

A woman with dark hair, wearing a black headband and a patterned dress with pink, white, and purple designs, is crouching in a mangrove field. She is holding a young mangrove sapling and appears to be planting it into the dark, muddy ground. Several other saplings are visible in the background, some already planted and some being held. The scene is set in a natural, outdoor environment with soft lighting.

Ecosystems, resilience and DRR: presenting evidence

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Sustainable ecosystem management can help reduce disaster risk, in terms of preventing or mitigating hazards, reducing exposure and vulnerability, and increasing local resilience to disasters. However, these services provided by ecosystems are not well-recognized. This side event will provide a forum for presenting evidence regarding the role of ecosystems for DRR and their potential applications. It will demonstrate why investing in ecosystems for DRR makes sense from a technical, social, and economic perspective.

Chair

Dr. Pascal Peduzzi, Head of Global Change and Vulnerability Unit, UNEP/DEWA-GRID

Speakers

Dr. Daniel Maselli, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Bern, Switzerland on “Managing Natural Hazards in Mountains”

Ms. Imen Meliane, The Nature Conservancy on “Coastal ecosystems and DRR”

Mr. Butch Bacani, UNEP Finance Initiative, on “Insurance company investing in ecosystem restoration for hazard mitigation”

This side event is being organized by the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR), a global alliance of UN agencies, NGOs and specialist institutions that seek to promote, innovate and advance knowledge and practice of ecosystem-based solutions for DRR.

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