

Conference Theme: Pakistan: We Delivered!!!

About the Conference

SSDN believes that natural disasters can be faced boldly, if one has the knowledge of weather behaviors and expected reasons of catastrophic upheavals of the nature. The floods in Pakistan during 2010 and 2011 were disastrous in nature. More than 20 million individuals suffered directly, whereas, the loss to national economy was unimaginable. Despite the fact that these disasters were huge but we, as a nation, did our best to protect a huge number of families and individuals. To our experience, we should be proud to claim that **we delivered** during the most difficult times of our national history. Therefore, SSDN wishes to highlight the successes and visualize a protected future with workable mitigation strategies.

In order to sustain the normal social life of the poor and the vulnerable during natural and man-made disasters, SSDN intends to hold an International Conference to bring experts from all walks of life on one platform to deliberate, share and plan the future strategies that how, as a nation, we can avoid the effects of disastrous nature of natural calamities.

The International Emergency Response Conference-2012 shall provide unique, productive and exciting opportunities to all the stakeholders through interactive and innovative sessions to share their contributions and learning, receive advanced knowledge for future planning and deliberate on emergency strategic plans for future challenges. The conference shall also provide excellent opportunities for networking and sharing ideas with like-minded organizations and individuals from all over the world. It is envisioned that this conference shall set the trend in national history to sustain the thinking process on protecting the human beings not only in Pakistan but around the globe.

We shall learn from international experts and share with the world our hard work we did during disasters. SSDN Conferences shall provide wonderful opportunities to community development practitioners to learn and share. Therefore, abstracts and session proposals are being invited on the themes of Emergency Relief practices, research in humanitarian assistance and learning and their relationship with the overall social development.

The conference objectives are:

- Confidence building among humanitarian organizations, government departments and individuals;
- The future plan of action and sharing of disaster mitigation strategies;
- To promote exemplary social development endeavors in Pakistan;
- Sharing of humanitarian success stories of NGOs and individuals with reference to floods of 2010-2011;
- Providing a professional forum for networking;
- Reviewing the role of NGOs in the new socio-economic scene of the country.

Academic Contributions can be related to any area or issue in Humanitarian Assistance, including:

Emergency 2010-2011:

1. Relief Efforts (all thematic areas)
2. Rehabilitation Services
3. Medical Services
4. Restoration of Shelters
5. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Services
6. Restoration of Livelihood opportunities
7. Use of Technology in Emergencies

Generic:

8. Women and Child Health
9. Women and Child Rights
10. Violence against Women and Children
11. Environment
12. Water Resources

The presentations shall be solicited under the following categories:

A) Poster Exhibition:

The space shall be provided for the complete two conference days.

The poster exhibition shall provide the opportunity to the participants to highlight their achievements to the world. It is also expected that a great number of international humanitarian organizations shall participate and display their support to the humanitarian cause in Pakistan.

B) Paper Presentation:

One hour (60 min) activity including question/answer time.

The presenter shall elaborate his/her role in mitigating the affects of human tragedy during floods in 2010 and/or 2011 and share the future plan of action. Presenter can bring along supporting aids, like hand outs, pamphlets and audio-visual aids, etc.

C) Workshop:

2 hour activity including question/answer time.

The facilitator shall work in collaboration with the participants in any form he/she would like. Each workshop shall come up with a solution to any specific social issue with reference to disasters and emergencies. The facilitator shall be in liberty to design the workshop as it deem suitable to the topic.

D) Colloquium:

One hour to two hours

A colloquium provides both a formal opportunity to discuss issues and come up with any expected solutions. Here the ideas, issues and techniques can be discussed and shared.

Important notes while preparing for the Conference:

- 1) All presentations, exhibitions and discussions should be based on the real work of the presenter.
- 2) International standards should be met for referencing and citation, etc.
- 3) The submission of abstracts/proposals should be with the following format:
 - i. Typed with Arial, 12 font and 1.5 cm spacing
 - ii. The two sides of the pages could be used;
 - iii. Submitted with quality editing. Each abstract/presentation shall be published in a conference publication.
 - iv. The presentation should have the topic, name of the presenter(s) and the name of institution with contact details;

International Presenters:

1. The international emergency experts are expected to highlight the causes of disasters and share the remedial measures;
 2. The international presenters should send their abstract and session proposals till May 25, 2012;
 3. Emergency experts, scholars, academicians, planners, students are particularly welcomed;
- All international participants shall be facilitated in obtaining travel documents, accommodation and related requirements;