

Acronyms

A

ACC	Administrative Committee on Coordination (now CEB), United Nations
ACDS	African Centre for Disaster Studies, Potchefstroom University, South Africa
ACMAD	African Center of Meteorological Applications for Development (Centre africain des applications de la météorologie pour le développement), Niamey, Niger
ACS	Association of Caribbean States, Trinidad and Tobago
ADB	Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines
ADESO	Asociación para la investigación del desarrollo sostenible de las Segovias, Nicaragua
ADMIN	Australian Disaster Management Information Network
ADPC	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center, Thailand
ADRC	Asian Disaster Reduction Center, Japan
ADRRN	Asian Disaster Reduction and Response Network
AECF	European Centre on Floods/Centre Européen sur les Inondations, Moldova
AEDES	Agence Européenne pour le Développement et la Santé, Belgium
AEGDM	ASEAN Experts Group on Disaster Management
AfDB	African Development Bank
AFEM	European Natural Disasters Training Centre/Centre Européen de Formation sur les Risques, Turkey
AGIS	Agriculture Geo-referenced Information System
AGMP	Agricultural Meteorology Programme, WMO
AGRHYMET	Specialized Hydrometeorological Institute of the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the SAHEL (CILSS).
AGSO	Australian Geological Survey Organization
AIDIS	Asociación Interamericana de Ingeniería Sanitaria y Ambiental (Panamerican Engineering Association for the Public Health and Environment)
AIST	National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Japan
AIT	Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand
AJWS	American Jewish World Services
AKNF	Africa Knowledge Networks Forum
ALIDES	Alianza para el Desarrollo Sostenible (Alliance for Sustainable Development), Central America
ALITE	Augmented Logistics Intervention Team for Emergencies
ANAFAE	Honduran National Network for the Promotion of Ecological Agriculture
AOSIS	Alliance of Small Islands States
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, Singapore
APELL	Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at the Local Level (UNEP)
APUR	Atelier Parisien d'Urbanisme, France
ARC	Agricultural Research Council, South Africa
ARF	ASEAN Regional Forum
ARPDM	ASEAN Regional Program on Disaster Management
ART	Alternative Risk Transfer
ARTEMIS	Advanced Real Time Environmental Information Monitoring System
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
AU	African Union
AUDMP	Asian Urban Disaster Mitigation Program, ADPC, Thailand
AusDIN	Australian Disaster Information Network
AVHRR	Advanced Very High Resolution Radiometer



B

BCAS	Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies
BCPR	Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP (formerly Emergency Response Division)
BenfieldHRC	Benfield Hazard Research Centre, University College London, United Kingdom
BHRC	Building and Housing Research Centre, Iran
BIBEX	Biomass Burning Experiment
BICEPP	Business and Industry Council for Emergency Planning and Preparedness
BIT	Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia
BPIEPC	Bureau de la protection des infrastructures essentielles et de la protection civile, Canada. See also: OCIEP, Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness
BRGM	Bureau de recherches géologiques et minières, France
BWG	Bundesamt für Wasser und Geologie (Federal Office for Water and Geology), Switzerland

C

CABEI	Central American Bank for Economic Integration, Honduras
CAC	Consejo Agrícola Centroamericano (Central American Agricultural Advisory Board)
CAF	Corporación Andina de Fomento (Andean Development Corporation), Venezuela
CAMI	Central American Mitigation Initiative
CARDIN	Caribbean Disaster Information Network
CARE	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere
CARICOM	Caribbean Community
CAS	National Academy of Sciences, China
CAT	Catastrophe bonds
CATEX	Catastrophic Risk Exchange
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity, United Nations
CBDM	Community Based Disaster Management
CEBOT	Chicago Board of Trade
CBRI	Central Building Research Institute, India
CCA	Common Country Assessment
CCAD	Comisión Centroamericana de Ambiente y Desarrollo (Central American Commission for Environment and Development), El Salvador
CCFSC	Central Committee for Flood and Storm Control, Viet Nam
CCGC	Coordinating Council for Disaster Management, Mozambique
CCOP	Coordinating Committee for Coastal and Offshore Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia, Thailand
CCP	Cluster Cities Project
CDB	Caribbean Development Bank
CDC	Center for Disease Control and Prevention, USA
CDERA	Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism, UNFCCC
CDMP	Caribbean Disaster Mitigation Project
CDPC	Cranfield Disaster Preparedness Center, United Kingdom
CDRN	Citizen's Disaster Response Network, Philippines
CEA	California Earthquake Authority
CEB	United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (formerly ACC)
CEDERI	Centro de Estudios sobre Desastres y Riesgos (Study Centre on Disasters and Risks), Colombia
CEH	Center for Ecology and Hydrology, United Kingdom
CEI	Central European Initiative
CEISE	European Centre for Research into Techniques for Informing Populations in Emergency Situations/Centre Européen de Recherche sur les Techniques d'Information de la Population dans les Situations d'Urgences/Centro Europeo de Investigación de Técnicas de Información a la Población en Situaciones de Emergencias, Spain
CEMEC	Centre Européen pour la Médecine des Catastrophes/European Centre for Disaster Medicine, San Marino
CENAPRED	National Center for Disaster Prevention, Mexico

CENAT	Swiss Natural Hazards Competence Centre
CENDIM	Centre for Disaster Management, Bogazici University, Turkey
CEOS	Committee on Earth Observation Satellites
CEPREDENAC	Centro de Coordinación para la Prevención de Desastres Naturales en America Central (Coordinating Centre for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America)
CEP	Caribbean Environment Program, UNEP
CEPAL	Comisión Económica para America Latina (Economic Commission for Latin America)
CEPT	Center for Environmental Planning and Technology, India
CEPR	Centre Européen de Prévention des Risques (European Center for Risk Mitigation), France
CEPRIS	Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Evaluation and Prevention of Seismic Risk/Centre Européen sur l'Evaluation et la Prévention du Risque Sismique, Morocco
CERG	European Centre on Geomorphological Hazards/Centre Européen sur les Risques Geomorphologiques, France
CERG-UNIGE	Centre d'Etude des Risques Géologiques, University of Geneva, Switzerland
CERU	European Centre on Urban Risks/Centre Européen sur les Risques Urbains, Portugal
CESE	Centre for Environmental Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, India
CEUDIP	Central European Disaster Prevention Forum
CFA	Country Fire Authority, Australia
CFAB	Climate Forecasting Application in Bangladesh
CGIAR	Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research
CGMW	Commission for the Geological Map of the World
CHARM	Comprehensive Hazard and Risk Management Program (Pacific Island States)
CHED	Philippine Commission on Higher Education
CICESE	Center of Scientific Investigation and Higher Education, Mexico
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CIERRO	Inter-African Centre for studies on Rural Radio/Centre interafricain d'études en radio rurale (CIERRO), Burkina Faso
CIFAL	International Training Centre for Local Actors, France
CIIFEN	Centro Internacional de Investigación sobre el Fenómeno El Niño, (International Research Centre for the El Niño Phenomenon), Ecuador
CILSS	Comité permanent Inter Etats de Lutte Contre la Sécherresse dans le SAHEL (Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the SAHEL)
CIMDEN	Center for Disaster Research and Mitigation, Guatemala
CINDI	Center for Integration of Natural Disaster Information, USA
CIRDAP	Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific, Bangladesh
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CISMID	Centro Peruano Japonés de Investigaciones Sísmicas y Mitigación de Desastres
CITTA	Center for Research and Transfer of Appropriate Technology, Argentina
CLIVAR	Climate Variability and Predictability, Project, World Climate Research Programme
CMEPC	Civil Military Emergency Planning Council
CNCIDR	China National Committee for International Disaster Reduction
CNCNDR	China National Center for Natural Disaster Reduction
CNDR	Corporate Network for Disaster Reduction
CNE	Comisión Nacional de Prevención de Riesgos y Atención de Emergencias, Costa Rica (National Risk Prevention and Emergency Response Commission)
CNES	Centre National d'Etudes Spaciales
CNHAP	Canadian Natural Hazards Assessment Project
COEN	Comite de Emergencia Nacional, El Salvador (Committee for National Emergency)
COHG	Conference of Heads of Governments of the Caribbean Community
COMPASS	Comparability of Technological Risk Assessment Methodologies
CONRED	Coordinadora Nacional para la Reducción de Desastres, Guatemala (National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction)
COP	Conference of the Parties
COPECO	Comisión Permanente de Contingencias, Honduras (Permanent Commission Contingency)
COPUOS	United Nations Committee for Peaceful Use of Outer Space
CORDES	Corporación para el Desarrollo, El Salvador (Development Corporation)



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CORECA	Consejo Regional de Cooperación Agrícola para America Central, Mexico y la Republica Dominicana (Regional Council for Agricultural Cooperation in Central America, Mexico and the Dominican Republic)
COST	European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research
COSUDE	Agencia Suiza para el desarrollo y la cooperación, (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC))
CPACC	Caribbean Planning for Adaptation to Global Climate Change
CPP	Cyclone Preparedness Programme (Bangladesh Red Crescent Society)
CRED	Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium
CRID	Centro Regional de Información sobre Desastres, América Latina y El Caribe, Costa Rica (Regional Disaster Information Centre, Latin America and the Caribbean)
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CRSTRA	Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Research on Arid Zones/Centre Euro-Méditerranéen sur les Zones Arides, Algeria.
CRTO	Regional Remote Sensing Centre, Africa
CSC	Coastal Services Centre, NOAA, USA
CSD	Commission on Sustainable Development, United Nations
CSEM	Euro-Mediterranean Seismological Centre/Centre Sismologique Euro-Méditerranéen, France
CSDS	Countries in Special Development Situations
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, South Africa
CSLT	European Centre for School Training in Risk Prevention/Centre Européen sur la Formation Scolaire à la Prévention des Risques, Bulgaria
CSRE	Centre for Studies in Resources Engineering, India
CST	UNCCD's Committee on Science and Technology
CSW	Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations
CTGC	Disaster Management Technical Council, Mozambique
CUEBC	European University Centre for Cultural Heritage/Centre Universitaire Européen pour les Biens Culturels
CUREE	Consortium of Universities for Research in Earthquake Engineering, USA

D

DAPSA	Department of Early Warning and Food Security, Mozambique
DAW	Division for the Advancement of Women, United Nations
DDMC	District Disaster Management Committee, Bangladesh
DDMFC	Department of Dyke Management and Flood Control, Vietnam
DEPHA	Data Exchange Platform for the Horn of Africa
DEPI	Division for Environment Policy Implementation, UNEP
DESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
DESINVENTAR	Inventario de Desastres (Disaster Inventory), LA RED
DEWA	Division for Early Warning and Assessment, UNEP
DFID	Department for International Development, United Kingdom
DFNK	Deutsches Forschungsnetz Naturkatastrophen (German Research Network for Natural Disasters)
DHA	Department of Humanitarian Affairs (now OCHA), United Nations
DHM	Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, Nepal
DIAB	Dubai International Award for Best Practices to improve the living environment
DiMP	Disaster Mitigation for Sustainable Livelihoods Programme, University of Cape Town, South Africa
DIPECHO	Disaster Preparedness, European Community Humanitarian Office
DISMAC	Disaster Management Committee at National Divisional and Districts levels, Fiji
DISMAN	Disaster Management Database
DKKV	Deutsches Komitee für Katastrophenvorsorge (German Committee for Disaster Reduction)
DMB	Disaster Management Bureau (DMB), Bangladesh
DMC	Drought Monitoring Centres, Zimbabwe and Kenya

DMFC	Disaster Mitigation Facility for the Caribbean
DMI	Disaster Mitigation Institute, India
DMIS	Disaster Management Information System, IFRC
DMISA	Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa, South Africa
DMMU	Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit, Zambia
DMT	Disaster Management Teams
DMTP	Disaster Management Training Programme, United Nations
DMU	Disaster Management Unit, Viet Nam
DNA	National Directorate of Water, Mozambique
DOTRS	Department of Transport and Regional Services, Australia
DPCC	National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission, Ethiopia
DPCCN	Department for the Prevention and Control of Natural Disasters, Mozambique
DPCSS	Disaster, Post-Conflict and Safety Section, UN-HABITAT
DPPC	Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission, Ethiopia
DPPI	Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative
DRBA	Disaster Recovery Business Alliance
DRRP	Disaster Reduction and Recovery Programme, UNDP
DRM	Disaster Reduction Management, Network of the World Institute for Disaster Risk Management
D&SCRN	Disaster and Social Crisis Research Network (European Sociological Association)
DSD	Division for Sustainable Development, United Nations
DWAF	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, South Africa
DWS	Disaster Warning System

E

EAECEP	European Advisory Evaluation Committee for Earthquake Prediction
EANHMP	Eastern Asia Natural Hazards Mapping Project
EAPAP	Environment Assessment Program for Asia-Pacific (Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand)
EAWAG	Swiss Federal Institute for Environmental Science and Technology
EC	European Commission
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
ECE	Extreme Climate Events Program
ECGS	European Centre for Geodynamics and Seismology/Centre Européen de Géodynamique et de Sismologie, Luxemburg.
ECHO	European Community Humanitarian Office
ECILS	European Centre for Vulnerability of Industrial and Lifeline Systems/Centre Européen sur la Vulnérabilité des Réseaux et Systèmes Industriels, Skopje (Former Yugoslavia Republic of Macedonia)
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations, Santiago, Chile
ECMHT	European Centre on Training and Information of Local and Regional Authorities and Population on the Field of Natural and Technological Disasters /Centre Européen de Formation des Autorités Locales et Régionales dans le domaine des Catastrophes Naturelles et Technologiques, Azerbaijan
ECMWF	European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecast
ECNTRM	European Centre of New Technologies for the Management of Major Natural and Technological Hazards/Centre Européen des Nouvelles Technologies pour la Gestion des Risques Naturels et Technologiques Majeurs, Federation of Russia
ECOMOG	ECOWAS Cease-Fire Monitoring Group
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
ECPC	Experimental Climate Prediction Centre, USA
ECPFE	European Centre for Prevention and Forecasting of Earthquakes/Centre Européen pour la Prévention et la Prévision des Tremblements de Terre, Greece
ECTR	European Inter-regional Centre for Training Rescue Workers/Centre Européen de Formation Inter-Régionale pour les Sauveteurs, Armenia
EDM	Earthquake Disaster Mitigation Research Center, Japan



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EEA	European Environment Agency, Denmark
EERI	Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, USA
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EHC	Earthquake Hazard Centre, New Zealand
EHP/USGS	Earthquake Hazards Program of the United States Geological Survey
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ELMS	Environment and Land Management Sector of SADC, Southern Africa
ELSA	European Laboratory for Structural Assessment – Earthquake Engineering, Ispra, Italy
EMA	Emergency Management Australia
EMAI	Emergency Management Australia Institute (former AEMI)
EM-DAT	Emergency Events Database (CRED, Catholic University of Louvain)
EMERCOM	Emergencies and Natural Disasters Mitigation, Ministry of Civil Defense, Russian Federation
EMI	Earthquake and Megacities Initiative
EMPRES	Emergency Prevention System
EMS	Environmental Management Systems
EMSC	Euro-Mediterranean Seismological Centre, France
ENDA	Environment and Development Action in the Third World, Senegal
ENSO	El Niño Southern Oscillation
EPC	Emergency Preparedness Canada
EPN	Escuela Politécnica Nacional, Ecuador
EPOCH	European Programme on Climatology and Natural Hazards
EQTAP	Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Technologies in the Asia-Pacific Region
ERA	European Research Area
ERD	Emergency Response Division, UNDP (now BCPR)
EMWIN	Early Warning System for tropical cyclone, Cook Islands
ESA	European Space Agency
ESB	Emergency Services Branch, OCHA
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission of Asian and the Pacific, United Nations, Bangkok, Thailand
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, United Nations, Beirut, Lebanon
ESI	Environment and Society Institute, USA
ESPRIT	European Strategic Programme for Research and Information Technology
ETH	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Switzerland
ETS	Emergency Telecommunications Service, ITU
EU	European Union
EU-MEDIN	GDIN Mediterranean working group
EUR-OPA	Major Hazards Agreement of the Council of Europe
EWARN	Early Warning and Response Network, Southern Sudan
EWSs	Early Warning Systems

F

FANR	Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Sector of SADC, Southern Africa
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FAO/AGL	Food and Agriculture Organization/Land and Water Development Division
FDR	Fire Danger Rating
FEDE	Fundación de Edificaciones y Dotaciones Educativas, Venezuela
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency, Government of USA
FEMID	Fortalecimiento de Estructuras Locales para la Mitigación de Desastres (Strengthening of Local Structures for Disaster Mitigation)
FEWS	Famine Early Warning System
FEWSNET	Famine Early Warning System Network
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration, US government
FICCI	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
FIMA	Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, USA
FINCA	Foundation for International Community Assistance
FIVIMS	Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping Systems, FAO
FLACSO	Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (Latin American Social Science Faculty)

FONDEN	Fund for Natural Disasters, Mexico
FOREC	Fondo para la Reconstrucción y el Desarrollo Social del Eje Cafetero, Colombia
FSWW	Foundation for the Support of Women's Work
FUNDE	Fundación Nacional para el Desarrollo (National Development Foundation)
FUSAI	Fundación Salvadoreña para la Asistencia Integral, El Salvador (Salvadorian Foundation for Integral Assistance)

G

GA	General Assembly, United Nations
GADR	Global Alliance for Disaster Reduction, USA
GAV	Vulnerability Analysis Group
GCOS	Global Climate Observing System
GDIN	Global Disaster Information Network
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GECHS	Global Environmental Change and Human Security
GEF	Global Environmental Facility (implemented by UNDP, UNEP and the World Bank)
GEO	Global Environment Outlook Report, UNEP
GESI	Global Earthquake Safety Initiative, Japan
GFMC	Global Fire Monitoring Center, Germany
GHHD	European Centre on Geodynamical Hazards of High Dams/Centre Européen sur les Risques Géodynamiques liés aux Grands Barrages, Georgia
GHI	GeoHazards International, USA
GIEWS	Global Information Early Warning System, FAO
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GLIDES	Global identifier number
GLO-DISNET	Global Disaster Information Network
GLOF	Glacial Lake Outburst Flood
GMES	Global Monitoring for the Environment and Security (EU initiative)
GMGS	Groupe Maghrébin de Génie Sismique
GNP	Gross National Product
GOOS	Global Ocean Observing System
GPHIN	Global Public Health Intelligence Network
GPS	Global Positioning System
GRID	Global Resource Information Database, UNEP
GROOTS	Grass Root Organization Operating in Sisterhood
GSDMA	Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority, India
GSJ	Geological Survey of Japan
GSHAP	Global Seismic Hazard Assessment Program
GSI	Geological Survey of Iran
GTOS	Global Terrestrial Observing System
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Agency for Technical Cooperation)

H

HAZ TAIWAN	Earthquake Loss Estimation Methodology, Taiwan
HAZUS	Natural Hazard Loss Estimation Methodology, FEMA
HDR	Human Development Report, UNDP
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
HMU	Hazard Management Unit, World Bank (formerly DMF, Disaster Management Facility)
HNDGDM	Hungarian National Directorate General for Disaster Management
HOMS	Hydrological Operational Multipurpose System of WMO
HPC-DMP	High Powered Committee on Disaster Management Plans, India
HRHIP	Hurricane-Resistant Home Improvement Programme
HRRRC	Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center, Texas A & M University, USA
HWRP	Hydrology and Water Research Programme
HYCOS	Hydrological Cycle Observing System
IACNDR	Inter-American Committee for Natural Disaster Reduction, OAS
IADB	Inter-American Development Bank. See also: IDB



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IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
IAEE	International Association of Earthquake Engineering, Japan
IASC	Inter-Agency Standing Committee
IASSI	Indian Association of Social Science Institutions
IASPEI	International Association of Seismology and Physics of the Earth's Interior
IAVCEI	International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior
IBHS	Institute for Business and Home Safety, USA
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, World Bank
ICA	Insurance Council of Australia
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
ICCA	International Council on Chemical Associations/UNEP
ICDRM	Institute for Crisis, Disaster and Risk Management, George Washington University, USA
ICET	Intergovernmental Conference on Emergency Telecommunications
ICIMOD	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development, Nepal
ICL	International Consortium on Landslides
ICLR	Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction, Canada
ICoD	Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Insular Coastal Dynamics/Centre Européen de la Dynamique Côtière Insulaire, Malta
ICPR	International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine (Internationale Kommission zum Schutz des Rheins)
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
ICSU	International Council of Science, France
ICTP	International Center for Theoretical Physics, Italy
ICVA	International Council of Voluntary Agencies, Switzerland
ICWE	International Conference on Water and the Environment, United Nations
IDA	International Development Association, World Bank
IDAACA	International Distributed Active Archive Centre for Africa
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank (Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo). See also: IADB
IDF	Institutional Development Fund, World Bank
IDIC	International Drought Information Center, University of Nebraska, USA
IDMC	Inter-departmental Disaster Management Committee, South Africa
IDNDR	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, 1990-1999
IDRC	International Development Research Centre, Canada
IDRM	International Institute for Disaster Risk Management, Philippines
IDRN	India Disaster Resource Network
IERPMP	Iran Earthquake Risk Mitigation Programme
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFFM	Integrated Forest Fire Management, Indonesia
IFP/Crisis	In-Focus Programme on Crisis Response and Reconstruction, ILO
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Geneva, Switzerland
IGAC	International Global Atmospheric Chemistry
IGAD	Intergovernmental Authority on Development, Republic of Djibouti
IGADD	Intergovernmental Authority on Drought and Development (now IGAD since 1996)
IGBP	International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme
IGCP	International Geological Correlation Programme, UNESCO
IG-EPN	Instituto Geofísico, Escuela Politécnica Nacional, Ecuador
IGOS	Integrated Global Observing Strategy
IHDP	International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change
IHP	International Hydrological Programme, UNESCO
IIASA	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxemburg, Austria
IIES	International Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Seismology, Iran
IIPA	Indian Institute of Public Administration
IISD	International Institute for Sustainable Development, Canada
IKSR	Internationale Kommission zum Schutz des Rheines, Germany (International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine)
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMC	Inter-Ministerial Committee for Disaster Management, South Africa

IMCC	Interdepartmental Mitigation Coordinating Committee, Canada
IMD	India Meteorological Department
IMERCESA	India Musokotwane Environment Resource Centre for Southern Africa, Zimbabwe
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INAM	National Institute for Meteorology, Mozambique
INCAP	Instituto de Nutrición de Centro América y Panama (Central American and Panamanian Institute for Nutrition)
INCEDE	International Centre for Disaster Mitigation Engineering, University of Tokyo
INDECI	National Civil Defence System, Peru
INGC	Instituto Nacional de Gestao de Calamidades, Mozambique (National Institute for the Management of Calamities)
INES	International Network on Environment and Security
INETER	Instituto Nicaraguense de Estudios Territoriales (Nicaraguan Institute for Territorial Studies)
INFRAID	Infrastructure Damage Prevention, Assessment and Reconstruction following a Disaster
INSAH	SAHEL Institute, Mali
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, France
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPSC	Institute for the Protection and Security of the Citizen, Technological and Economic Risk
IRI	International Research Institute for Climate Prediction, Columbia University, USA
IRIS	Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology, USA
ISA	International Sociological Association
ISDR	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
ISFEREA	Information Support for Effective and Rapid External Aid
ISO	International Organization for Standardization, Switzerland
ISP	Integral Sustainable Production Units
ISPU	Higher Institute of Emergency Planning/Institut Supérieur de Planification d'Urgence, Archennes, Belgium
ITC	International Institute for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation, The Netherlands
ITCA	Information Technology Centre for Africa
ITIC	International Tsunami Information Center, Hawaii
ITT	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
IUCN	World Conservation Union
IUED	Institut universitaire d'études du développement (Graduate Institute of Development Studies), Switzerland
IWRM	Integrated Water Resources Management
J	
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
JMA	Japan Meteorological Agency
JRC	European Commission Directorate General Joint Research Centre
K	
KBDI	Keetch-Byram Drought Index
KEERC	Korea Earthquake Engineering Research Center, Seoul National University, Korea
KOVERS	Competence Center for Technical Risks, ETH, Switzerland
KVERMP	Kathmandu Valley Earthquake Risk Management Project, NSET, Nepal
L	
LA RED	La Red de Estudios Sociales en Prevención de Desastres en América Latina (The Latin American Network for the Social Study of Disaster Prevention)
LCAS	Logistics Capacity Assessments, WFP
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
LDUC	Land Development and Utilization Commission, Jamaica
LIDERES	Curso Internacional para Gerentes sobre la salud, desastres y desarrollo (PAHO)
LILACS	Latin American and Caribbean Health Science Literature



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M	MAB	Man and Biosphere Programme, UNESCO
	MADER	Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development, Mozambique
	MAHB	Major Accident Hazards Bureau
	MANDISA	Monitoring, Mapping and Analysis of Disaster Incidents in South Africa
	MARN	Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, El Salvador (Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources)
	MATE	Ministère de l'Aménagement du Territoire et de l'Environnement, France (Ministry of Land Use Planning and Environment)
	MCEER	Multi-disciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research, USA
	MCT	Ministry of Science and Technology, Venezuela
	MDMR	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Bangladesh
	MEER	Marmara Earthquake Emergency Reconstruction Project
	MEGS	Maharashtra Employment Guarantee Scheme
	MERCOSUR	Southern Common Market, South America
	MOEF	Ministry of Environment and Forest, Bangladesh
	MOST	Management of Social Transformations Programme, UNESCO
	MRC	Mekong River Commission, Cambodia
	MSC	Meteorological Service of Canada
	MSF	Médecins sans Frontières
N	NADIMA	National Disaster Management Authority, Kenya
	NaDiVA	National Disaster Vulnerability Atlas, South Africa
	NANADISK-NET	National Natural Disaster Knowledge Network, India
	NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration, USA
	NASG	North African Scientific Group
	NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
	NBA	Niger Basin Authority
	NBI	National Botanical Institute, South Africa
	NCAR	National Center for Atmospheric Research, USA
	NCCM	National Centre for Calamity Management
	NCCR	National Centre of Competence in Research North-South, Switzerland
	NCDM	National Center for Disaster Management, India
	NCDM	National Committee for Disaster Management, Cambodia
	NDC	National Development Commission, El Salvador (Comisión Nacional de Desarrollo)
	NDCC	National Disaster Coordinating Council, Philippines
	NDMC	National Disaster Management Centre, South Africa
	NDMO	National Disaster Management Office
	NDMS	National Disaster Mitigation Strategy, Canada
	NDRP	National Disaster Reduction Plan, People's Republic of China
	NDVI	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
	NEAP	National or regional Environmental Action Plan
	NEDIES	Natural and Environmental Disaster Information Exchange System
	NEMA	National Emergency Management Association, USA
	NEMO	Network of State Hazard Mitigation Officers, USA
	NEPA	National Environment and Planning Agency, Jamaica (former NRCA)
	NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
	NHIA	Natural Hazard Impact Assessment
	NHRC	Natural Hazards Research Centre, Australia
	NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), USA
	NRCA	Natural Resources Conservation Authority (now NEPA), Jamaica
	NEWU	National Early Warning Unit, Africa
	NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program, USA
	NGI	Norwegian Geotechnical Institute
NIBS	National Institute of Building Sciences, USA	
NICT	New Information and Communication Technologies	
NIDP	National Institute for Disaster Prevention, Republic of Korea	
NIRD	National Institute of Rural Development, India	
NMHSs	National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, WMO	

NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA
NOVIB	Netherlands Organisation for International Development Cooperation
NPDPM	National Policy on Disaster Prevention and Management, Ethiopia
NRA	National Resource Accounts
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRDF	National Research and Development Foundation, Saint Lucia
NSA	National Systems for Environmental Accounting
NSF	National Science Foundation, USA
NSET	National Society for Earthquake Technology, Nepal

O

OAS	Organization of American States (Organización de Estados Americanos), Washington, DC, USA
 OCD	Office of Civil Defence, Philippines
OCDS	Oxford Center for Disaster Studies
OCIPEP	Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection and Emergency Preparedness, Canada, See also: BPIEPC
ODA	Official Development Assistance
ODI	Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom
ODPEM	Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, Jamaica
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, France
OECS	Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, Castries, Saint Lucia
OFDA/USAID	Office for Foreign Disaster Assistance/US Agency for International Development
OFEPF	Office Fédéral de l'Environnement, des Forêts, et du Paysage, Suisse (Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape, Economics and Climate Section)
OGP/NOAA	Office of Global Program/ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA
OHCHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
OOE	Scientific Centre of Monaco, European Oceanological Observatory/Centre scientifique de Monaco, Observatoire Océanologique Européen, Monaco
OOSA	Office for Outer Space Affairs, United Nations
ORAP	Organisation of Rural Associations for Progress, Zimbabwe
ORSEC	Organisation des Secours
OSDMA	Orissa State Disaster Mitigation Authority, India
OSIRIS	Operational Solutions for the Management of Inundation Risks in the Information Society

P

PACD	Plan of Action to Combat Desertification
PAHO	Pan American Health Organization (Organización Panamericana para la Salud), Washington, DC, USA
PAMERAR	Programme for Assessment and Mitigation of Earthquake Risk in the Arab Region
PBSP	Philippines' Business for Social Progress, Manila
PDC	Pacific Disaster Center
PERI	Public Entity Risk Institute
PHIVOLCS	Philippine Institute for Volcanology and Seismology
PICCAP	Pacific Island Climate Change Assistance Program
PIK	Postdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Germany
PLANAT	National Platform for Natural Hazards, Switzerland
PPP 2000	Public Private Partnership – 2000, Washington DC, USA
PRA	Participatory Rapid Appraisals
PREANDINO	Andean Regional Programme for Risk Prevention and Reduction, Venezuela
PRECLIF	Project for the Local Prevention and Control of Forest Fires, Guatemala
PREVAC	Programa de Prevención de Desastres en América Central (Disaster Prevention Program in Central America)
PREVIEW	Project for Risk Evaluation, Vulnerability, Information and Early Warning
PSI	Paul Scherrer Institute, Switzerland
PSMP	Public Sector Modernization Programme, Jamaica
PTWS	Pacific Tsunami Warning System
PTWC	Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre, Hawaii, USA
PWS	Public Weather Services, WMO



R

RADIUS	Risk Assessment Tools for Diagnosis of Urban Areas against Seismic Disasters
RADIX	Radical Interpretation of Disaster
RCB	Response Coordination Branch, OCHA
RCC	Regional Consultative Committee on regional cooperation in disaster management, Bangkok, Thailand
RCC	Regional Climate Centers, WMO
RCOF	Regional Climate Outlook Forums
RDMP	Risk Disaster Management Programme, UN-HABITAT
REIS	Regional Environmental Information System
RELEMR	Reduction of Earthquake Losses in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
RELSAT	Strengthening of local structures and early warning systems
RESCDAM	Development of rescue actions based on dam-break flood analysis
REWS	Regional Early Warning System, Africa
REWU	Regional Early Warning Unit, SADC, Zimbabwe
RIKEN	Institute of Physical and Chemical Research, Japan
RRSU	Regional Remote Sensing Unit, SADC, Zimbabwe
RSDD	Regional and Sustainable Development Department, ADB
RSMC	World Meteorological Organization Specialized Regional Meteorological Centers
RTD	Research and Technological Development, EU
RUTA	Regional Unit for Technical Assistance (Project UNDP/World Bank)

S

SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Nepal
SACP	State Agency for Child Protection and Child Protection Policy, Bulgaria
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SADCC	Southern African Development Coordination Conference
SAFIRE	Southern Alliance for Indigenous Resources
SAR	Synthetic Aperture Radar
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SAQA	South African Qualifications Authority
SARCOF	Southern Africa Region Climate Outlook Forum
SARDC	Southern African Research and Documentation Center, Zimbabwe
SAREC	Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries
SBO	School Building Organization, Greece
SCF-UK	Save the Children Fund, United Kingdom
SCHR	Southern Centre for Human Rights, USA
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SEAGA	Socio-Economic and Gender Analysis
SEEA	System for Environmental Economic Accounting
SEEDS	Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society, India
SEGEPLAN	Secretaría General de Planificación, Guatemala (Planning Secretariat)
SEI	Stockholm Environment Institute
SEISMED	Cooperative Project for Seismic Risk Reduction in the Mediterranean Region
SERMP	Suva Earthquake Risk Management Scenario Pilot Project, Fiji
SESAME	Secure European System for Applications in a Multi-vendor Environment
SESI	School Earthquake Safety Initiative, UNCRD/DMPHO
SETSAN	Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition, Mozambique
SEWA	Self Employed Women's Association
SICA	Sistema de Integración Centroamericana (Central American Integration System)
SIDS	Small Island Developing States
SIDS-POA	Small Island Developing States Program of Action
SIDA	Swedish International Development Agency
SIF	Social Investment Fund, Honduras
SLF	Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research
SINAPROC	Sistema Nacional de Protección Civil, Panama (National Civil Protection System)
SNET	National Service for Territorial Studies, El Salvador
SNPMAD	Sistema Nacional de Prevención, Mitigación y Atención de Desastres, Nicaragua (National System for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Attention)

SNET	Servicio Nacional de Estudios Territoriales, El Salvador (National Service for Territorial Studies)
SOPAC	South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission, Fiji
SOPAC-DMU	South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission - Disaster Management Unit
SPDRP	South Pacific Disaster Reduction Program
SPFS	Special Programme for Food Security, FAO
SPPO	South Pacific Program Office
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme, Apia, Western Samoa
SRAP	Sub-Regional Action Programme to combat desertification in West Africa and Chad
SSP	Swayam Shiksam Prayong, India
START	System for Analysis, Research and Training
Swiss Re	Swiss Reinsurance Company

T

TCP	Tropical Cyclone Programme
TEFER	Turkish Emergency Flood and Earthquake Recovery
TESAG	School of Tropical Environment Studies and Geography, James Cook University
TESEC	European Centre of Technogenic Safety/Centre Européen de Sécurité Technologique, Kiev, Ukraine
TDCPU	Turkana Drought Contingency Planning Unit, Kenya
TRL	Simon Fraser University Telematics Research Lab
TRM	Total Disaster Risk Management (RCC strategy)
TPD	Town Planning Department, Jamaica
TWAS	Third World Academy of Sciences, Italy

U

UCR	Universidad de Costa Rica (University of Costa Rica)
UEMOA	West Africa Economic and Monetary Union
UNA	Universidad Nacional (National University), Costa Rica
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNAM	National Autonomous University of Mexico
UNAN	Universidad Nacional de Nicaragua (National University of Nicaragua)
UNCBD	United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNCSDB	United Nations Common Supply Database
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
UNCHS	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (now UN-HABITAT)
UNCRD	United Nations Center for Regional Development
UNCRD/DMPHO	United Nations Center for Regional Development/Disaster Management Planning Hyogo Office, Japan
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDAC	United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination team
UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
UNDCP	United Nations International Drug Control Programme
UNDG	United Nations Development Group
UNDHA-SPO	United Nations Department of Humanitarian Affairs-South Pacific Office
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDP-SPO	United Nations Development Programme-South Pacific Office
UNDRO	Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNEP/DEPI	United Nations Environment Programme/Division of Environmental Policy Implementation
UNEP/DEWA	United Nations Environment Programme/Division of Early Warning and Assessment
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFIP	United Nations Fund for International Partnerships
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (formerly UNCHS)



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UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNISPACE	United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNIFEM	United Nations Fund for Women
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UN-OCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNSC	United Nations Staff College
UNSO	Office to Combat Desertification and Drought, UNDP (now Drylands Development Centre)
UNU	United Nations University
UNU/RTC-HSE	United Nations University Research and Training Centre on Human Security and the Environment, Bonn, Germany
UNV	United Nations Volunteers
UPU	Universal Postal Union
USAID	US Agency for International Development
USDE/OAS	Unit for Sustainable Development and Environment of the Organization of American States
USGS	United States Geological Survey
USSA	Uganda's Seismic Safety Association
USTDA	United States Trade and Development Agency
UWI	University of the West Indies, Jamaica
V	
VAAC	Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre
VAG	Vulnerability Analysis Group
VAM	Vulnerability Assessment and Mapping, WFP
VAT	Vulnerability Assessment and Techniques
VCA	Vulnerability and Capacities Assessment
VEI	Volcanic Explosivity Index
VHF	Very High Frequency
W	
WAEMU/	West Africa Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), Union
UEMOA	Economique et Monetaire de l'ouest Africaine (UEMOA)
WAICENT	World Agricultural Information Centre, FAO
WB	World Bank
WCP	World Climate Programme, WMO
WDNH	Weather-Driven Natural Hazards
WFP	World Food Programme, United Nations
WHO	World Health Organization, United Nations
WIPO	World Intellectual Property Organization, United Nations
WMO	World Meteorological Organization, United Nations
WOVO	World Organization of Volcano Observatories
WOVOdat	World Organization of Volcano Observatories' database
WRCU	Water Resources Coordination Unit, SADC, Southern Africa
WSL	Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research
WSSD	World Summit on Sustainable Development
WSSI	World Seismic Safety Initiative
WTO	World Trade Organization
WVI	World Vision
WVR	World Vulnerability Report, UNDP
WWAP/WWDR	World Water Assessment Programme/World Water Development Report
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature
WWRP	World Weather Research Programme, WMO
WWW	World Weather Watch, WMO
Z	
ZRA	Zambesi River Authority
ZENEB	Zentrum für Naturrisiken und Entwicklung, Germany (Centre for Natural Risks and Development)
ZFFHC	Zimbabwe Freedom From Hunger Campaigns