



Pakistan's first DRR Masters get to work

The faculty of Pakistan's National University of Science and Technology Risalpur campus knew it was time to act when the 2010 floods devastated large swathes of their country directly affecting 20 million people. "We saw on our own doorstep the suffering and the tremendous impact the floods had. We sat down and the University Principal and the faculty decided we should start a Master's course to try to build disaster risk management capacity in our country," said Dr Naeem Shahzad, who heads the course. Dr Shahzad was one of 25 practitioners working at the 'DRR frontline' who participated in a GETI Capacity Development for Making Cities Resilient course run in partnership with CIFAL Jeju and UNITAR

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GETI strengthens TCS partnership: GETI organized the Trilateral Local Government Exchange Conference on DRR with the Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS). Officials and disaster managers from several cities in China, Japan, & Republic of Korea convened at the GETI training centre for a vibrant three days of city-to-city learning among NE Asian municipalities.

109 Korean cities join campaign: GETI's partnerships in Korea continued to go from strength to strength with almost 50% of all Korean local authorities now active in the Making Cities Resilient Campaign.

E-learning here we come: GETI has embraced e-learning to extend its reach. An associated online training module is being developed, in conjunction with UNITAR, and is set to be offered in January 2015. The institute has training reference material in all six UN languages.

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Developing a cadre of professionals

UNISDR's Office for Northeast Asia and Global Education and Training Institute (GETI) was established in 2010 to develop a new cadre of professionals in DRR and climate change adaptation for disaster resilient societies.

In 2014 (to the end of October), GETI had facilitated resilience action planning at 14 forums in Armenia, India, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea, and Russia, for more than 800 city and national DRR practitioners and policymakers from 36 countries. GETI works with city and national partners to strengthen capacity, including that of national training institutes to take over future capacity building support.

The UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, in March 2015, in Japan, is set to produce a Post-2015 successor to the Hyogo Framework for Action that identifies city and national level capacity building as crucial to future efforts to build resilience.

GETI's two main partners are the Korean National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the City of Incheon municipality, which hosts the Institute. GETI also works with national governments, city authorities, national training institutes, development agencies, international organisations, and sister UN organisations to deliver on its capacity building mandate.

Upcoming Calendar

City Resilience Action Planning	Makati, Philippines	12-15 Nov
City Resilience Action Planning	Yerevan, Armenia	25-27 Nov
City & National Resilience Action Planning	Tblisi, Georgia	03-05 Dec
Making Cities Resilient to Disasters	GETI, Rep of Korea	16-17 Dec

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