The conference will be in English. Admission to the symposium is free, but advance registration is required (until 29th October 2014). Please visit http://ias.unu.edu to access the online registration page.

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Established in 2009, the University Network for Climate and Ecosystems Change Adaptation Research (UN-CECAR) is a network of universities and organizations in the Asia-Pacific and Africa who develop research and education programmes on climate change and ecosystems change, and sustainability science. The network aims to bring together the best resources and expertise in joint research for the design of appropriate policy and development strategies, and development of postgraduate education courses and training across disciplinary lines.
Global disaster risk reduction has progressed through the active support of international organizations and committed governments. During the past two decades, the focus has shifted from response to a proactive preventive approach, and the focus on hazard mitigation has been replaced by the more appropriate risk assessment approach. However, with the increasing concentration of population and assets in urban and vulnerable areas coupled with globalizing processes that have made world populations interdependent, the losses from natural disasters are increasing. In addition, climate change is modifying the magnitude and frequency of weather-related extremes making current safety measures and standards obsolete.

The moves from monodisciplinary approaches to multidisciplinary and then to interdisciplinary practices have enabled collective engagement in disaster management. However, to address mounting challenges there is an urgent need for more efficient transdisciplinary approaches that bring all stakeholders together, including academia, local governments, NGOs and communities, to enable rapid transfer of knowledge, experiences and quick feedback.

**UN-CECAR and Te-DRR**

Based on past experiences, UNCECAR, a network of leading universities in the Asia Pacific region, proposes the promotion of project-based Te-DRR programmes by a broad coalition of universities, local governments, and NGOs as a commitment to the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. This education will be rooted in sustainability science that will also support the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals.

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Transdisciplinary Education for Disaster Risk Reduction

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