# Role of space based information in Disaster Risk Reduction: UN-SPIDER Interventions

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- How important is space based information in disaster management?
- Does Space based OR geospatial information contribute enough in decision making in DRR?
- Are NDMOs/NDMAs prepared to leverage on wealth of geospatial information available in the country and region?
- What needs to be done?



#### **Space technologies for Disaster Management**



Pre-Flood











Images from <u>earth observing satellites</u> help assess the damage caused by disasters and assess vulnerability to hazards.

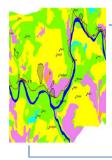
Satellite Meteorology help obtain precise weather forecast, thus provides early warning on floods, cyclones, droughts etc.

Satellite communications help warn people who are at risk, especially in remote areas. They help connect a disaster zone to the outside world

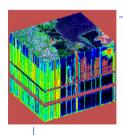
Global navigation satellite systems enable us to obtain positional information on events that have to be mapped



## **Earth Observation from Space**



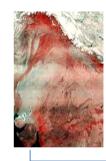
Spatially extensive mapping



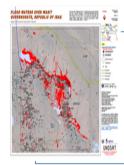
Beyond 'human eye' capability



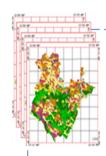
Localised event detection



Access difficult or dangerous sites



Near real time response



Geo-referenced and calibrated

More than 40 nations with imaging satellites -160 sensors



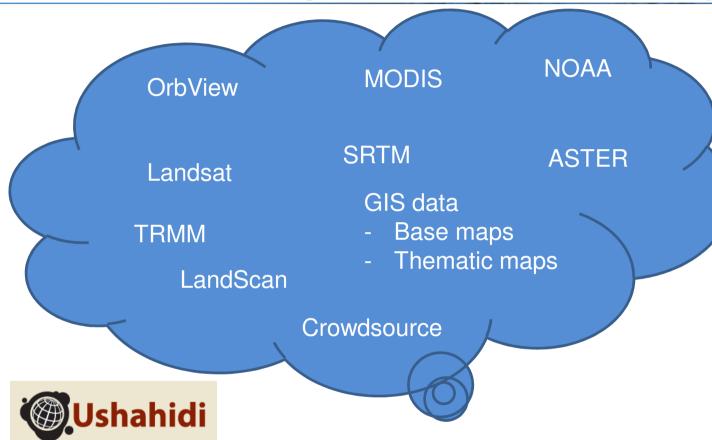
## Geospatial information products – Increasing access and availability

#### **GLCF**



#### **NOAA**







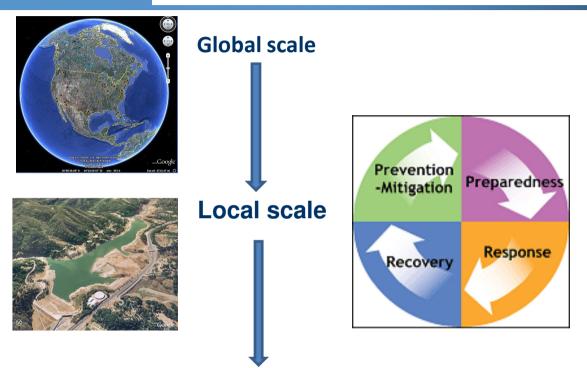


OpenStreetMap
The Free Wiki World Map

- Predictions of weather extremes
- Early warning
- Monitoring of disasters and risks



## 'Space' in Disaster Risk Management



#### **Mitigation & Preparedness Planning**

- Vulnerability and risk assessment
- Modelling impact
- Early warning

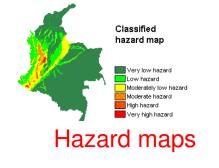
#### **Emergency Response**

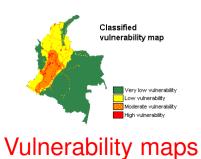
- Specific event
- Rapid provision
- Map information
- Support crisis management

#### **Recovery & Rehabilitation**

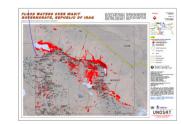
- Situation maps
- Time series
- Monitoring











Response maps



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Advanced Earth
Observation
systems provide
accurate 'Spatial
Information'

Accurate information leads to better understanding of the 'Facts'

Strategies based on 'Facts' lead to precise action plan

HFA & HFA-2 Implementation

'Space' will play critical role in HFA Implementation



#### **Context**



#### COPUOS

**Committee for Peaceful Uses of Outer Space** 



UN-SPIDER

Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA)

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## **HFA** – Priority Actions

## **Priority Actions:** to guide the implementation of HFA and translate political commitment into action

- Priority 1: Ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation.
- Priority 2: Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning.
- Priority 3: Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all level.
- Priority 4: Reduce the underlying risk factors.
- Priority 5: Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels.

## **HFA Priority 1**

Disaster risk reduction - national and local priority with a strong institutional basis for implementation.



## **UN-SPIDER Technical Advisory Support & Missions**

Recommendations

Emergency supportLong-term support

Improved DRR and

**ER** practices

involving Space

**Technology** 

Action Plan

Cooperation





#### **UN-SPIDER Technical Advisory Support**

#### **ASIA**

- 1. Bangladesh
- 2. India
- 3. Indonesia
- 4. Lao PDR
- 5. Myanmar
- 6. Sri Lanka
- 7. Vietnam

#### **Pacific**

- 1. Fiji
- 2. Samoa
- 3. Solomon Islands
- 4. Tonga
- 5. Vanuatu





Support offered to more than 25 countries

#### **Africa**

- 1. Burkina Faso
- 2. Burundi
- 3. Cameroon
- 4. Cape Verde
- 5. Chad
- 6. Congo
- 7. DR Congo
- 8. Gabon
- 9. Ghana
- 10. Kenya
- 11. Malawi
- 12. Mozambique
- 13. Nigeria
- 14. Sudan







#### Mission team

- UN-SPIDER
- UN OCHA
- CANEUS, Canada
- NDRCC, China
- ITC, Netherlands
- CNES-CNRS University, France
- Pacific Disaster Center, USA
- Chinese Academy of Sciences
- Delta State University, USA
- GERENDIS, Spain
- GREEN Mindanao,
   Philippines



#### Visits to following agencies

- Disaster Management Centre (DMC)
- Department of Dike Management
- Flood Control (Standing Office of Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control - CCFSC)
- National Institute of Agricultural Planning and Projection (NIAAP)
- Spatial Technology Institute (STI), Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)
- National Remote Sensing Center (RSC), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
- UN Disaster Risk Management team
- Department of Survey and Mapping
- General Department of Land Administration

One day workshop: Attended by over 60 officials









#### Classes of recommendations

- Policy and Coordination
- Data access, availability and sharing
- Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening
- Specific recommendations to address various stages of disaster management
  - risk reduction,
  - early warning,
  - emergency response etc.





### Follow up actions

- Wide dissemination of the TAM report and recommendations
- UNDP and UNRC offices in Vietnam to consider the recommendations
- High level intervention (at ministerial level) to encourage data sharing and Data Policy.
- Short term training programmes
- Institutional capacity building of DMC
- Familiarisation study tours to overseas operational "centres of excellence".
- Act as the bridge during emergencies to supply EO products
- Effective utilization of VinAWARE, a tool provided by PDC to facilitate the integration of geospatial and early warning information



After debriefing presentation to the <u>Vice Minister</u> of Agriculture & Rural Development



### **HFA Priority 2**

#### HFA Priority 2 & 3

Identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning.

Use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience



#### **UN-SPIDER Contribution**

Follow-up of Advisory Mission outcomes

Capacity building

Knowledge management (www.un-spider.org)



#### **UN-SPIDER Capacity Building Efforts**







#### **National training programmes in 2013**

Sri Lanka

Myanmar

**Bangladesh** 

**China** 

Cameroon, Mozambique, Sudan

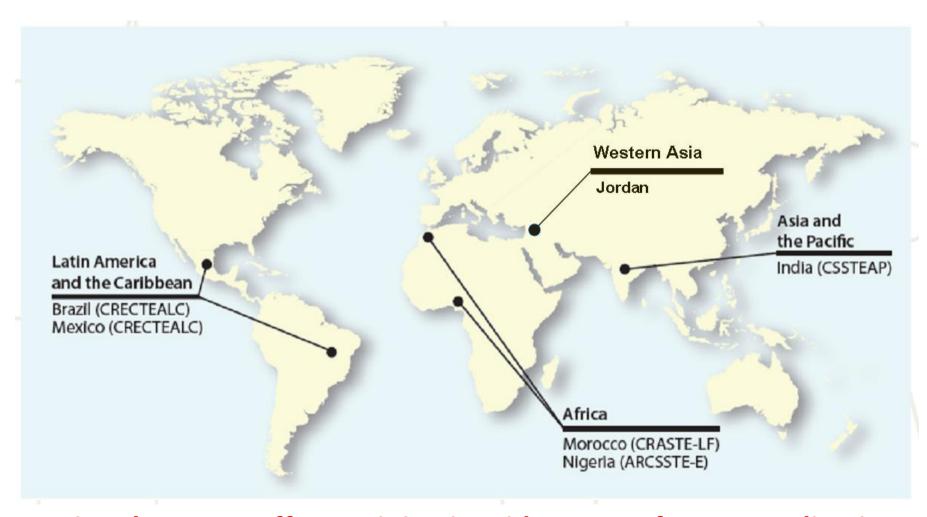
## International training programmes in 2013

**China-** with NDRCC and APSCO UN Affiliated Regional Centre in **India** (With ESCAP and IWMI)





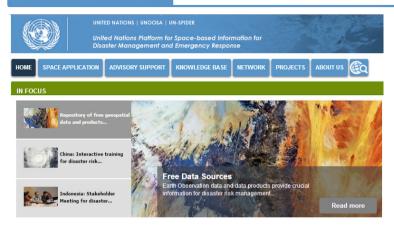
## **Centres for Space Science and Technology Education (affiliated to the United Nations)**



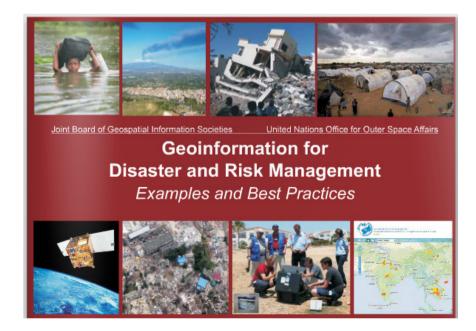
Regional Centres offers training in wide range of space applications



### **UN-SPIDER Knowledge Portal**



### www.un-spider.org



The Value of Geoinformation for Disaster and Risk Management (VALID)

Benefit Analysis and Stakeholder Assessment





#### **HFA Priority 4**

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Reduce the underlying risk factors



#### **UN-SPIDER Contribution**

## **UNOOSA** covers wide range of thematic areas of space applications

- Disaster Management
- Natural Resources Management
- Environmental Monitoring (Climate Change)
- Tele-health/Tele-medicine
- Global Navigation Satellite Systems
- **4** COSPAS-SARSAT
- Space Law
- Socio-Economic Benefit



#### **HFA Priority 5**

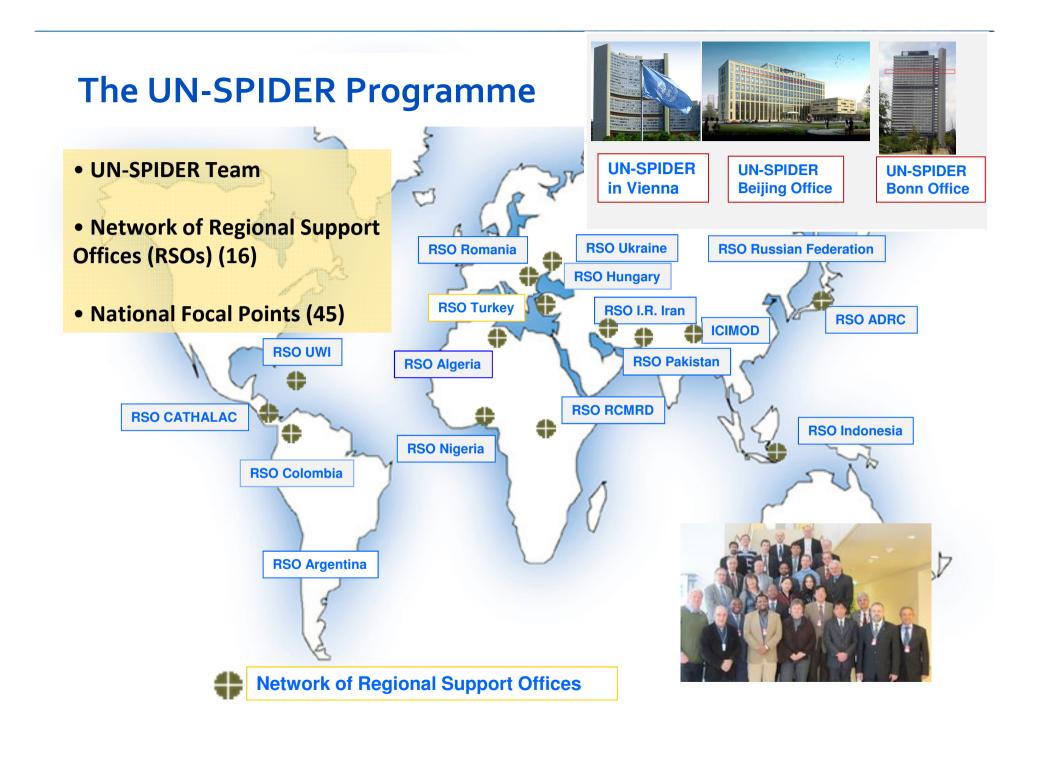
#### **HFA Priority 5**

Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response at all levels.



#### **UN-SPIDER Contribution**







## UN-SPIDER Conference – 2-5 Sept 2014



**23-25 October 2013-** United Nations International Conference on Spacebased Technologies for Disaster Management - "Disaster risk identification, assessment and monitoring" in Beijing.



## Activities in 2014

#### **Technical Advisory Missions**

Bhutan and Mongolia

#### **Regional Workshops**

- ASEAN to prepare mechanism for Emergency Response (With AHA centre and LAPAN)
- ICIMOD and South Asia Regional training and brainstorm on preparedness for flood disaster

#### **International Workshops**

- Side event in AMCDRR
- UN-SPIDER Conference in Beijing

#### **Capacity Building programmes**

- Sri Lanka and Vietnam
- International training programme in Beijing

#### Bringing benefits of the space to humanity

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