



Building community resilience in a changing climate



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Communities and livelihoods are adversely impacted and increasingly prone to disaster risks as a consequence of climate change. **Much remains to be done to ensure effective risk management policies and programmes are in place at the community level and supported by financial resources at a commensurate level.** The use of risk information, including long-term trends in climate risk as well as medium-range information such as seasonal forecasts, is an important component of strengthening community safety and resilience. The challenge is to ensure that vulnerable people have the information they need, when they need it. This will also build awareness and capacity to take action at the household, village or neighbourhood level.

The side event will outline a risk management methodology, share experience and lessons; and highlight a holistic approach by harmonizing disaster risk reduction with climate change adaptation and mitigation practices. The event aims to identify ways to improve cooperation and address challenges for an effective implementation at scale, as we head to a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (HFA 2).

Moderator:

Anne Hammill, Program Leader, Adaptation and Risk Reduction, International Institute for Sustainable Development

Agenda:

- 1. Introduction and welcoming remarks** – Walter Cotte, Under Secretary General, Program Services Division, IFRC
- 2. Presentation on “Experiences and Findings from Climate Risk Management Assessments in 17 Countries”** by Rajeev Issar, Policy Specialist (Climate Risks), UNDP-BCPR
- 3. Panel discussion:**
 - Rajeev Issar, Policy Specialist (Climate Risks), UNDP-BCPR
 - Peter Rottach, Chair of the ACT Alliance Community of Practice on DRR and CCA
 - Thomas Sepp, Chief Claims Officer, Zurich Insurance Company Ltd
 - Pitambar Aryal, Director, Disaster Management Department, Nepal Red Cross Society
- 4. Q&A session**
- 5. Closing and next steps**

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