



The Second International Conference on Early Warning (EWC II) 16-18 October, Bonn, Germany



The Second International Conference on Early Warning (EWC II) was held in Bonn, Germany on October 16-18, 2003, hosted by the Government of Germany under the auspices of the United Nations, supported by the Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR). The EWC II built upon regional consultations and workshops which took place in various regions this year. Participants actively discussed how to reduce the negative impacts of hazards through improving early warning systems, and defined clear targets and accepted their respective responsibilities.

On the occasion of EWC II, a session entitled "Effective Early Warning - use of hazard maps as a tool for effective risk communication among policy makers and communities" was organized by the Government of Japan on October 17 and was chaired by ADRC. After the two keynote speeches by experts from the Cabinet Office and the Infrastructure Development Institute of the Government of Japan, Mr. Satoru Nishikawa, Executive Director, ADRC, moderated a panel discussion on the effectiveness of hazard mapping as a tool to raise awareness and to enhance early warning with the panelists invited from Bangladesh, Korea, Philippines and Viet Nam. It was emphasized that hazard mapping is useful to raise awareness of the community when it is conducted in cooperation with all the stakeholders and with the consideration of each community's context. It was also agreed that the development of hazard mapping manuals adapted to local conditions and training would be effective to enhance early warning systems.



The Session organized by the Government of Japan "Effective Early Warning - use of hazard maps as a tool for effective risk communication among policy makers and communities"

Time and Date: 14:30-16:00, 17 October 2003

Venue: Bundeshaus, Bonn

Coordinator: Mr. Satoru Nishikawa, Executive Director, ADRC

Rapporteur: Ms. Etsuko Tsunozaki, Senior Researcher, ADRC



Keynote Speech I

Mr. Masaaki Nakagawa, Deputy Director for Disaster Preparedness,
Cabinet Office, Government of Japan
"Successful Early Warning - cases of volcanic eruptions in Japan"



Keynote Speech II

Mr. Ryosuke Kikuchi, Director of 2nd Research Department, Infrastructure
Development Institute - Japan
"Hazard Mapping Projects in Asia"



Panel Discussion (Moderator: Mr. Satoru Nishikawa, Executive Director,
ADRC)

Panellists:

Republic of Korea: Dr. Yang-Su Kim, Senior Researcher, National Institute
for Disaster Prevention, Ministry of Government Administration and Home
Affairs

The Philippines: Dr. Norman M. Tungol, Officer in Charge, Geology &
Geophysics Research & Development Division, Philippines Institute of
Volcanology & Seismology (PHIVOLCS)

Viet Nam: Dr. Nguyen Huu Phuc Chief Division, Master Planning for Flood
Control Division, Department of Dike Management, Flood & Storm
Control, Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development

BDPC: Mr. Muhammad Saidur Rahman, Director, Bangladesh Disaster
Preparedness Center, Bangladesh



[Minutes of the session is available. \(File Type: pdf\).](#)

The EWC-II Conference Statement, Integrating early warning into relevant policies and other principal documents resulting from the EWC-II are now available on-line.

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For more information on the session organized by the Government of Japan, please contact rep@adrc.asia