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## INVITATION LETTER TO ATTEND ONLINE TRAINING COURSE ON COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Dear Colleagues,

The 2011 Global Assessment Report on Disaster Risk Reduction (GAR11) highlights the political and economic imperative to reduce disaster risks, and the benefits to be gained from doing so. Recognizing the critical need for competent human resources in disaster risk reduction, EMI in partnership with the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) is offering the 2011 run of the Natural Disaster Risk Management Program (NDRMP).

The training courses of the NDRMP have been offered since 2006 and have graduated more than 500 participants in 40 countries. The package offers an educational model for practitioners who are looking at building their career and/or improving their skills in disaster risk management (DRM). It consists of a mandatory introductory course plus a selection of seven specialized online courses. All courses were developed by world-renown experts and were extensively peer reviewed. The training delivery methodology was formulated by educational experts and offers the flexibility for the participants to study at their own pace without compromising the quality of learning. Participants can accomplish assignments, check their progress, gain access to subject matter experts, and share experiences with their co-participants.

I am writing to encourage members of your organization to enroll and take advantage of the 2011 round of the NDRMP. The **Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management Framework course**, which is a pre-requisite for the other specialized courses, will run from **November 7-December 14, 2011**. The attached brochure provides the detailed information regarding the course. On-line registration is now open until **November 2, 2011** through the link below. **Space is limited to 55 participants only.**

<http://www.emi-megacities.org/ndrmp-form>

If you need further information, do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Jose Mari Daclan, NDRMP Program Manager at [ndrmp@emi-megacities.org](mailto:ndrmp@emi-megacities.org)

I look forward to your participation and contribution to the NDRM program.

Thank you and kind regards,

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