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Prof. Dr. Jakob Rhyner, Director UNU-EHS

**Dear Readers,**

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of the new quarterly UNU-EHS e-Newsletter. These are exciting times for UNU-EHS. From researching livelihood resilience in rural Bangladesh to analyzing water quality in the Mekong Delta to assessing the risks and vulnerabilities in mega cities, UNU-EHS is generating firsthand knowledge on the role of the environment for human security. Our experts are bringing together leading academics and practitioners in conferences and workshops focused on the SDG debate, climate change, disaster risk reduction, livelihood resilience and other themes. Our extensive network allows us to approach critical issues and research questions comprehensively, making a lasting impact on the ground as well as in international policy debates.

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## Groundbreaking project fosters next generation of African scientists

The [WASCAL project](#) combines international large-scale research, education and capacity development to develop effective adaptation and mitigation measures to climate change in West Africa.

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## Resilience in Bangladesh

The Gibika project aims to improve livelihoods and living conditions of vulnerable people in Bangladesh through scientific research and community-led action. Our Gibika project manager has been based in Bangladesh for 8 months, the following photo essay is a collection of her stories, observations and photos.

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## Changing **Weather**, Rising Need for **Protection**

Building Resilience to Climate Change

## Infograph: What does MCII do?

What does the Munich Climate Insurance Initiative (MCII) do and why is it so important? Find out in this new infographic that was created to mark MCII's 10 year anniversary.

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## Adaptation pathways in coastal megacities: Lagos, London, Kolkata

In coastal megacities, population pressure, demographic change and high socio-economic



vulnerability coincide with exposure to natural hazards. Participatory workshops explored how megacities can adapt to these new challenges.

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## From Ghana to Bonn: EHS MSc student Sandra Delali Kemeh

Arriving in Bonn from Ghana last October, Sandra Delali Kemeh, a first year student in the UNU-EHS and University of Bonn International Joint MSc Programme “Geography of Environmental Risks and Human Security”, shares her experience with us.

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### In the Media

Prof. Dr. Jakob Rhyner's op-ed on the 10 year anniversary of the Indian Ocean Tsunami published in the Huffington Post.

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### Vacancy Announcements

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### New Publications

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Vulnerability assessment of different socio-economic groups to floods in the rural Mekong Delta of Vietnam by Vo Van Tuan. [Read More](#)

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Ecosystem services in practice: Well-being and vulnerability of two European urban areas by Yaella Depietri. [Read More](#)

#### Graduate Research Series No. 7:

Nature and Values of Coping and Adaptation: An evaluation of response mechanisms to changing water-related risks in rural areas of the Vietnamese Mekong Delta by Maria

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