



ARISE AFRICA NEWSLETTER

We are pleased to share with you the new quarterly newsletter of ARISE Africa, intended to reach the public sector, private sector, and other non-governmental actors in Africa who are concerned with and working in the disaster risk reduction sector. Many factors are arising and increasing risks in Africa and globally. We realize that governments alone are ill-prepared to address all of these risks.

The private sector has a variety of skill sets, capacity, expertise and resources that can be key in risk preparedness and mitigation. They are also playing a more recognized role in response and recovery. We are launching this quarterly newsletter to support engagement with a diverse community of stakeholders in Africa, identify good practices and foster sharing of information and solutions related to disaster risk reduction across the five regions and 55 African countries.

ARISE GLOBAL NETWORK

ARISE, the Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies, is a network of private sector entities led by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR). UNDRR oversees the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, supporting countries in its execution, monitoring, and sharing what works in reducing existing risk and preventing the creation of new risk. The Sendai Framework specifically encourages action from private-sector financial institutions, including financial regulators, accounting bodies, and SMEs, to integrate disaster risk reduction into business models and practices.

In joining the ARISE, private sector companies voluntarily support and implement the Sendai Framework, aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Paris Climate Agreement, New Urban Agenda, and Agenda for Humanity. ARISE was started in 2015 to support efforts by the private sector to become a more active and effective partner in reducing disaster risk.

ARISE mobilizes and facilitates the private sector to carry out risk-informed investments and apply business practices that reduce and prevent the creation of risk, build resilience and enhance recovery from disasters, in line with the Sendai Framework. ARISE focuses on four priorities:

1. SMEs
2. Integrating DRR into investment decisions
3. Incentivizing DRR within the insurance industry
4. Resilient infrastructure.

Today, whether big or small, ARISE members work together to prevent disasters so their enterprises and communities can thrive. The organization has grown to over 350 members and established over 20 networks globally. There is incredible energy and appetite to develop ARISE and equip it to effect change in how the private sector invests in a risk-informed sustainable future.

See more about [ARISE](#).

ARISE AFRICA

In 2019, an effort was launched to establish more networks on the African continent, given the significant exposure that the continent has to the impact of climate change. ARISE Africa was thus established with coordination organized in Nairobi, Kenya, which is the seat of the UNDRR regional office on the continent. During the launch, stakeholders were identified in Kenya (toward East Africa expansion), the Democratic Republic of Congo (toward Central Africa expansion), South Africa (toward Southern Africa expansion), Nigeria and Senegal (toward West Africa expansion) and Egypt, both in Africa and the Arab States.

The Continental Environment and Selected Challenges/ Risks Arising

1. Rapid Increase in Youthful Population – Between 2020 – and 2050 population will double from 1.2 billion to 2.4 billion people. In 2020, the median age was 19.7, and those under 30 equal nearly one billion people (540.8 million, 0-14 years of age, and 454.5 million, between 15 -34 years of age.)
2. Rapid Increase in Urbanization – Africa’s urban population increased more than ten times in six decades between 1960 and 2020, from 53 million to 588 million.
3. Unemployed and Fast-Growing Young Labor Force – Roughly 11 million youth enter the labor force annually, but the job market only generates 3.7 million jobs. By 2030 over 200 million young people will have entered the job market, creating an urgent need for jobs.
4. Growing Climate Change Risks – droughts, floods, storms, and extreme heat are all increasing.
5. Increasing Conflicts and Displaced Communities – Conflicts growing between pastoralists and farmers over water and arable land, natural resources, disillusion- youth joining religious and ideological extremist groups
6. Growing Slum Population – In 2019, 47% of Africa’s urban population lived in slums or informal settlements – roughly 257 million people
7. Inadequate Access to Potable Water - Only 55% and 47% of Africa’s urban residents have access to basic sanitation services and handwashing facilities, respectively.
8. Inadequate access to electricity – Over 600 million people are without access to electricity. Despite the growing investments, population growth is still outpacing investment.
9. Economic Growth Demands New Infrastructure – AfCFTA spurring needs for more and upgrading logistics infrastructure (roads, air, and seaports, railways)

In response to these challenges, in 2020, the initial steering committee of ARISE Africa set out to assess key areas to focus on:

CA – Central Africa
EA – East Africa
SA – Southern Africa
WA – West Africa

SME SECTOR	CHALLENGES	CA	EA	SA	WA
SME SECTOR	Access to Finance				
	Lack of Resilience Planning Skills and Capacity				
	High Unemployment				
	COVID 19 Economic Downturn				
	Lack of Access to Markets				
COMMUNICATIONS APPROACH	Limited knowledge of ARISE				
	Limited Participation of private sector in DRR				
	Inadequate understanding of DRR				
CLIMATE IMPACT RELATED	Misalignment of private/ public sectors re DRR				
	Need to map key DRR actors in region				
	Drought				
	Flooding				
	Deforestation - over use of wood for cooking				
OTHER	Forest Fires				
	Displacement (various reasons)				
	Need for continental good practice sharing				

Coordinating Regional Activity from:

- Central – Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo
- East – Nairobi, Kenya
- Southern – Johannesburg, South Africa



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SME SECTOR	SOLUTIONS/ ACTIVITY	CA	EA	SA	WA
SME SECTOR	Organizing training/ webinars				
	Organizing network sessions				
	Create links with banks and Saccos				
	Create links to Angel investors/ micro loans				
	Resilience and DRR information dissemination				
COMMUNICATIONS APPROACH	Provide programs on how to access govt. funds				
	Targeted mailings and visits				
	Develop surveys				
	Work with Media Houses				
	Develop Private Sector Comm Strategy				
CLIMATE IMPACT RELATED	Create newsletter				
	Establish ARISE NPO in region				
	Organize workshops and seminars				
	Promote resilient infrastructure development				
	Support reforestation programs				
	Support alternative cooking initiatives				
	Promote use of early warning systems				
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Interested in becoming a member of the ARISE Network, [apply here](#)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mekailah Stephens Joins the UNDRR Africa Office in Nairobi, Kenya



The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Africa Office in Nairobi, Kenya, welcomes Mekailah Stephens to the team. Mekailah joined the UNDRR as an Associate Expert in Disaster Risk Reduction. As a key member of the UNDRR, Mekailah is instrumental in advocating for disaster risk reduction at both national and international levels. Her passion for building resilient societies has driven her to collaborate with governments, NGOs, and other stakeholders to develop innovative solutions that enhance preparedness and response efforts. Before joining the UNDRR, Mekailah worked for the World Vision as a Grant Acquisition, Management, and External Engagement Manager in the Solomon Islands. Mekailah holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and a Master of Arts in Economics and International Relations.

The ARISE Board Welcomes Terry Kinyua as a Representative for Africa



Terry Kinyua, Country Manager, Invest in Africa, has been appointed to the ARISE Board, becoming the second member to serve as a representative for the African continent after the inaugural 3-year term of Michael Sudarkasa, which ended in September 2023. Congratulations Terry!

Terry is a seasoned business professional with extensive experience in business development, executive education (training and consultancy), program management, business operations, and public relations. She has previously served as Head of Custom Solutions and Program Manager at Strathmore Business School, serving leading corporate clients and Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs). Terry has a bachelor's degree in Commerce, a postgraduate diploma in Marketing, and a master's degree in Business Administration – Strategic Management.

ARISE Africa Steering Committee to Meet on the Margins of the Arab-Africa Science, Technology, Policy & Private Sector Nexus for Disaster Risk Reduction Conference

ARISE Africa Steering Committee to meet on the margins of the October 2-3 Arab-Africa Science, Technology, Policy & Private Sector Nexus for Disaster Risk Reduction Conference in Tunis, Tunisia. The new committee is comprised of the UNDRR Africa Secretariat coordinators Julius Nyoroge and Mekailah Stephens based in Nairobi, Terry Kinyua (East Africa), Michael Sudarkasa (Southern Africa) (Chair), Michel Kahasha (Central Africa) and Aminou Akadiri (West Africa). Colleagues from ARISE Africa will also be speaking on the Engagement of the Private Sector in Promoting Science-based DRR on 2 October 14:30 (Tunis Time) and Investing in Disaster Risk Reduction for Resilience - Role of Private Sector in supporting DRR investments on Tuesday 3 October 11.00-12.30 (Tunis Time).

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ECOWAS' FEWACCI Joins ARISE and Launches Regional Disaster Warning System



The Chief Executive Officer of the Federation of West Africa Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FEWACCI), Aminou Akadiri, and the Director General of Abuja Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), Victoria Akai, received a delegation of four people led by the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Disaster Risk Reduction, and Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), Ms. Mami Mizutori who visited led on the margin of the Inauguration of the ECOWAS Disaster Operation Centre in Abuja.

The visit to the ACCI was for a unique interactive session to formally receive and award ACCI and FEWACCI as members of ARISE GLOBAL NETWORK, promoting SMEs, women, and young people's involvement in disaster risk management and financing. Ms. Mami gave the four areas of support they have as SMEs, infrastructures, insurance, and finance while adding that the power of the private sector is what we need for resilient building.

Impact of Current Weather Challenges on Private Sector Activities in West Africa

We must improve our natural disaster preparedness for effective response to rebuild our economy better than we did during COVID-19. In Nigeria, for example, flooding in the town of Lokoja often affects economic activities in Abuja and other parts of the country's north during times of high water. In each ECOWAS Member State, private sector actors (stakeholders in general) suffer the consequences of floods or other natural disasters. We must collectively unite our efforts to mitigate the risks of disasters and prepare to build back better with the government's support. ECOWAS, with the support of the United Nations Agency for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), launched the operational disaster information unit, and FEWACCI supports the promotion of these new tools to economic operators for our collective preparation. Along the same lines, it is desirable to have a regional fund to help citizens and provide first aid in the event of floods or other natural disasters. In line with FEWACCI's mandate as an advocacy platform and voice of the private sector in West Africa, the Federation calls for a collective effort to prepare to mitigate the impacts of these risks on economic activities.

UNDRR: Igniting Resilience with the Wildfire Disaster Risk Reduction Scorecard



UNDRR is introducing the Wildfire Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Scorecard, a beacon of hope rising from the challenges of wildfire aftermath. This freely available open-source tool is crafted to empower communities, encompassing local entities and various stakeholders, to evaluate their present preparedness in light of escalating wildfire risks. As wildfires cast an increasingly ominous shadow, the Scorecard takes center stage as a unifying call, urging communities to heighten awareness and cultivate a proactive wildfire prevention ethos.

[More Details](#)

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS

CENTRAL AFRICA

Cameroon's Dam and Challenge of Flood Risk Management in Nigeria



The Republic of Cameroon, in a recent letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, signified its intention to open the gates of Lagdo Dam. The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and other relevant agencies advised the residents to take action to stay safe and protect their pets and animal farms.

[More information](#)

Health Emergency in Central African Republic Requires Urgent Response



The Central African Republic (CAR) is grappling with a decades-long health crisis in the shadow of conflict. In a country of 5.5 million people, access to healthcare is impossible, and life expectancy is little more than 54 years. For years, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) has repeated calls for more action from governments and humanitarian actors.

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EAST AFRICA

Africa Faces 'Climate Risk Blind Spot' Amid Lack of Weather Radar



The first Africa Climate Summit opens on Monday in Kenya to highlight the continent that will suffer the most from climate change while contributing the least. The African continent is larger than China, India, and the United States combined. Yet, Africa has just 37 radar facilities for tracking weather – an essential tool along with satellite data and surface monitoring, according to a World Meteorological Organization (WMO) database.

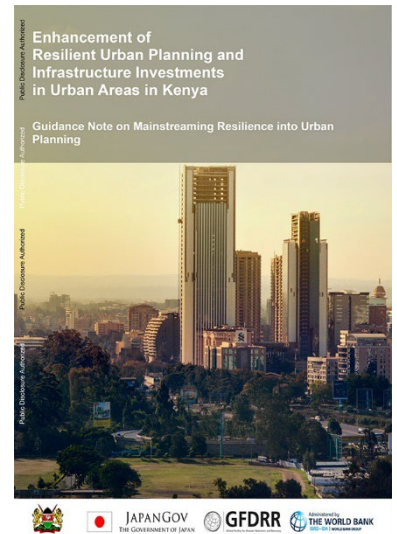
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Enhancement of Resilient Urban Planning and Infrastructure Investments in Urban Areas in Kenya

This 'Guidance Note on Mainstreaming Resilience into Urban Planning' forms one of a suite of reports developed by AECOM for the World Bank Group under the 'Enhancement of Resilient Urban Planning and Infrastructure Investments in Urban Areas in Kenya' assignment and constitutes Deliverable 7. Aimed at municipal-level planners in Kenya, this guidance note includes activities, considerations, and examples of good practices from within Kenya and other contexts to support municipal governments with mainstreaming resilience within the urban planning system.

[Full information](#)



HUSIKA- The ICT solution That Will Address Early Warning Systems in Drought



The Horn of Africa is experiencing its worst drought in over 40 years. The most hit countries are Ethiopia, Sudan, Somalia, Kenya, Djibouti, and the Karamoja region of Uganda, affecting over 18 million smallholder farmers and pastoralists. In order to increase the resilience of smallholder farmers and pastoralists to climate change risks, mainly those related to drought, GWPEA, in partnership with the Sahara and Sahel Observatory and the Adaptation Fund, have devised feedback mechanisms to establish appropriate early warning systems and implement drought adaptation actions in the IGAD region through the DRESS-EA project.

[More information](#)

Ethiopia: Overcoming the Political Crisis Engulfing Ethiopia



Ethiopia, a country with a rich history and diverse population, has perennially been mired in one political crisis after another for the better part of the last several decades, but more so over the past five-and-half years since Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (Ph.D.) came to power. These crises have posed varying threats to its stability and constrained its development.

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Somalia Wants Delay of African Peacekeepers' Drawdown



Somalia is facing a dilemma over plans to continue a drawdown of peacekeepers from the country by a deadline of the end of 2024 because it's not known whether the country's poorly equipped security forces can put down al-Shabab militants' security threat to the government by that time. The African Union peacekeeping mission in Somalia (ATMIS) completed the handing over of six military bases to Somali forces last week.

[More details](#)

DR Congo Wants UN Peacekeepers Out by 2024



The Democratic Republic of Congo's President Felix Tshisekedi told the UN General Assembly he wants his government to move quickly to evacuate the United Nations peacekeeping mission from the country by the end of the year, according to Reuters. In August 2023, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said peacekeepers in DR Congo would begin departing the country in an "accelerated withdrawal," confirming the departure of one of the missions first, deployed 25 years ago.

[More information](#)

Strengthening Disaster Management and Response in Tanzania



Over the recent years, climate change and natural disasters have increased in frequency and severity. They arrest development and disrupt livelihoods. Managing these risks is vital to protect people's health from emergencies and disasters, ensure local, national, and global health security, attain Universal Health Coverage, and build the resilience of communities, countries, and health systems.

[More information](#)

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Passing the Baton: New Africa Youth, Science, and Technology Advisory Boards on Disaster Risk Reduction Inaugurated

The Directorate of Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy's Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Unit of the African Union Commission (AUC) hosted an orientation meeting for the new members of the Africa Youth Advisory Board on DRR and of the Africa Science and Technology Advisory Group (Af-STAG DRR). The meeting was held on 10 -11 July 2023 at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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NORTHERN AFRICA

Building Resilience in Tunisia: MCR2030 Workshop Yields Promising Results



In July 2023, the city of Tabarka in Tunisia's Jendouba Governorate faced a massive wildfire amid soaring temperatures, forcing hundreds to evacuate their homes and underscoring the urgent need for disaster risk reduction. UNDRR, a lead partner for the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) cross-stakeholder initiative for improving local resilience, stepped in to support local governments in the Jendouba region, which is susceptible to wildfire hazards.

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NORTHERN AFRICA *continued*

Tunisia: Agricultural Actors Sensitized on the Importance of Risk Management and PARM Holistic Approach



On 03 July 2023, the Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM), hosted by IFAD, discussed the importance of Agricultural Risk Management (ARM) with a value chain perspective and introduced the institutionalization of ARM during the first capacity development workshop co-organized with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Maritime Fisheries (MARHP) and held in Tunis.

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Tunisia: The EU's Migration Agreement With Tunisia "Risks Driving Migrants and Refugees onto Even More Dangerous Routes"



The European Union finalized an agreement with Tunisia to cooperate on curbing migration from the country. In recent months, Tunisia has overtaken Libya as the primary departure point in North Africa for people seeking protection in Europe.

[Learn more](#)

Algeria: Deadly Flash Floods Following Heavy Rain in North West



Severe flash flooding swept through areas of northwestern Algeria after heavy rainfall from 02 to 03 September 2023. Authorities report at least eight people have lost their lives as a result. Several people were reported missing in Tlemcen and El Bayadh Provinces. Civil Protection teams using sniffer dogs and special equipment were deployed to the area and conducted extensive searches.

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

South Africa Flying Labs Responds to Devastating Floods Using Drones



The South African government declared a State of Disaster on the 13th of February 2023. This declaration followed heavy rainfall caused by the La Nina weather phenomenon, which affected seven out of the nine provinces in South Africa. In the wake of this, South Africa Flying Labs and QP Drone Tech, in partnership with UNICEF South Africa, Santam, and WeRobotics, came together to map and assess the damage caused by heavy rainfall along the Jukskei River in Alexandra, a township in the City of Johannesburg, Gauteng Province. This mission was part of South Africa Flying Labs' second phase of the Turning Data into Action (TDIA) project.

[Learn more](#)

2023 RISK Award Goes to an Early Warning System Project in Africa



On 12 July 2023, a project for a water resources early warning system in the Inkomati Basin, which South Africa shares with Mozambique and Eswatini, was announced as the winner of the 2023 RISK Award. The €100,000 award went to the Association for Water and Rural Development (AWARD) during a virtual ceremony hosted by the UN Office for Disaster Reduction (UNDRR) and the Munich Re Foundation, which also sponsors the award.

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WFP Races to Cushion People from Looming Drought in Southern Africa in Largest Cash Payout to Date



The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has released a record-breaking US\$ 12.8 million as part of efforts to combat the impending drought impact caused by El Niño in four southern African countries. The funds - the largest such payout to date - will be used to implement a range of anticipatory actions to safeguard the lives and livelihoods of over half a million people.

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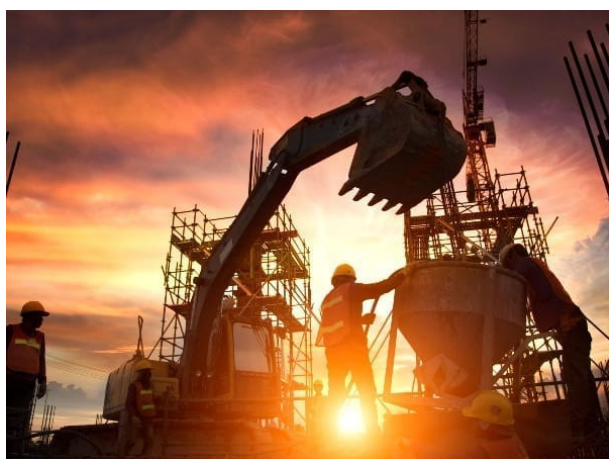


South Africa: El Niño and Load-shedding Heighten Risk of Veld Fires

As South Africa braces itself for hotter and drier El Niño weather conditions, coupled with risks associated with load-shedding, farmers are cautioned to put the necessary measures in place to mitigate against the risk of wildfires during this winter and windy spring season.

[More information](#)

South Africa Construction Sector: Identifying and Mitigating the Key Risks



Despite high expectations for South Africa's Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan, which President Ramaphosa issued on 15 October 2020, delays in the roll-out of these initiatives have restricted the growth prospects of the local construction industry. This, coupled with factors such as the tangible impact of the economic slowdown and the loss of skilled labor, represents some of the biggest risks facing the construction sector.

[Learn more](#)

FAO, Government of Zimbabwe Launch Highly Hazardous Pesticides Risk Assessment Report and Inception of the HHP Mitigation Strategy



Following the FAO/WHO Guidelines on Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Government of Zimbabwe, through the Ministries responsible for Health, Agriculture, and the Environment, undertook a three-stepwise approach for HHP risk reduction namely identification, assessment and mitigation.

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WEST AFRICA

Cabo Verde Signed the ARC Treaty to Effectively Address the Impacts of Extreme Weather Events and Disease Outbreaks



On 13 July 2023, at the UN Office in Nairobi, Kenya, the Government of the Republic of Cabo Verde (Cape Verde) signed the African Risk Capacity (ARC) Establishment Agreement (Treaty), becoming the 36th member state to do so, a significant step for both parties towards working together to effectively respond to the threats of climate-induced disaster events and disease outbreaks.

[More information](#)

United States Government Commits \$9 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Nigeria's Natural Disaster Response Efforts in 2023



The new U.S. Government humanitarian assistance follows a contribution of \$6 million in 2022. The assistance is coordinated with the Government of Nigeria in collaboration with the United Nations and international non-governmental organizations to help vulnerable Nigerians affected by natural disasters.

[More details](#)



Nigerian Red Cross Society Meets Stakeholders to Sign Pre-Disaster Agreement

Disasters often strike without warning, and in the past, the response to them has often been uncoordinated, with several agencies duplicating each other's functions unproductively. It is in this vein that the Nigerian Red Cross Society and stakeholders like the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, among others, met in Abuja, Nigeria, at a Pre-Disaster Consultative Meeting and came up with a communique that advises the formation of a technical committee to look into the coordination and management of disasters at various levels in Nigeria.

[Full story](#)

WEST AFRICA *continued*



NEMA Commence Distribution of Relief Items to Alleviate the Impacts of the 2022 Flood Disaster and Vulnerable Persons in Ondo State

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) commenced the distribution of relief items to alleviate the impacts of the 2022 flood disaster. This program, known as the "Special National Economic Livelihood Emergency Intervention (SNELEI)," is taking place in all 36 states of the country.

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Benin: African Development Bank Provides €164 Million Loan to Tackle Urban Flooding Caused by Climate Change



The African Development Bank has awarded Benin a total loan of €164.25 to improve urban service delivery and build resilience to flooding caused by climate change. The loan for the implementation of the Secondary Cities Stormwater Drainage Project (PAPVS) was approved by the Bank's Board of Directors on Wednesday, 5 July 2023, in Abidjan.

[Full details](#)

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)



CERF provides seed funds to jump-start critical relief operations and fund life-saving programs not covered by other donors. Based on priorities established under the leadership of the Humanitarian/Resident Coordinator (RC/HC) in the field, UN agencies are eligible to apply for grants and loans. The process is meant to be inclusive and transparent, and efforts should be made to engage NGO and government partners. Requests are submitted to the CERF secretariat for a decision by the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC).

[Learn more](#)

FINANCIAL RESOURCES *continued*



Emergency Fund

Against the backdrop of the challenges faced by African Environmental Defenders and the dwindling civic spaces in most African countries, Natural Justice and its partners have expressed their commitment to protecting environmental and land defenders. The nature of the support provided by the Fund will be in the form of a grant to oversee an emergency or risky situation connected to a defender's activism or actions. This grant will cover any immediate and short-term transitional costs arising from the emergency situation before the defender identifies a more stable source of support.

[More information](#)

TRAINING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

UNDRR: Thought Leadership Course - Synergizing Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation



In this thought leadership module, participants will explore the fundamental aspects of harnessing Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) synergies and the lessons learned by those at the forefront of comprehensive disaster and climate risk management. The course presents successful case stories about countries that have harnessed the synergies between Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, optimizing scarce resources and strengthening resilience.

[More details](#)



Certificate Training Programme

Enhancing Inclusive Local Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies Using Disability Inclusion Scorecard Annex

Wednesday, 11 October 2023

7:00 Panama | 14:00 Geneva/Brussels | 15:00 Cairo/Nairobi | 19:00 Bangkok | 21:00 Incheon
(Duration: 120 min)

English with simultaneous interpretation to Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish, with International Sign and live captioning

#ResilienceForAll #BreakTheCycle #DRRDay #MCR2030 #ResilientCities



Reduction 2023, which underscore the pressing need to address the inequalities embedded in DRR practices and calls for re-examination of our current DRR strategies.

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UNDRR: Training on Enhancing Inclusive Local Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies Using Disability Inclusion Scorecard Annex

This training on Enhancing Inclusive Local Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies Using Disability Inclusion Scorecard Annex is organized in response to the Mid-term Review of the Sendai Framework and the International Day for Disaster Risk

TRAINING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT *continued*

UNDRR GETI-UNITAR: Checklist on Scaling Up Disaster Risk Reduction in Humanitarian Action



This training is designed to assist relevant actors in adopting a risk-sensitive approach when preparing Humanitarian Needs Overviews (HNOs) and subsequent Humanitarian Response Plans (HRPs) as part of the Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC). It outlines key steps for analyzing potential hazards and their risk levels, determining how humanitarian situations might evolve over a given period, and informing contingency planning, preparedness measures, and early actions ahead of possible developments to reduce risk.

[Full details](#)

Certificate in Disaster Risk Reduction in Emergencies



Africa Training Institute is pleased to announce a Certificate Course in Disaster Risk Reduction in Emergencies. This is both an online and Distance Learning Course, which starts on the 1st of every month. In the context of global climate change and population growth, yearly natural and human-made emergencies have increased drastically in the past decade. You will learn the concept and practice of reducing disaster risks through systematically analyzing and managing the causal factors of disasters.

[Full details](#)



Law and Disaster Risk Reduction (Online)

Well-crafted laws and regulations can help to save lives and livelihoods from the impacts of disasters. This online training module explains what types of laws are effective for disaster risk reduction (DRR), using a fictional scenario to guide you through the key issues. This course is available in English and Spanish.

[Learn more on how to apply](#)

TRAINING AND CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT *continued*

Disaster Management Training and Education Centre for Africa (DiMTEC)



DiMTEC is an education, training, and research center within the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences on the Bloemfontein Campus of the University of the Free State in South Africa. DiMTEC strives to educate the public on disaster risk reduction and resilience building through the Postgraduate Diploma, Masters and Ph.D. degrees in Disaster Management, research projects, and short learning programs (SLPs).

[Full details](#)

GENDER AND INCLUSION

Accelerating Action for Gender-Responsive Disaster Risk Reduction



Worsening climate change, environmental degradation, extreme weather, and poor planning and adaptation measures are intensifying disasters at an alarming rate. The impacts of such disasters are highly gendered, with women and girls carrying the brunt of impacts such as the destruction of natural resources and infrastructure. UN Women ensures that gender considerations are fully integrated into the Sendai Framework implementation, including its midterm review.

[Full details](#)

African Gender and Disaster Risk Management Platform



The African Gender and Disaster Risk Management Platform is intended to contribute to the development and management of knowledge on the issues of gender and DRM on the continent. In line with the African Union Agenda 2063 – Africa We Want – the platform will help promote the steps the continent is taking to advance the gender aspects of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) issues across the region within the context of the Sendai Framework.

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GENDER AND INCLUSION *continued*



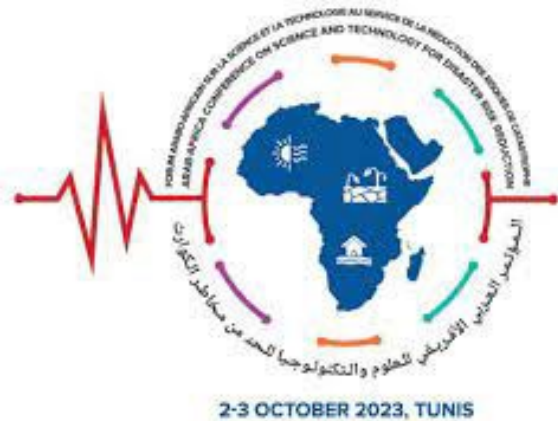
Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction: A Training Pack

Understanding how gender relations shape women's and men's lives is critical to disaster risk reduction (DRR). This is because women's and men's different roles, responsibilities, and access to resources influence how each will be affected by different hazards and how they will cope with and recover from disaster.

[Learn more](#)

EVENTS

Towards a Resilient Future: The Arab-Africa Science, Technology, Policy & Private Sector Nexus for Disaster Risk Reduction



The Arab-Africa Science, Technology, Policy & Private Sector Nexus for Disaster Risk Reduction is a joint conference hosted by the Government of Tunisia under the auspices of H.E. Ahmed al-Hachani, the Prime Minister of Tunisia and in collaboration with UNDRR. The conference will bring together multi-stakeholder contributors, including experts and practitioners from governments, the private sector, science and academic institutions, the UN and its specialized organizations, and regional and international organizations, to discuss common issues and challenges countries face. The conference will be held in Tunisia from October 2 – 3, 2023.

[Full details](#)

DMISA Disaster Risk Reduction Conference



Proudly presented by the Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa (DMISA) in partnership with the Vhembe District Municipality and supported by the South African National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC), the **Disaster Risk Reduction Conference** provides an annual opportunity for a diverse range of stakeholders in disaster management from across Africa to gather and share skills, knowledge, and experience. The conference will occur from 25 – 26 October 2023 in Limpopo, South Africa.

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EVENTS *continued*

Drones in Disaster Risk Management Conference



South Africa Flying Labs, in collaboration with QP Drone Tech and DMS NPC, has the pleasure of hosting the annual Drones in Disaster Risk Management Conference. This innovative conference will interest policy and decision-makers in Government, Humanitarian Aid Agencies, Asset and infrastructure Managers, Security Clusters, Agriculture, Telecommunication Professionals, UN Agencies, Disaster Management Professions, Climate Change Professionals, Emergency Response Teams, Social Impact Investors, Regulators, Environmentally focused Corporates, Drone Advocacy Groups, Insurers, Research / Academic Institutions, Innovators in Private and Public Sector, Drone Operators and anyone interested in technology and innovation. The conference will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, from November 1 - 2, 2023.

[More details](#)

World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) 2023



World Congress on Disaster Management (WCDM) is a unique initiative of DMICS to bring researchers, policymakers, and practitioners from around the world on the same platform to discuss various challenging issues of disaster risk management. The event will take place in India from 26 November – 01 December 2023.

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PUBLICATIONS

Webinar: 2023 El Niño – Impact, Preparedness, Funding



The El Niño phenomenon is strengthening in Africa, with severe impacts predicted for Eastern and Southern Africa. To help African National Societies and their partners anticipate and prepare for the likely impacts of the El Niño phenomena, IFRC Africa hosted the webinar titled 2023 El Niño – Impact, Preparedness, Funding in partnership with the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Center.

[Listen to the recordings.](#)

Financing Disaster Risk Reduction: Exploring the Opportunities, Challenges, and Threats Within the Southern African Development Community Region

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) region is among the most vulnerable to natural hazards and has a complex disaster risk profile. The region has sustained several disasters over the past decades. These events include annual floods in 2004–2019 and extreme droughts (1990–1993); other climate-induced disasters, such as cyclones, also have had devastating impacts, particularly on the Indian Ocean island states and east coast countries. Governments must invest in disaster risk reduction (DRR) to reduce disasters' risks and impacts.

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Empowering Change: Highlights from the High-Level Regional Workshop on Gender Responsive Disaster Risk Reduction in Eastern Africa by UNESCO



Delegates from a diverse range of stakeholders in 10 Eastern African countries converged in Nairobi from August 22 to 24, 2023, for the High-Level Regional Workshop on Gender Responsive Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Eastern Africa. The workshop, coordinated by UNESCO, facilitated dynamic discussions and collaborations to enhance disaster resilience through gender-inclusive approaches. At the workshop, joint recommendations were agreed upon and will contribute to the Global Gender Action Plan (GAP) under the Sendai Framework and political commitments to support the implementation of gender-responsive DRR management.

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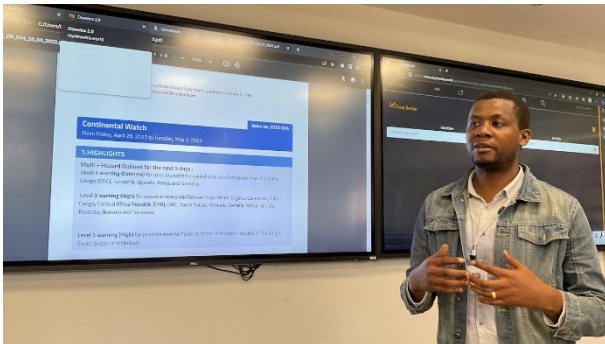
Early Warnings for all Action Plan for Africa is Launched



A new Early Warnings for All Action Plan for Africa is one of the most ambitious and comprehensive initiatives ever launched to save lives and livelihoods on a continent that is regularly exposed to extreme weather and bears a disproportionate socio-economic cost of climate change. The action plan was unveiled on the opening day of the Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi, Kenya, on September 4.

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Shaping the Future: Africa's Drive For Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems



The African Union Commission (AUC) achieved a significant milestone in continental disaster risk reduction efforts by convening the inaugural Africa Multi-hazard Early Warning and Early Action System (AMHEWAS) Steering Committee and Technical Working Group meetings in Windhoek on 24–28 July 2023. These critical sessions marked a substantial step towards disaster preparedness and building resilience to climate-related and multiple hazards across Africa.

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The World Risk Report (WRR) 2023 examines the complex interrelationship between crises, marginalized groups, and the diverse structure of societies. Diversity is significant in how disaster risk is distributed within a society. While it is true that disasters, extreme natural events, and crises affect everyone in the immediate surroundings, the impact of the negative consequences tends to be more severe for marginalized groups such as people read as female, persons with disabilities or members of the queer community.

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Decoding Urban Flood Risk and Democratizing Risk Assessment



Urban flooding is a highly complicated problem to address, requiring deep technical expertise and complex engagement with many stakeholder groups. Cities often lack the know-how to gauge and act on the danger they face fully. Local governments can better understand and manage their flood risk by conducting urban flood risk assessments.

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Inclusive Integration of Artificial Intelligence in DRR



Disasters often expose society's most profound vulnerabilities. While efforts to mitigate these challenges are ongoing, incorporating artificial intelligence (AI) into disaster risk reduction (DRR) presents both opportunities and threats. Central to this discussion is a crucial question: How do we ensure AI's application in disaster management neither harms nor neglects marginalized groups? This question goes beyond mere technical aspects, touching upon socio-political dimensions.

[Full details](#)

New Research Reveals Extreme Heat Likely to Wipe Out Humans and Mammals in the Distant Future



A new study shows unprecedented heat will likely lead to the next mass extinction since the dinosaurs died out, eliminating nearly all mammals in some 250 million years. The research, published in *Nature Geoscience* and led by the University of Bristol, presents the first-ever supercomputer climate models of the distant future and demonstrates how climate extremes will dramatically intensify when the world's continents eventually merge to form one hot, dry, and largely uninhabitable supercontinent.

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Navigating Risks and Seizing Opportunities: The Transition to a Green Economy



The global business community is undergoing a transition towards a green economy driven by a shared recognition of the urgent need to address climate change, protect natural resources, and promote sustainable development. As businesses in South Africa and elsewhere adopt sustainable practices and environmentally conscious strategies, they can expect to encounter two categories of risks as identified by the Taskforce for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

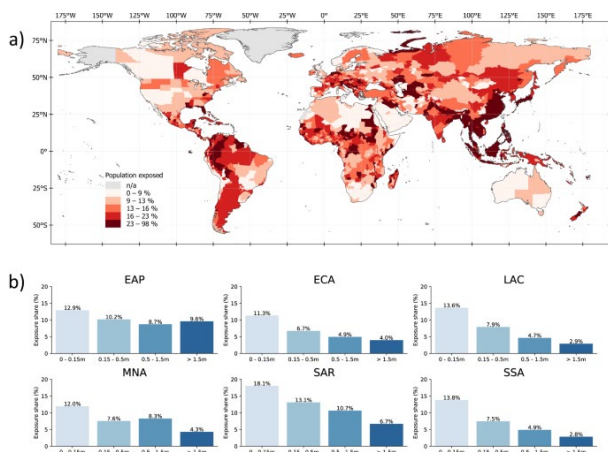
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Resilience Evidence Forum 2023: Synthesis Report

This Synthesis Report presents the findings and insights from the Resilience Evidence Forum in June 2023. The report underscores the pressing need to build upon our progress, recognize the various forms of evidence- scientific, local knowledge, indigenous knowledge, or conveyed through storytelling, and elevate resilience as a collective, paramount objective. It highlights the importance of scaling evidence-based solutions and identifies various stakeholders' vital role in realizing this objective.

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Flood Exposure and Poverty in 188 Countries

This study presents global estimates of the number of people exposed to high flood risks while accounting for their respective poverty levels. To this end, the researchers use the latest global high-resolution data on flood hazard types (fluvial, pluvial, and coastal) and population density. This is combined with sub-nationally disaggregated poverty data based on the World Bank's global database of harmonized household consumption surveys.

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Innovation and Unity Key to Resilience



Combining innovative ideas and unity is the key to unlocking a transformational response to escalating climate and disaster risk. An all-of-society approach that embraces the capacity, experience, and expertise of all sectors and communities will accelerate efforts to strengthen the resilience of cities and citizens worldwide.

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