



OCTOBER 2016 UPDATES

UN-SPIDER at a glance

UN-SPIDER present at the First African Drought Conference in Namibia

From 14 to 18 August 2016 the First African Drought Conference was conducted in Windhoek, Namibia. The emphasis was placed on the need to incorporate a “Strategic Framework for Drought Risk management and Enhancing Resilience in Africa”. UN-SPIDER presentation focused on the use of Earth observation in drought early warning efforts during the Technical segment “Drought Monitoring and Early Warning Systems”.

For additional information please visit:

<http://www.un-spider.org/news-and-events/news/un-spider-present-first-african-drought-conference-namibia>

UN-SPIDER annual Beijing Conference

“*Understanding Disaster Risk*” was the topic of the 2016 *United Nations International Conference on Space-based Technologies for Disaster Risk Reduction* conducted by UN-SPIDER from 19 to 21 September. The event counted with the participation of more than 90 representatives from Asia, Africa, Europe, the Caribbean, Latin America and the Middle East. The conference was co-organized with the Ministry of Civil Affairs of the People’s Republic of China and in collaboration with the Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China, the China National space Administration (CNSA), and the Asia Pacific Space Cooperation Organization (APSCO).

For more information please visit:

<http://www.un-spider.org/news-and-events/events/un-spider-6th-beijing-conference>

UN-SPIDER welcomes AEM as its newest RSO

The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and the Mexican Space Agency (AEM) signed a Cooperation Agreement to incorporate AEM as the newest Regional Support Office of the UN-SPIDER programme that is managed by UNOOSA. This Regional Support Office will contribute to efforts conducted by the Office in Latin America and the Caribbean.

For additional information please visit:

<http://www.un-spider.org/news-and-events/news/aem-becomes-un-spiders-newest-rso>

UN-SPIDER present in the 20th anniversary celebration of the UN in Bonn

The United Nations were established in Bonn, Germany on June 1996. To commemorate this anniversary the selected topic was “Shaping a Sustainable Future” because of the recent launch of the Sustainable Development Goals. With activities on 28 and 29 October 2016, the UN shared its job with the public. During the evening talks held on 28 October 2016, the UN-SPIDER Head of Office in Bonn remarked the role of space-based information in disaster risk reduction to address sustainable development. At the UN fair on 29 October 2016, visitors of the UN-SPIDER’s stand learned about the work carried out by this programme of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)

For additional information please visit:

<http://www.un-spider.org/news-and-events/news/un-spider-present-20th-anniversary-celebration-un-bonn>





News from the Community

International Charter activated for Hurricane Matthew in the Caribbean, Flood in Panama and Typhoon Haima in the Philippines

The International Charter Space and Major disasters was activated several times on October 2016. It was activated due to Hurricane Matthew on 4 October 2016 at the request of USGS on behalf of Pacific Disaster Center; on 5 October at the request of the Commission Nacional de Emergencias of the Dominican Republic and UNITAR-UNOSAT on behalf of UNOCHA; on 6 October at the request of USGS on behalf of Pacific disaster Center/BEST Ministry of Housing and Environment and, USGS on behalf of Federal Emergency management Agency. On 20 October 2016 for floods in Panama at request of USGS on behalf of CATHALAC; and on 24 October 2016 for Typhoon Haima in the Philippines at the request of UNITAR-UNOSAT on behalf of UNOCHA.

For additional information please visit:
<https://www.disasterscharter.org/web/guest/activations/charter-activations>

EIGEO Team activated to support disaster response efforts in Dominican Republic and Haiti

The Inter-Institutional Geo-Spatial Information Team (EIGEO) was activated by the president of the National Emergency Commission of the Dominican Republic in order to generate significant information to support emergency relief efforts in areas affected by hurricane Matthew in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The EIGEO team groups professionals from 14 ministries, government agencies, universities and NGOs with the expertise to use geographic information systems and remote sensing applications.

For additional information please visit:

<http://www.un-spider.org/news-and-events/news/eigeo-team-activated-support-disaster-response-efforts-dominican-republic-and>

Upcoming events

46th Regional Training Course on Disaster Management

The Asian disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) will be conducting the 46th Regional course on disaster management from 7th to 25 November 2016.

Some of the course objectives include:

- Discussion about concepts, terminology and models of disaster risk management.
- Identify and assess disaster risks using a risk management approach.
- Plan and develop effective strategies and systems for disaster risk reduction.

For more information on this event please visit:

<http://www.adpc.net/igo/contents/Training/training-schedule-event.asp?pid=759>

Pacific Islands GIS/RS User Conference 2016

Improved Image Data / Improved Maps is the 2016 theme of the Pacific Islands GIS/RS User Conference taking place from 28 November to 1st December in USP ICT Auditorium in Suva, Fiji Islands. The event will cover topics like: GIS software's, new satellite technologies, spatial data platforms, UAV/LIDAR applications and cutting edge improvements. The conference will also include presentations and workshops related to GIS and RS matters.

For more information on this event please visit:

<http://gisconference.gsd.spc.int>



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