



Overview of learning events 2017

Please register via <http://drrplatform.org/events> for the event you are interested in. Registration for the later learning events will open as of June 2017. Registration is open until 2 weeks prior to the event.

The participation in the Swiss NGO DRR Platform's learning events is free of cost.

Making climate change tangible for strategic adaptation planning - The Climate Corridor Approach

Date: 29 June 2017

Location: Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, Berne

Organizer: Caritas Switzerland, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, Innovabridge Foundation

Outline: Although it is acknowledged that climate change is a potentially important constraint to the sustainability of project interventions, it is rarely taken into explicit consideration for various reasons. However, neglecting this constraint can become problematic if the intervention's feasibility depends on specific climatological conditions. A typical example is crop cultivation which requires certain temperature and precipitation ranges, which we term "climate corridors" for short. Comparing such "climate corridors" to future climate conditions provides an intuitive and low-cost, yet quantitative means for assessing the viability of project interventions under climate change.

The event introduces the concept of climate corridors and its application in several case studies (concrete country examples and a wider perspective on invasive species under climate change), provides guidance on how to harvest the increasing availability of climate information for such analyses. The simplicity of the approach facilitates a quick first-order estimation of an intervention's potential limitations from climate change.

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Registration is open.

Urban DRR and Urban Resilience

Date: September 2017

Location: Berne

Organizer: Caritas Switzerland, Swiss Red Cross

Outline: While urbanization brings along economic, social and ecological opportunities, unplanned urbanization increases hazards for the population. Cities are also often located in areas that are highly exposed to natural hazards, such as floodplains, coastal belts and on fault lines, with the high density of assets and people being highly vulnerable to disastrous effects

should an extreme event strike. Interventions in risk reduction in urban areas face different challenges than working in rural settings: density, diversity and complexity, both in terms of structures, actors and processes create different spaces in which non-governmental organizations can engage in risk reduction and disaster response.

The learning event builds on the findings from 2016 F2F to discuss opportunities and pitfalls when setting to work in urban areas on DRR and resilience building focusing on community and citizen engagement as a key driver for resilient programming.

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Registration opens in June 2017.

Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction

Date: October 2017

Location: Zurich

Organizer: Christoffel Blindenmission Switzerland, Global Risk Forum Davos

Outline: Not everyone faces the same risk from disasters. Persons with disabilities, the elderly, children and other most at risk groups are often forgotten in DRR and left behind when disaster happens. The Sendai framework acknowledges the importance of the “empowerment and inclusive, accessible and non-discriminatory participation” of people disproportionately affected by disaster. Inclusion in DRR should go beyond token participation to an all-society engagement with meaningful contribution, empowerment and leadership of diverse groups in the DRM process. The learning event will introduce good practices of inclusive DRR, from the principles of inclusive development down to the nuts and bolts of inclusive, community based DRR programming.

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Registration opens in June 2017.

DRR/CCA basics for mainstreaming

Date: November 2017

Location:

Organizer: HEKS, contributions to be defined

Outline: Over the past decade, the concepts of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) have gained relevance in international cooperation. Mainstreaming these concepts means to include disaster and climate risk considerations systematically in decision-making and planning processes. This can take place at different levels (international, national, sub-national level) and in different areas of decision-making (policy-making, planning, budgeting, implementation and monitoring). The Learning Event on DRR and CCA Basics for Mainstreaming aims to introduce basic terms and concepts of DRR and CCA and discuss with the participants' approaches on the systematic integration of DRR/CCA into the programme/project cycle. Through an interactive approach using different methodology, e.g. theoretical inputs, presentation of case studies, games, movies, group work – participants will gain a better conceptual understanding of DRR/CCA and will be able to address it more systematically in their programmes and projects. The learning event specifically targets new staff of Swiss NGOs and other interested professionals working in Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid.

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Registration opens in June 2017.

DRR and Fragility

Date: January 2018

Location:

Organizer: Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, contributions to be defined

Outline: Integrating DRR governance mechanisms for advocacy, coordination, analysis and advice on disaster risk reduction requires good understanding and awareness of the political and social context. This is particularly important but also complex in conflict-affected and fragile contexts (FCAS), when governance mechanisms and institutions are generally weak. Nevertheless, humanitarian aid as well as development cooperation programs and projects of Platform member organization often are located in in fragile and conflict-affected contexts. The learning event shall sensitize practitioners on how potential risks are minimized in a systematic way when planning DRR projects and programmes in fragile settings and foster the linkages between DRR and fragility. The event will build on a conceptual frame, illustrated by an exchange on experience through case studies and group works.

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F2F-event 2017

F2F: Good practice collection – WOCAT for Eco-DRR

Date: 6-8 December 2017

Location: Spiez and Berne

Organizer: Caritas Switzerland, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation

Eco-DRR, an approach to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), comprises “sustainable management, conservation and restoration of ecosystems to reduce disaster risk, with the aim to achieve sustainable and resilient development”. Thereby explicitly recognizing functioning of and services provided by ecosystems, Eco-DRR adopts an integrated perspective on DRR, and involves equitable stakeholder involvement in land management decisions, land-use-trade-offs and long-term goal setting. Sustainable Land Management (SLM), when applied in the context of DRR, is thus directly related to the Eco-DRR approach.

Addressing this nexus between SLM and DRR, members and partners of the Swiss NGO DRR Platform collected over 30 good DRR practices in 2016 and 2017 worldwide. The core of this good practice collection forms Eco-DRR measures to prevent that manmade degradation processes turn into “natural” disasters. The publication relies on the standardized tools developed by WOCAT (World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies), an established global network to unite the efforts in knowledge management and decision support for up-scaling SLM. They are thereby accessible in an established global data base, easing availability and dissemination, and promoting a better understanding of the links between SLM and DRR.

The workshop pursues a two-fold goal: On the one hand, experts will share insights in benefits and limitations of single practices, as well as explore the potential use and replication options of different practices for other members beyond the local context. On the other hand, the WOCAT system itself will be subject of the workshop, aiming at exchange with colleagues from the field on potential improvement to better capture the relations between DRR and SLM.

These specific practical experiences provide the basis for discussing contributions of Eco-DRR to related international frameworks (SDGs, SFDRR) in a public event on the 3rd day.

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