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**International Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction
Dialogue between scientists and stakeholders
Brussels 29-30 October 2009
Venue: Place Madou, 1 – EC Building, auditorium**

Dear National Platform representatives, Focal Points, scientists and colleagues,

The European Commission (Research Directorate) in collaboration with the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Secretariat (UNISDR) Europe Office would like to invite you to participate to the **Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction - Dialogue between scientists and stakeholders** to be held in Brussels the **29 and 30 October 2009**.

In taking this common initiative our objectives are:

- to enable a better dialogue and exchange between the scientific community working in the field of EC funded research projects on natural hazards and different policy and users communities as (e.g. Policy Directorates, stakeholders, representatives from UNISDR, National Platforms, civil protection, NGOs, Re-insurance group).
- to present concrete achievements and research results that are of interest to managers and policy makers.
- to reflect on past and ongoing research as well as to prioritize future challenges and needs.
- to strengthen collaboration between UNISDR and DG Research in supporting National Platforms and other actors towards Disaster Risk Reduction research and implementation of results in the Europe region.

The details and information on the workshop (administrative arrangements, registration form and organizational issues) will be sent to you separately in due course.

Please note that to comply with security procedures at the Madou auditorium, you will need to confirm your attendance in order to gain access to the workshop venue.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely,

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