b>	Logistics Capacity Assessments, WFP
<b>LDCs</b>	Least Developed Countries
<b>LIDERES</b>	Curso Internacional para Gerentes sobre la salud, desastres y desarrollo (PAHO)
<b>LILACS</b>	Latin American and Caribbean Health Science Literature

<b>MAB</b>	Man and Biosphere Programme, UNESCO
<b>MADER</b>	Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development, Mozambique
<b>MANDISA</b>	Monitoring, Mapping and Analysis of Disaster Incidents in South Africa
<b>MARN</b>	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, El Salvador (Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources)
<b>MATE</b>	Ministère de l'Aménagement du Territoire et de l'Environnement, France (Ministry of land use planning and environment)
<b>MCEER</b>	Multi-disciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research, USA
<b>MCT</b>	Ministry of Science and Technology, Venezuela
<b>MDSP</b>	Minister of sustainable development and planning, Bolivia
<b>MEER</b>	Marmara Earthquake Emergency Reconstruction Project
<b>MEGS</b>	Maharashtra Employment Guarantee Scheme
<b>MERCOSUR</b>	Southern Common Market, South America
<b>MOST</b>	Management of Social Transformations Programme, UNESCO
<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MRC</b>	Mekong River Commission, Cambodia
<b>MSF</b>	Médecins sans Frontières
<b>MSP</b>	Multi-stakeholder processes
<b>NaDiVA</b>	National Disaster Vulnerability Atlas, South Africa
<b>NANADISK-NET</b>	National Natural Disaster Knowledge Network, India
<b>NASA</b>	National Aeronautics and Space Administration, USA
<b>NASG</b>	North African Scientific Group
<b>NCAR</b>	National Center for Atmospheric Research, Boulder, Colorado, USA
<b>NCDM</b>	National Committee for Disaster Management
<b>NDC</b>	National Development Commission, El Salvador (Comisión Nacional de Desarrollo)
<b>NDMC</b>	National Disaster Management Centre, South Africa
<b>NDMO</b>	National Disaster Management Office
<b>NDMS</b>	National Disaster Mitigation Strategy, Canada
<b>NDRP</b>	National Disaster Reduction Plan, People's Republic of China
<b>NDVI</b>	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
<b>NEAP</b>	National or regional Environmental Action Plan
<b>NEDIES</b>	Natural and Environmental Disaster Information Exchange System
<b>NEMA</b>	National Emergency Management Association, USA
<b>NEMO</b>	Network of State Hazard Mitigation Officers, USA
<b>NEPAD</b>	New Partnership for Africa's Development
<b>NEWU</b>	National Early Warning Unit, Africa
<b>NFIP</b>	National Flood Insurance Program, USA
<b>NICT</b>	New Information and Communication Technologies
<b>NIRD</b>	National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad, India
<b>NMHSs</b>	National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, WMO
<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA
<b>NOVIB</b>	Netherlands Organisation for International Development Cooperation
<b>NRA</b>	National Resource Accounts
<b>NRC</b>	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
<b>NSA</b>	National Systems for Environmental Accounting
<b>NSF</b>	National Science Foundation, USA
<b>NSET</b>	National Society for Earthquake Technology, Nepal
<b>OAS</b>	Organization of American States (Organización de Estados Americanos), Washington, DC, USA
<b>OCIPEP</b>	Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness, Canada. Also see: BPIEPC, Bureau de la protection des infrastructures essentielles et de la protection civile
<b>ODA</b>	Official Development Assistance
<b>ODI</b>	Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom
<b>ODPEM</b>	Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, Jamaica
<b>OECD</b>	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, France
<b>OECS</b>	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, Castries, Santa Lucia

<b>OFDA/USAID</b>	Office for Foreign Disaster Assistance/US Agency for International Development
<b>OFEPF</b>	Office Fédéral de l'Environnement, des Forêts, et du Paysage, Suisse (Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape, Economics and Climate Section).
<b>OGP/NOAA</b>	Office of Global Program/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA
<b>OHA</b>	Office of the Humanitarian Adviser, WFP
<b>OHCHR</b>	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
<b>OOSA</b>	Office for Outer Space Affairs, United Nations
<b>ORAP</b>	Organisation of Rural Associations for Progress, Zimbabwe
<b>OSDMA</b>	Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority, India
<b>OSIRIS</b>	Operational Solutions for the Management of Inundation Risks in the Information Society (project)

<b>PACD</b>	Plan of Action to Combat Desertification
<b>PAHO</b>	Pan American Health Organization (Organización Panamericana para la Salud), Washington, DC, USA
<b>PBSP</b>	Philippine Business for Social Progress, Manila, Philippines
<b>PHIVOLCS</b>	Philippine Institute for Volcanology and Seismology
<b>PICCAP</b>	Pacific Island Climate Change Assistance Program
<b>PIK</b>	Postdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany
<b>PLANAT</b>	National Platform for Natural Hazards, Switzerland
<b>PPP 2000</b>	Public Private Partnership – 2000, Washington DC, USA
<b>PRA</b>	Participatory Rapid Appraisals
<b>PREANDINO</b>	Andean Regional Programme for Risk Prevention and Reduction, Caracas, Venezuela
<b>PRECLIF</b>	Project for the Local Prevention and Control of Forest Fires, Guatemala
<b>PREVAC</b>	Programa de Prevención de Desastres en América Central (Disaster Prevention Program in Central America)
<b>PTWS</b>	Pacific Tsunami Warning System
<b>PTWC</b>	Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre, Hawaii
<b>PWS</b>	Public Weather Services, WMO

<b>RADIUS</b>	<b>R</b> isk <b>A</b> ssessment Tools for <b>D</b> iagnosis of <b>U</b> rban Areas against <b>S</b> eismic Disasters
<b>RADIX</b>	Radical Interpretation of Disaster
<b>RCB</b>	Response Coordination Branch, UN/OCHA
<b>RCC</b>	Regional Consultative Committee on regional cooperation in disaster management, Asia
<b>RCCs</b>	Regional Climate Centers, WMO
<b>RCOFs</b>	Regional Climate Outlook Forums
<b>RDMP</b>	Risk Disaster Management Programme, UN-HABITAT
<b>REIS</b>	Regional Environmental Information System
<b>RELEMR</b>	Reduction of Earthquake Losses in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (project)
<b>RELSAT</b>	Strengthening of local structures and early warning systems (project)
<b>RESCDAM</b>	Development of rescue actions based on dam-break flood analysis (project)
<b>REWS</b>	Regional Early Warning System, Africa
<b>REWU</b>	Regional Early Warning Unit, SADC, Zimbabwe
<b>RIKEN</b>	Institute of Physical and Chemical Research, Japan
<b>RRSU</b>	Regional Remote Sensing Unit, SADC, Zimbabwe
<b>RSMCs</b>	World Meteorological Organization Specialized Regional Meteorological Centers
<b>RTD</b>	Research and Technological Development, EU
<b>UTA</b>	Regional Unit for Technical Assistance (Project UNDP/World Bank)

<b>SAARC</b>	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Kathmandu, Nepal
<b>SADC</b>	Southern Africa Development Community
<b>SADCC</b>	Southern African Development Coordination Conference
<b>SAFIRE</b>	Southern Alliance for Indigenous Resources
<b>SAR</b>	Synthetic Aperture Radar
<b>SAQA</b>	South African Qualifications Authority



<b>SARCOF</b>	Southern Africa Region Climate Outlook Forum
<b>SARDC</b>	Southern African Research and Documentation Center, Zimbabwe
<b>SAREC</b>	Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries
<b>SBO</b>	School Building Organization, Greece
<b>SCF-UK</b>	Save the Children Fund, United Kingdom
<b>SCHR</b>	Southern Centre for Human Rights, USA
<b>SEAGA</b>	Socio-Economic and Gender Analysis
<b>SEEA</b>	System for Environmental Economic Accounting
<b>SEEDS</b>	Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society, India
<b>SEGEPLAN</b>	Secretaría General de Planificación, Guatemala, (Planning Secretariat)
<b>SEISMED</b>	Co-operative Project for Seismic Risk Reduction in the Mediterranean Region
<b>SERMP</b>	Suva Earthquake Risk Management Scenario Pilot Project, Fiji
<b>SESAME</b>	Secure European System for Applications in a Multi-vendor Environment
<b>SESI</b>	School Earthquake Safety Initiative, UNCRD/DMPHO
<b>SETSAN</b>	Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition, Mozambique
<b>SICA</b>	Sistema de Integración Centroamericana (Central American Integration System)
<b>SIDS</b>	Small Island Developing States
<b>SIDS-POA</b>	Small Island Developing States Program of Action
<b>SIDA</b>	Swedish International Development Agency
<b>SINAPROC</b>	Sistema Nacional de Protección Civil, Panama (National Civil Protection System)
<b>SNPMAD</b>	Sistema Nacional de Prevención, Mitigación y Atención de Desastres, Nicaragua (National System for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Attention)
<b>SNET</b>	Servicio Nacional de Estudios Territoriales, El Salvador (National Service for Territorial Studies)
<b>SOPAC</b>	South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission, Fiji
<b>SOPAC-DMU</b>	South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission B Disaster Management Unit
<b>SPDRP</b>	South Pacific Disaster Reduction Program (UNDP South Pacific Office)
<b>SPFS</b>	Special Programme for Food Security, FAO
<b>SPPO</b>	South Pacific Program Office
<b>SPREP</b>	South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme, UNEP
<b>SSP</b>	Swayam Shiksam Prayong, India
<b>SwissRE</b>	Swiss Reinsurance Company
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<b>TEFER</b>	Turkish Emergency Flood and Earthquake Recovery
<b>TDCPU</b>	Turkana Drought Contingency Planning Unit, Kenya
<b>TRM</b>	Total Disaster Risk Management (RCC strategy)
<b>TWAS</b>	Third World Academy of Sciences, Italy
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<b>UCR</b>	Universidad de Costa Rica (University of Costa Rica)
<b>UNA</b>	Universidad Nacional, Heredia, Costa Rica (National University, Heredia, Costa Rica)
<b>UNAIDS</b>	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
<b>UNAN</b>	Universidad Nacional de Nicaragua (National University of Nicaragua)
<b>UNCCD</b>	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
<b>UNCED</b>	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
<b>UNCHS</b>	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (now UN-HABITAT)
<b>UNCRD</b>	United Nations Center for Regional Development
<b>UNCRD/DMPHO</b>	United Nations Center for Regional Development/Disaster Management Planning Hyogo Office, Japan
<b>UNCTAD</b>	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
<b>UNDAC</b>	United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination team
<b>UNDAF</b>	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
<b>UNDCP</b>	United Nations International Drug Control Programme
<b>UNDG</b>	United Nations Development Group
<b>UNDHA-SPO</b>	United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs-South Pacific Office
<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>UNDP-SPO</b>	United Nations Development Programme-South Pacific Office
<b>UNDRO</b>	Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator
<b>UNEP</b>	United Nations Environment Programme

<b>UNEP/DEPI</b>	United Nations Environment Programme/Division of Environmental Policy Implementation
<b>UNEP/DEWA</b>	United Nations Environment Programme/Division of Early Warning and Assessment
<b>UNESCO</b>	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
<b>UNFCCC</b>	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
<b>UNFIP</b>	United Nations Fund for International Partnerships
<b>UNFPA</b>	United Nations Population Fund
<b>UNHCR</b>	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>UN-HABITAT</b>	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (Previously UNCHS)
<b>UNICEF</b>	United Nations Children's Fund
<b>UNISPACE</b>	United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
<b>UNIDO</b>	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
<b>UNIFEM</b>	United Nations Fund for Women
<b>UNITAR</b>	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
<b>UN-OCHA</b>	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
<b>UNOPS</b>	United Nations Office for Project Services
<b>UNRWA</b>	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
<b>UNSC</b>	United Nations Staff College
<b>UNSO</b>	Office to Combat Desertification and Drought, UNDP (Now Drylands Development Centre)
<b>UNU</b>	United Nations University
<b>UNV</b>	United Nations Volunteers
<b>UPU</b>	Universal Postal Union
<b>USAID</b>	US Agency for International Development
<b>USDE/OAS</b>	Unit for Sustainable Development and Environment of the Organization of American States
<b>USGS</b>	United States Geological Survey
<b>USSA</b>	Uganda's Seismic Safety Association
<b>UWI</b>	University of the West Indies, Jamaica

<b>VAG</b>	Vulnerability Analysis Group
<b>VAM</b>	Vulnerability Assessment and Mapping, WFP
<b>VAT</b>	Vulnerability Assessment and Techniques
<b>VCA</b>	Vulnerability and Capacities Assessment
<b>VEI</b>	Volcanic Explosivity Index
<b>VHF</b>	Very High Frequency

<b>WAICENT</b>	World Agricultural Information Centre, FAO
<b>WB</b>	World Bank
<b>WCP</b>	World Climate Programme, WMO
<b>WFP</b>	World Food Programme, United Nations
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization, United Nations
<b>WIPO</b>	World Intellectual Property Organization, United Nations
<b>WMO</b>	World Meteorological Organization, United Nations
<b>WOVO</b>	World Organization of Volcano Observatories
<b>WOVOdat</b>	World Organization of Volcano Observatories' database
<b>WRCU</b>	Water Resources Coordination Unit, SADC, Southern Africa
<b>WSSD</b>	World Summit on Sustainable Development
<b>WSSI</b>	World Seismic Safety Initiative
<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organization
<b>WVR</b>	World Vulnerability Report, UNDP
<b>WWAP/WWDR</b>	World Water Assessment Programme/World Water Development Report
<b>WWF</b>	World Wide Fund for Nature
<b>WWRP</b>	World Weather Research Programme, WMO
<b>WWW</b>	World Weather Watch, WMO

<b>ZRA</b>	Zambesi River Authority
<b>ZENEB</b>	Zentrum für Naturrisiken und Entwicklung, Germany (Centre for Natural Risks and Development)
<b>ZFFHC</b>	Zimbabwe Freedom from Hunger Campaigns