

# Acrónimos

## A

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



## B

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

## C

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

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



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

## D

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

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

## E

<b>EAECEP</b>	European Advisory Evaluation Committee for Earthquake Prediction
<b>EANHMP</b>	Eastern Asia Natural Hazards Mapping Project
<b>EAPAP</b>	Environment Assessment Program for Asia-Pacific (Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand)
<b>EAWAG</b>	Swiss Federal Institute for Environmental Science and Technology
<b>EC</b>	European Commission
<b>ECA</b>	Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
<b>ECE</b>	Economic Commission for Europe, United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland
<b>ECE</b>	Extreme Climate Events Program
<b>ECGS</b>	European Centre for Geodynamics and Seismology/Centre Européen de Géodynamique et de Sismologie, Luxemburg.
<b>ECHO</b>	European Community Humanitarian Office
<b>ECILS</b>	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)
<b>ECLAC</b>	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations, Santiago, Chile
<b>ECMHT</b>	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
<b>ECMWF</b>	European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecast
<b>ECNTRM</b>	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
<b>ECOMOG</b>	ECOWAS Cease-Fire Monitoring Group
<b>ECOSOC</b>	United Nations Economic and Social Council
<b>ECOWAS</b>	Economic Community of West African States
<b>ECPC</b>	Experimental Climate Prediction Centre, USA
<b>ECPFE</b>	European Centre for Prevention and Forecasting of Earthquakes/Centre Européen pour la Prévention et la Prévision des Tremblements de Terre, Greece
<b>ECTR</b>	European Inter-regional Centre for Training Rescue Workers/Centre Européen de Formation Inter-Régionale pour les Sauveteurs, Armenia
<b>EDM</b>	Earthquake Disaster Mitigation Research Center, Japan



<b>EEA</b>	European Environment Agency, Denmark
<b>EERI</b>	Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, USA
<b>EEZ</b>	Exclusive Economic Zone
<b>EHC</b>	Earthquake Hazard Centre, New Zealand
<b>EHP/USGS</b>	Earthquake Hazards Program of the United States Geological Survey
<b>EIA</b>	Environmental Impact Assessment
<b>ELMS</b>	Environment and Land Management Sector of SADC, Southern Africa
<b>ELSA</b>	European Laboratory for Structural Assessment – Earthquake Engineering, Ispra, Italy
<b>EMA</b>	Emergency Management Australia
<b>EMAI</b>	Emergency Management Australia Institute (former AEMI)
<b>EM-DAT</b>	Emergency Events Database (CRED, Catholic University of Louvain)
<b>EMERCOM</b>	Emergencies and Natural Disasters Mitigation, Ministry of Civil Defense, Russian Federation
<b>EMI</b>	Earthquake and Megacities Initiative
<b>EMPRES</b>	Emergency Prevention System
<b>EMS</b>	Environmental Management Systems
<b>EMSC</b>	Euro-Mediterranean Seismological Centre, France
<b>ENDA</b>	Environment and Development Action in the Third World, Senegal
<b>ENSO</b>	El Niño Southern Oscillation
<b>EPC</b>	Emergency Preparedness Canada
<b>EPN</b>	Escuela Politécnica Nacional, Ecuador
<b>EPOCH</b>	European Programme on Climatology and Natural Hazards
<b>EQTAP</b>	Earthquake and Tsunami Disaster Mitigation Technologies in the Asia-Pacific Region
<b>ERA</b>	European Research Area
<b>ERD</b>	Emergency Response Division, UNDP (now BCPR)
<b>EMWIN</b>	Early Warning System for tropical cyclone, Cook Islands
<b>ESA</b>	European Space Agency
<b>ESB</b>	Emergency Services Branch, OCHA
<b>ESCAP</b>	Economic and Social Commission of Asian and the Pacific, United Nations, Bangkok, Thailand
<b>ESCWA</b>	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, United Nations, Beirut, Lebanon
<b>ESI</b>	Environment and Society Institute, USA
<b>ESPRIT</b>	European Strategic Programme for Research and Information Technology
<b>ETH</b>	Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Switzerland
<b>ETS</b>	Emergency Telecommunications Service, ITU
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>EU-MEDIN</b>	GDIN Mediterranean working group
<b>EUR-OPA</b>	Major Hazards Agreement of the Council of Europe
<b>EWARN</b>	Early Warning and Response Network, Southern Sudan
<b>EWSs</b>	Early Warning Systems
<b>F</b>	
<b>FANR</b>	Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Sector of SADC, Southern Africa
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization
<b>FAO/AGL</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization/Land and Water Development Division
<b>FDR</b>	Fire Danger Rating
<b>FEDE</b>	Fundación de Edificaciones y Dotaciones Educativas, Venezuela
<b>FEMA</b>	Federal Emergency Management Agency, Government of USA
<b>FEMID</b>	Fortalecimiento de Estructuras Locales para la Mitigación de Desastres (Strengthening of Local Structures for Disaster Mitigation)
<b>FEWS</b>	Famine Early Warning System
<b>FEWSNET</b>	Famine Early Warning System Network
<b>FHWA</b>	Federal Highway Administration, US government
<b>FICCI</b>	Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
<b>FIMA</b>	Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, USA
<b>FINCA</b>	Foundation for International Community Assistance
<b>FIVIMS</b>	Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping Systems, FAO
<b>FLACSO</b>	Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (Latin American Social Science Faculty)



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

## G

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

## H

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



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



<b>ILO</b>	International Labour Organization
<b>IMC</b>	Inter-Ministerial Committee for Disaster Management, South Africa
<b>IMCC</b>	Interdepartmental Mitigation Coordinating Committee, Canada
<b>IMD</b>	India Meteorological Department
<b>IMERCESA</b>	India Musokotwane Environment Resource Centre for Southern Africa, Zimbabwe
<b>IMF</b>	International Monetary Fund
<b>IMO</b>	International Maritime Organization
<b>INAM</b>	National Institute for Meteorology, Mozambique
<b>INCAP</b>	Instituto de Nutrición de Centro América y Panamá (Central American and Panamanian Institute for Nutrition)
<b>INCEDE</b>	International Centre for Disaster Mitigation Engineering, University of Tokyo
<b>INDECI</b>	National Civil Defence System, Peru
<b>INGC</b>	Instituto Nacional de Gestao de Calamidades, Mozambique (National Institute for the Management of Calamities)
<b>INES</b>	International Network on Environment and Security
<b>INETER</b>	Instituto Nicaraguense de Estudios Territoriales (Nicaraguan Institute for Territorial Studies)
<b>INFRAID</b>	Infrastructure Damage Prevention, Assessment and Reconstruction following a Disaster
<b>INSAH</b>	SAHEL Institute, Mali
<b>IOC</b>	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, France
<b>IOM</b>	International Organization for Migration
<b>IPCC</b>	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
<b>IPSC</b>	Institute for the Protection and Security of the Citizen, Technological and Economic Risk
<b>IRI</b>	International Research Institute for Climate Prediction, Columbia University, USA
<b>IRIS</b>	Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology, USA
<b>ISA</b>	International Sociological Association
<b>ISDR</b>	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
<b>ISFEREA</b>	Information Support for Effective and Rapid External Aid
<b>ISO</b>	International Organization for Standardization, Switzerland
<b>ISP</b>	Integral Sustainable Production Units
<b>ISPU</b>	Higher Institute of Emergency Planning/Institut Supérieur de Planification d'Urgence, Archennes, Belgium
<b>ITC</b>	International Institute for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation, The Netherlands
<b>ITCA</b>	Information Technology Centre for Africa
<b>ITIC</b>	International Tsunami Information Center, Hawaii
<b>ITT</b>	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
<b>ITU</b>	International Telecommunication Union
<b>IUCN</b>	World Conservation Union
<b>IUED</b>	Institut universitaire d'études du développement (Graduate Institute of Development Studies), Switzerland
<b>IWRM</b>	Integrated Water Resources Management

## J

<b>JICA</b>	Japan International Cooperation Agency
<b>JMA</b>	Japan Meteorological Agency
<b>JRC</b>	European Commission Directorate General Joint Research Centre

## K

<b>KBDI</b>	Keetch-Byram Drought Index
<b>KEERC</b>	Korea Earthquake Engineering Research Center, Seoul National University, Korea
<b>KOVERS</b>	Competence Center for Technical Risks, ETH, Switzerland
<b>KVERMP</b>	Kathmandu Valley Earthquake Risk Management Project, NSET, Nepal

## L

<b>LA RED</b>	La Red de Estudios Sociales en Prevención de Desastres en América Latina (The Latin American Network for the Social Study of Disaster Prevention)
<b>LCAS</b>	Logistics Capacity Assessments, WFP
<b>LDCs</b>	Least Developed Countries
<b>LDUC</b>	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

## 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

<b>NICT</b>	New Information and Communication Technologies
<b>NIDP</b>	National Institute for Disaster Prevention, Republic of Korea
<b>NIRD</b>	National Institute of Rural Development, India
<b>NMHSs</b>	National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, WMO
<b>NOAA</b>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, USA
<b>NOVIB</b>	Netherlands Organisation for International Development Cooperation
<b>NPDPM</b>	National Policy on Disaster Prevention and Management, Ethiopia
<b>NRA</b>	National Resource Accounts
<b>NRC</b>	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
<b>NRDF</b>	National Research and Development Foundation, Saint Lucia
<b>NSA</b>	National Systems for Environmental Accounting
<b>NSF</b>	National Science Foundation, USA
<b>NSET</b>	National Society for Earthquake Technology, Nepal

O

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

P

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



<b>PSMP</b>	Public Sector Modernization Programme, Jamaica
<b>PTWS</b>	Pacific Tsunami Warning System
<b>PTWC</b>	Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre, Hawaii, USA
<b>PWS</b>	Public Weather Services, WMO
<b>R</b>	
<b>RADIUS</b>	Risk Assessment Tools for Diagnosis of Urban Areas against Seismic Disasters
<b>RADIX</b>	Radical Interpretation of Disaster
<b>RCB</b>	Response Coordination Branch, OCHA
<b>RCC</b>	Regional Consultative Committee on regional cooperation in disaster management, Bangkok, Thailand
<b>RCC</b>	Regional Climate Centers, WMO
<b>RCOF</b>	Regional Climate Outlook Forums
<b>RDMP</b>	Risk Disaster Management Programme, UN-HABITAT
<b>REIS</b>	Regional Environmental Information System
<b>RELEMR</b>	Reduction of Earthquake Losses in the Eastern Mediterranean Region
<b>RELSAT</b>	Strengthening of local structures and early warning systems
<b>RESCDAM</b>	Development of rescue actions based on dam-break flood analysis
<b>REWS</b>	Regional Early Warning System, Africa
<b>REWU</b>	Regional Early Warning Unit, SADC, Zimbabwe
<b>RIKEN</b>	Institute of Physical and Chemical Research, Japan
<b>RRSU</b>	Regional Remote Sensing Unit, SADC, Zimbabwe
<b>RSDD</b>	Regional and Sustainable Development Department, ADB
<b>RSMC</b>	World Meteorological Organization Specialized Regional Meteorological Centers
<b>RTD</b>	Research and Technological Development, EU
<b>RUTA</b>	Regional Unit for Technical Assistance (Project UNDP/World Bank)
<b>S</b>	
<b>SAARC</b>	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Nepal
<b>SACP</b>	State Agency for Child Protection and Child Protection Policy, Bulgaria
<b>SADC</b>	Southern African Development Community
<b>SADCC</b>	Southern African Development Coordination Conference
<b>SAFIRE</b>	Southern Alliance for Indigenous Resources
<b>SAR</b>	Synthetic Aperture Radar
<b>SARS</b>	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
<b>SAQA</b>	South African Qualifications Authority
<b>SARCOF</b>	Southern Africa Region Climate Outlook Forum
<b>SARDC</b>	Southern African Research and Documentation Center, Zimbabwe
<b>SAREC</b>	Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries
<b>SBO</b>	School Building Organization, Greece
<b>SCF-UK</b>	Save the Children Fund, United Kingdom
<b>SCHR</b>	Southern Centre for Human Rights, USA
<b>SDC</b>	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
<b>SEAGA</b>	Socio-Economic and Gender Analysis
<b>SEEA</b>	System for Environmental Economic Accounting
<b>SEEDS</b>	Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society, India
<b>SEGEPLAN</b>	Secretaría General de Planificación, Guatemala (Planning Secretariat)
<b>SEI</b>	Stockholm Environment Institute
<b>SEISMED</b>	Cooperative Project for Seismic Risk Reduction in the Mediterranean Region
<b>SERMP</b>	Suva Earthquake Risk Management Scenario Pilot Project, Fiji
<b>SESAME</b>	Secure European System for Applications in a Multi-vendor Environment
<b>SESI</b>	School Earthquake Safety Initiative, UNCRD/DMPHO
<b>SETSAN</b>	Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition, Mozambique
<b>SEWA</b>	Self Employed Women's Association
<b>SICA</b>	Sistema de Integración Centroamericana (Central American Integration System)
<b>SIDS</b>	Small Island Developing States
<b>SIDS-POA</b>	Small Island Developing States Program of Action
<b>SIDA</b>	Swedish International Development Agency

<b>SIF</b>	Social Investment Fund, Honduras
<b>SLF</b>	Swiss Federal Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research
<b>SINAPROC</b>	Sistema Nacional de Protección Civil, Panama (National Civil Protection System)
<b>SNET</b>	National Service for Territorial Studies, El Salvador
<b>SNPMAD</b>	Sistema Nacional de Prevención, Mitigación y Atención de Desastres, Nicaragua (National System for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Attention)
<b>SNET</b>	Servicio Nacional de Estudios Territoriales, El Salvador (National Service for Territorial Studies)
<b>SOPAC</b>	South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission, Fiji
<b>SOPAC-DMU</b>	South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission - Disaster Management Unit
<b>SPDRP</b>	South Pacific Disaster Reduction Program
<b>SPFS</b>	Special Programme for Food Security, FAO
<b>SPPO</b>	South Pacific Program Office
<b>SPREP</b>	South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme, Apia, Western Samoa
<b>SRAP</b>	Sub-Regional Action Programme to combat desertification in West Africa and Chad
<b>SSP</b>	Swayam Shiksam Prayong, India
<b>START</b>	System for Analysis, Research and Training
<b>Swiss Re</b>	Swiss Reinsurance Company

## T

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

## U

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



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