

Dear Colleague,

We look forward to welcoming you at the IDRC 2010 in Davos. We are pleased to confirm that a number of high-ranking personalities from all around the world will lead 13 Plenary Panel Sessions. In addition, experts from various fields of risk and disaster will deliver a total of 250 presentations. Our aim is to provide answers on how the world can cope with, and be better prepared for risks and disasters, such as the recent earthquakes in Haiti, Chile and China, or the Eyjafjallajökull volcano eruption in Iceland.

Sincerely yours

Dr. Walter J. Ammann,  
Chairman IDRC Davos 2010

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## Could the response and relief time in Haiti have been reduced?

IDRC Davos 2010 addresses this question in a Plenary Session on "[Humanitarian Logistics](#)" with Admiral James Stavridis, USN Supreme Allied Commander and other renowned experts.

## Could the oil - spill in the Gulf of Mexico have been avoided and the environmental consequences reduced?

IDRC Davos 2010 will tackle environmental risks and critical infrastructures at the special session on Energy Security and Critical Infrastructures: [Threats, Risks and Interdependencies](#)

## Latest programme update – speakers and sessions

UNCCD General Director [Luc Gnacadja](#) will chair the Plenary Session on "Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought" and draw the link to food security.

Maria Mutagamba, Minister of Water and Environment, Uganda will talk about linking climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction in Africa.

[Please have a look at the programme](#) to find sessions' descriptions as well as background information on the panellists'. You will get an insight into more than 70 special- and parallel sessions. Follow the latest news about IDRC Davos 2010 on [twitter](#).

## Cities are at Risk – How to make them resilient?

More than half of the world's population now lives in cities or urban centres. Urban settlements are the lifelines of society. But cities can also become generators of new risks: failed infrastructure and services, environmental urban degradation, increasing informal settlements with almost a billion slum dwellers around the world.

GRF Davos as a partner of UN-ISDR supports the campaign "[Making Cities Resilient](#)" and we discuss the particular threats and risks to the rapidly growing mega cities at the Plenary Session on "[Urban Risks & Mega Cities](#)" on Monday, 31 May.

## Also following links could be of your interest:

Benefit of participating in the GRF Risk Academy Continuous Education Programme at IDRC Davos 2010:

- [2-Day Continuous Education Course](#)  
["Reducing Risks and Managing Disasters - A Modern Integrated Approach"](#)
- [EU Project Development Course](#)

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