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Invitation to the presentation of the 2013 edition of the *World Disasters Report*



Wednesday 30th of October from 14.00 – 16.00
Vienna International Centre (VIC),
C-Building, Conference Room C1, (2nd Floor)

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This year's edition of the **World Disasters Report** examines the profound impact of technological innovations on humanitarian action. The responsible use of technology offers concrete ways to make humanitarian assistance more effective, efficient and accountable and can directly reduce vulnerability and strengthen resilience. Finding ways for advances in technology to serve the most vulnerable is a moral imperative; a responsibility, not a choice.

The event will highlight the key findings from the report and how governments, humanitarian actors, private sector and academia are currently using and advancing technology to address global problems. The event will also provide an opportunity to discuss potential future innovations in humanitarian work.

Speakers

- **Patrick Vinck**
Editor of the *World Disasters Report 2013* and Associate Faculty, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative
- **Matthias Schmale**
Under Secretary General of National Society and Knowledge Development, IFRC
- **Andreas Papp**
Delegate and Program Director, MSF-Austria
- **Luc St-Pierre**
Space Applications Section, UNOOSA
- **Christophe Bois**
iMMAP & CartOng, NOMAD

Moderation by Max Santner, Head of International Cooperation, Austrian Red Cross

Registration

The registration will be opened until Monday 28th of October. Non-holders of the VIC passes, please submit your name and organisation by e-mail to Mr. Markus Woltran (markus.woltran@unoosa.org), and present this invitation, together with an appropriate identification document at the entrance of the Vienna International Centre. Participation in the event is free of charge.

Practical information

Coffee and cake will be served at 15.00 pm outside the Conference Room. Please note that the event will be held in English only and no translation will be provided. For more information on the *World Disasters Report*, please visit www.ifrc.org/wdr. On 17 October and afterwards, please visit www.ifrc.org/wdr2013

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