<p style="text-align:center; color:#3a7abd">Integrating Uncertainty:
Risk-informed and Climate-resilient Programming
in International Cooperation</p>

Invitation

**For the 2022 annual event of the Swiss NGO DRR Platform
on December 1 and 7-9, 2022**

1.   Why this event – a bit of background

"*Nothing undermines sustainable development like disasters. They can destroy decades of progress in an instant. Understanding and managing disaster risk is essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals*" (cit. António Guterres, UN Secretary General, in: UNDRR GAR 2022: Our World at Risk: Transforming Governance for a Resilient Future. Geneva).

This is a very fitting statement to reflect on the global trend of more climatic extremes and changes, and events in previously unaffected areas. These trends are worrying globally and are eroding coping capacities locally, bringing people and nature to their limits of adaptation, and affecting all sectors of society.

Risk-informed and climate-resilient projects and programmes thus should be a no-brainer, do you agree?

So, we all know **why** we advocate for mainstreaming disaster risk reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in our portfolio across sectors, right?

Then why is it still not happening?

We believe, and you might agree, that we need to take a closer look at the **how-to** instead:

- What does it take to successfully mainstream disaster and climate risks?
- What have we learned in the past decade of mainstreaming?
- What are your individual lessons to contribute?
- Which pitfalls do we need to avoid?
- And how can we get our institutions, colleagues, and donor agencies to join us in this urgent call?

These are some of the questions that we want to discuss with you at the practitioners' workshop. Together, we will work hard to generate ideas and find a way forward.

Alone, we cannot do it. It is a joint endeavour.

We need you – join us personally or virtually for the workshop!

Register here!

2.   What can you expect – programme overview

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1 December: Virtual onboarding		7-9 December: practitioners' workshop	9 December: Hybrid public event

Virtual onboarding: get ready and get involved

When: 1 December 13.00h - 14.15h CET, online

We invite you on board of the annual event 2022 with a highly interactive session. You will reconnect to each other and to those who are new to the Swiss NGO DRR Platform. This short session will give you a first idea of what everyone will bring along regarding mainstreaming, and trigger some curiosity for what will come at the main event.

Practitioners' workshop

When and where: 7 December 11.30h - 9 December 14.30h (CET), online
and on 9 December also onsite at the Welle7, Bern

The title "*Integrating Uncertainty: Risk-informed and Climate-resilient Programming in International Cooperation*" is the programme: with the lens of practitioners – programme coordinators, country representatives, programme staff, advisors – we will dive deep into the what and the how to mainstream DRR and CCA, starting with concrete tools and broadening our perspective towards the enabling environment.

1) *Setting the scene: the basics, significance, and challenges of mainstreaming*

What is risk-informed and climate-resilient programming and what is it not? How is it currently embedded in your overall programming and at the institutional level? And is it how and where it should be? How has the mainstreaming topic evolved over the past years? And most important: What are your challenges to mainstream disaster and climate risks?

2) *The focus: mainstreaming DRR and CCA along the programme cycle*

We will then focus on risk assessment, implementation, and monitoring: Which are the most common risk screening and climate-proofing approaches and tools? You can directly interact with colleagues that use the same or other tools in case studies, discussing specific mainstreaming issues in more depth and learn from each other.

3) *The broader context: using the mainstreaming know-how from other cross-cutting topics*

Most of you and your organisations are also working in countries affected by fragile, conflict and violent contexts, which require us to apply conflict-sensitive programming. What can we learn from conflict sensitivity and gender mainstreaming?

4) *The Institutional Level: creating an enabling environment for programming*

Tools are just a fraction – the larger commitment matters equally. We will thus discuss aspects like consistent leadership and sustained commitment, existing policy or strategic frameworks, incentives and accountability mechanisms or financial and human resources.

Public event

When and where: 9 December 16.00h - 18.00h CET, online and onsite at the Welle7, Bern

The event will offer space to share the key messages from the workshop. Following a keynote address, representatives from NGOs, donor agencies and other institutions will look at good practices and discuss challenges for creating an enabling environment for risk-informed and climate-resilient development.

3.   How will we meet – unpacking the format

Virtual onboarding session

The session will be organised online on Zoom, the link will be shared upon registration.

Practitioners' workshop

The workshop will be organised online on Zoom for the first two days and in a participatory hybrid format on the third day. The whole event will be highly interactive and engaging for everyone.

At the core of the programme are the three joint main sessions daily from 12.30h to 15.00h CET/ Swiss time where we meet all of you, no matter where you are based. For further exploring case studies, tools, approaches and practical questions, we offer you several practical sessions that are spread over the day to fit all time zones from Asia to Latin America.

Overview on the sessions (with slightly adjusted timings for Friday 9.12.22):

Session	Time zone		
	BST [1]: Bangladesh +5	CET [2]: Switzerland	CST [3]: Honduras - 7
AM Session CET	14.00 - 16.30	09.00 - 11.30	
Joint Main Session	17.30 - 20.00	12.30 – 15.00	05.30 - 08.00
PM Session CET		15.30 – 18.00	08.30 – 11.00

1 BST = Bangladesh Standard Time (UTC +6), 2 CET = Central European Time (UTC +1),
3 CST = Cuba Standard Time (UTC -6)

Find your time zone: https://www.worldtimebuddy.com/

- **Joint Main Sessions**: for everyone, during noon time CET.

- **AM Sessions CET**: to accommodate colleagues from Asia in particular.

- **PM Sessions CET**: to accommodate colleagues from Latin America in particular.

- Colleagues in Africa and Europe may join the AM and /or PM sessions according to own preferences.

- Slightly different timings for Friday, 9 December, to accommodate online and onsite participants in a hybrid format.

Public event

The public event will also be organised in a hybrid format, allowing for a broader audience to participate at the discussion and exchange.

4.   Organisation

Location
- Practitioners' workshop day 3 and Public event (Friday 9 December:
  Welle 7, at the train station in Bern

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5.   Reference Literature

Swiss NGO DRR Platform (2019): Disaster risk reduction / climate change adaptation MAINSTREAMING GUIDANCE – Overview of key tools

GNDR (2020): Risk-Informed Development Guide – A practical approach for civil society organisations and communities most at risk

SDC (2017): CEDRIG – Climate, Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction Integration Guidance

UNDP (2020): Risk-informed Development – A Strategy Tool for Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation into Development

UNDP (2019): Risk-informed development – From crisis to resilience

OECD (2014): Mainstreaming cross-cutting issues – advancing gender equality and environmental sustainability

IFRC (2013): A guide to mainstreaming disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation

ProVention Consortium (2007): Tools for Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction: Guidance Notes for Development Organisations

6.   Programme Outline

	Wednesday 7 December	Thursday 8 December	Friday 9 December
			Practical session broader context II: Transversal programme markers deep dive
09.00 – 11.30 CET / 14.00 – 16.30 BST		**Practical session Focus II**: CEDRIG deep-dive (Asia focus), climate-smart programming RCCC and case studies	**Institutional level**: mainstreaming exchange (F2F)
12.30 – 15.00 CET / 17.30 – 20.00 BST / 05.30 – 08.00 CST	**Joint session: Setting the scene and Focus**	**Joint session: The broader context**	**Joint session: The institutional level (Hybrid)**
15.30 – 18.00 CET / 08.30 – 11.00 CST	**Practical session Focus I:** CEDRIG deep-dive¨(LAC-focus) and case studies	**Practical session Broader context I**: Transversal programme markers deep dive	**Public Event: Creating the enabling environment for risk-informed and climate-resilient development (Hybrid)**

Right-side time labels (Friday 9 December):
- 08.00 – 09.45 CET / 14.00 – 15.45 BST
- 09.45 – 12.00 CET
- 13.00 – 15.30 CET / 18.00 – 20.30 BST / 06.00 – 08.30 CST
- 16.10 – 18.00 CET / 09.10 – 11.00 CST