

Conference of Interest

8th Disaster Recovery Institute International Annual Conference (DRI2019) *(17-20 February; Las Vegas, USA)*

Each year DRI International, the leading industry non-profit, hosts an event designed for our community, by our community, addressing the topics certified professionals care about most and providing a first-rate educational experience that informs and inspires. This is a unique opportunity to hear and speak with the leading experts in our industry – real industry leaders from around the globe talking about their actual experiences.

<https://conference.drii.org/>

Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction Sixth Session *(13-17 May; Geneva, Switzerland)*



The world's foremost gathering on reducing disaster risk and building the resilience of communities and nations, the Global Platform for Disaster Reduction was first held in 2007. It takes place every two years, with the 2015 edition rolled into the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction. Its sixth session will take place in Geneva, Switzerland from 13 to 17 May, 2019 under the theme Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive.

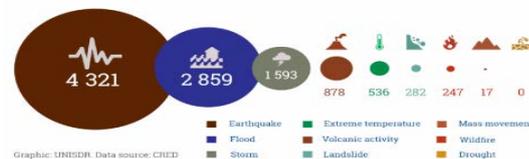
<https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2019/globalplatform/home>

Other Items of Interest

2018: Extreme weather events affected 60 million people *(24 January, 2019)*

Earthquakes and tsunamis accounted for the majority of the 10,373 lives lost in disasters last year while extreme weather events accounted for most of 61.7 million people affected by natural hazards, according to analysis of 281 events recorded by the Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED) in its EM-DAT (International Disaster Database). UN member States are committed to reducing disaster losses and implementing the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015-2030), the global plan for reducing disaster losses which has a clear focus on reducing mortality and the numbers of disaster affected people, as well as reducing associated economic losses and damages to critical infrastructures.

Number of deaths per disaster type 2018



Graphic: UNISDR. Data source: CRED

<https://www.preventionweb.net/news/view/63266>

WMO confirms past 4 years were warmest on record *(6 February, 2019)*

In a clear sign of continuing long-term climate change associated with record atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 have been confirmed as the four warmest years on record. "Temperatures are only part of the story. Extreme and high impact weather affected many countries and millions of people, with devastating repercussions for economies and ecosystems in 2018 and greenhouse gas emission reduction and climate adaptation measures should be a top global priority," said WMO Secretary-General Petteri Taalas.

<https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release/wmo-confirms-past-4-years-were-warmest-record>

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