Understanding Risk (UR) Forum, June 30 – July 4, 2014

London UK

TECHNICAL SESSION

Wednesday July 2nd, 2014 – 11:00 to 12:30

ExCel London - Room C

"Winners and Losers" Measuring the Impacts and Costs of Disasters

The growing importance of measuring the impact (costs) of natural disasters to inform risk reduction is challenged by a growing array of disaster loss databases which use different metrics, propose various degrees of openness and follow various methodologies. This session, led by CRED-Louvain and OFDA-USAID, centres on a panel debate of the various databases available for recording disaster losses and their use by different institutions. Panellists will discuss the current usefulness of various datasets, their strengths and weaknesses and will seek to build consensus for future recommendations.

Session Lead: *Prof. Debarati Guha, Professor & Director of the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, Université catholique de Louvain (CRED-UCL), Brussels*

Panelists:

Dr.Sezin Tokar,Hydrometeorological hazards adviser, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance/ U.S. Agency for International Development (OFDA/USAID), Washington DC, USA
Dr.Andrew Thow, Field Information Services Section (FISS), UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Geneva, Switzerland
Prof.David Alexander, Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction, University College London (UCL), London, UK
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