



Zagreb, July 20, 2009

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my pleasure to invite two representatives from your country to attend the **National Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction in South-Eastern Europe Workshop**, which will take place from 28 (traveling day) to 30 September 2009 in Pula, Republic of Croatia.

The seminar is to be held by the **United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)** and the **Capacity for Disaster Reduction Initiative (CADRI)** and organized by the **National Protection and Rescue Directorate of the Republic of Croatia** in the framework of Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative (DPPI) for South Eastern Europe.

The aim of the Workshop is to develop understanding on the nature, scope, relevance and the set up of a National Platform as a coordination mechanism to advance in disaster risk reduction at national and regional levels in the context of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities (HFA).

Therefore, the attendance of the HFA Focal Point, a relevant line Ministry representative and the director or senior executive of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Service from your country would be highly appreciated.

Detailed information on the workshop (draft agenda, administrative arrangements and registration form) is attached to this invitation.

Please note that this event will be followed by a back to back training workshop on "Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems" with a focus on institutional collaboration and coordination (1-3 October 2009) organized by WMO, National Meteorological Service of Croatia and UNDP. This training workshop is targeted at two senior representatives, one from the Disaster Risk Management agency and the other from the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services from these countries.

Look forward to seeing you in Pula.

Yours truly,



Damir Trut,
Director

National Protection and Rescue Directorate
Republic of Croatia