

## **United Nations University and University of Bonn to offer new Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree in the “Geography of Environmental Risks and Human Security”**

**Cutting-edge programme accepting applications from 15 May onwards for inaugural class of students to begin in October 2013**

A new master’s degree programme in the *Geography of Environmental Risks and Human Security* will be launched in autumn 2013, with the aim of providing postgraduate students with detailed knowledge, critical understanding, strategies and the tools required to take an interdisciplinary approach towards environmental risks and human security.

The programme, developed by the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) and the Department of Geography of the University of Bonn (GIUB), will begin accepting applications as of **15 May 2013**, for enrolment in October 2013. The deadline for application is **30 June 2013**.

Building on the success and capability of existing research programmes on social and environmental vulnerability and risk management at both UNU-EHS and GIUB, the two-year MSc programme will educate students on how to investigate and manage various resources related to environmental hazards by implementing science-based principles and methodologies to disaster risk management.

*Geography of Environmental Risks and Human Security* will derive from different research areas, such as vulnerability assessment, resilience analysis, risk management and adaptation strategies within linked human–environment systems, as well as environmentally induced internal displacement and transboundary migration.

Upon completion of their studies, successful students will be granted an officially accredited Joint Master of Science Degree Certificate.

### **Further information**

MSc programme *Geography of Environmental Risks and Human Security*:

[www.ehs.unu.edu/article/msc](http://www.ehs.unu.edu/article/msc)

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## Background

### **United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)**

The United Nations University created the Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) in December 2003 to address risks and vulnerabilities that are the consequence of complex - both acute and latent - environmental hazards. It aims to improve the in-depth understanding of the cause-effect relationships to find possible ways to reduce risks and vulnerabilities. The Institute is conceived to support policy and decision makers with authoritative research and information.

> [www.ehs.unu.edu](http://www.ehs.unu.edu)

### **Bonn University, Department of Geography (GIUB)**

The Department of Geography has a rich history that spans 130 years of teaching and research. It is the largest and one of the most distinguished geography departments in Germany and has 14 independent research units that encompass a wide variety of geographical topics. Geomorphology, Hydrology, Development Geographies and Remote Sensing are just a few examples of the wide choice of research fields in Human and Physical Geographies. Each of the research fields is under the auspices of one or more professors in the Department, providing students with a high quality and unique education, especially if they choose an interdisciplinary or an applied study-approach. Research units are combined in the common interest of risk analysis that embodies one of three major research priorities at the Department.

> [http://www.geographie.uni-bonn.de/department-of-geography-university-bonn?set\\_language=en](http://www.geographie.uni-bonn.de/department-of-geography-university-bonn?set_language=en)