

EM-DAT Technical Advisory Group Meeting

October 24th – 25th, 2016

National Press Building

529, 14th Street NW, Suite 700 (7th Floor) - Washington, DC 20045

DAY 1: Monday October 24th

09:00 - 09:30 Welcome and opening (CRED and USAID/OFDA)

- Scope and overview of the meeting
- Introductory round table

09:30 - 11:00 Session 1: Introductory session

Chair: G. Mayberry; S. Tokar

- Update on EM-DAT and its activities of the last two years – *R. Below; D. Guha-Sapir (CRED)*

11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 12:30 Session 2: View from recent users

Chair: G. Mayberry; S. Tokar

- Users perceptive on improving data – *J. Busby (University of Texas); B. Jones (USGS)*

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:00 Session 3: Potential for collaborations and building bridges – part 1

Chair: F. Ghesquiere

- Potential interface between EM-DAT and other partners – *A. Hainsworth (WMO); V. Tsirkunov (GFDRR – World Bank); B. Chen (Columbia University)*

15:00 - 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 - 17:15 Session 4: Potential for collaborations and building bridges – part 2

Chair: N. Smith

- Potential for joint activities with scientific institutions – *B. Andrews (Smithsonian Institution), D. Applegate (USGS); V. Escobar (NASA)*
- Round Table Discussion: Building a Consortium on Joined up databases

DAY 2: Tuesday October 25th

09:00 - 10:45 Session 5: Geographical applications on disaster data – part 1

Chair: To be confirmed

- Situation overview of EM-DAT products and future directions – *A. Vanderveken (CREd)*
- Natural disasters and crop production: results from a research product – *P. Rowhani (University of Sussex)*

10:45 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 Session 6: Geographical applications on disaster data – part 2

Chair: To be confirmed

- Applications to disease spread: a case study in Asia – *S. Vanwambeke (UCL)*
- Spatial analysis experience from DFO – *A. Kettner (DFO)*

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:30 Session 7: Expanding and improving data quality and scope

Chair: R. Chen

- Improving data quality in EMDAT: (i) Variations in sources of data (ii) Field evidence for age/sex distribution of victims – *D. Guha-Sapir (CREd)*
- Filling gaps from the past for the future: Experience from Reinsurance companies – *P. Löw (MünichRe); L. Bevere (SwissRe)*

15:30 - 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 - 17:00 Wrap up and conclusions - Closing