

18TH Meeting of the IRDR Scientific Committee (SC)

rated Research on Disaster Risk Hosted by ICSU, Tokyo, Japan, 20-21 November 2017

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Attendees

SC members	Shuaib LWASA (SL) Chair Irasema ALCÁNTARA-AYALA (IAA) Mark PELLING (MP) Djillali BENOUAR (DB) Sálvano BRICEÑO (SB) Anthony OLIVER-SMITH (AOS)	Haruo HAYASHI (HH) John HANDMER (JH) Virginia MURRAY (VM) Ann BOSTROM (AB) Virginia JIMÉNEZ DÍAZ (VJD) CUI Peng (CP)	
Ex-officio	Liu Jie (LJ) RADI	Irina Zodrow (IZ) UNISDR	
Members /	Maureen Brennan (MB) ICSU	Gordon McBean (GM) ICSU	
Host	Anne-Sophie Stevance (AS) ICSU		
IRDR IPO	Han Qunli (HQ) IPO	Lucy Lu (LL) IPO	
	Lang Lang (LL) IPO	Lian Fang (LF) IPO	
IRDR NCs	Liu Jie (LJ on behalf of Chen	Mohsen Ashtiany (MA) IRDR	
	Fang), IRDR China	Iran	
	Toshio Koike (TK) IRDR Japan		
IRDR ICoEs	Jeffery Lee (JL) ICoE Taipei	Chandra Shrestha (CS) ICoE	
	Si-Yu Yu (SY) ICoE Taipei	NEST	
	Jian-Chengy Lee (JL) ICoE	Choun-Sian Lim (CL) ICoE	
	Taipei	SEADPRI-UKM	
	Frank Thomalla (FT) ICoE TDDR		
Invited			
Invited	Nanette Lomarda (NL) WMO		
Guests			

2. Apologies

SC members	S.H.M. FAKHRUDDIN (SHMF)	Jörn BIRKMANN (JB)
	Claudine UWERA (CU)	

3. Documentation

Documents prepared for the 18TH SC meeting and presentations given during the meeting are available to download from the SC member zone on the IRDR website.

Members Zone Link

- > 18TH SC meeting agenda
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4. Minute of Meeting & Action Point

DAY 1 - Restricted to the SC members, the *ex-officio* and the IPO

The Chair opened the SC meeting with welcome to all participants. SC adopted the Agenda of the meeting. GM announced that the ICSU and the ISSC agreed in principle to pursue a merger between the two organisations at 32nd General Assembly. UNISDR gave an official message from IZ reflecting on the role of IRDR in contributing toward the implementation of the Sendai Framework and the new partnership strategy plan. HQ suggested that IRDR as a programme should go beyond 2020, and be consistent with the timeframe of SFDRR (2015-2030) and the SDGs.

HQ presented the updates of IPO, covering IRDR's structure, main achievements, key priorities for the future, young scientists programme and main upcoming IRDR activities. In response, SC reiterated the important roles of national committees to support the implementation of SFDRR. Additionally, SC provided positive feedback to IRDR's effort to develop an interactive map and young scientists programme. However, the selection criteria and procedure for young scientists should be made more transparent and the selection and evaluation of the results should be based on a sound process. SC highlighted that the four working groups should develop future plans to continue the research agenda.

Actio	on points	Whom	Completed
1	Revise the interactive map – Africa region	IPO	Ongoing
2	Clarify the Young Scientists Criteria/Mechanism	IPO	Ongoing
3	ICoE Young Scientists programme/information and RIA young scholars group integrated as part of IRDR YSP	IPO, ICoE	Ongoing

In the presentation of ICSU and ISSC, GM began with the major global challenges and risks, and elaborated on the science for global 2030 agenda. He reiterated the importance of four priorities and the seven global targets of the SFDRR and highlighted the significant interconnections of the SDGs, the SFDRR, the Paris Climate Agreement and the New Urban Agenda. GM further emphasised on the vital collaboration among IRDR, Future Earth, WCRP and Urban Health and Wellbeing.

IZ presented an update on UNISDR strategy, activities and networks. She explained new UNISDR partnership strategy and global capacity development strategy for implementation of the SFDRR. She underlined UNISDR's key priorities 2018-2019. The engagement in science and technology (S&T) community is crucial for the SFDRR.

In response to the critical role of S&T community in DRR, SC discussed how IRDR, particularly NC and ICoEs can further support the S&T partnerships to implement the SFDRR. The specific role of IRDR needs to be identified in the S&T partnerships.

SL as Chair recapped on the IRDR strategic plan, the recommendations of mid-term review report and SC's response to the review report. SC agreed to review the strategic plan before finalising it. HQ presented the IRDR governing structure and clarified the reporting systems.

After LF presented an IRDR communication strategy, SC suggested amending the communication plan and agreed to review it. Furthermore, SC recommended IPO to redesign the IRDR website and ensure easier access to IRDR publications.

SC advised IPO to produce an online calendar as an annual working plan with ICoE's/NCs, and invite different representatives from civil societies and other organisations to participant in the following SC meetings. SC also agreed to review the terms of reference of ICoE/NCs to enhance their functions and accountability.

SL gave a presentation on IRDR legacy and proposed to co-edit a journal special issue led by IRDR authors and an IRDR book. SC provided positive feedback and will further identify research input.

After MP announced that the four SC members will complete their terms at the end of this year, IPO and SC expressed their sincere appreciation for the contributions of the Members to IRDR. Regarding the new SC member nomination, SC advised the selection committee to pay attention to the comprehensive expertise and interdisciplinary capacity required by IRDR, and in particular the importance of social sciences in IRDR and engineering science.

The chairs of the four working groups presented the updated activities. SC raised the questions of future evolution of the four working groups, particularly the leadership of FORIN working group. Consequently, the future plans of four working groups need to be developed.

The date and venue of next SC meeting will be discussed in due course. The 19th session of SC meeting will be back-to-back to the Asian Science and Technology Conference on DRR in April 2018 in Beijing. The 20th session will be also held in China, possibly at a venue close to a major post disaster recovery site.

Action points		Whom	Completed
4	SC responds to the draft 'IRDR Strategic Plan'	SC	Ongoing
<mark>5</mark>	SC to further advise 'IRDR Communication'	SC	Ongoing
	strategy		_
<mark>6</mark>	SC responds to 'IRDR Governing Structure'	SC	Ongoing
<mark>7</mark>	Revise the ToR of ICoE & NCs	IPO & SC	Ongoing
8	Redesign the IRDR website	IPO	Ongoing
9	Create Online Calendar for Annual Working Plan with ICoE & NCs	IPO	Ongoing
10	SC responds to IRDR legacy – Journals, Books	SC Chair	Ongoing
11	4 WG Continuation and their Future Plan	WG Chairs	Ongoing
12	IRDR information on Wiki	IPO	Ongoing
13	ICoE information to AIRDR map	Virginia J.	Ongoing
14	Date and Venue of 19th SC Meeting	LJ, IPO	Ongoing

DAY 2 - Open to All

LJ presented the progress and updates of **IRDR China**. From June to November 2017, the main activities include providing scientific support on disaster risk reduction for the belt and road initiative, linking science and technology with policy in China as well as capacity building for disaster risk reduction. TK presented the activities of **IRDR Japan**, Science Council of Japan, highlighting the Tokyo Statement 2015, the G-Science Academies Statement 2016 and the Global Forum on Science and Technology for Disaster Resilience 2017. MA presented the roadmap of activities of **IRDR Iran** and expected a more close collaboration with IRDR.

SL delivered a presentation on <u>Belmont Forum</u> and the subsequent call. SC encouraged several ICoEs could submit an application together. MP presented <u>KAN on Emergent Risks and Extreme Events</u>, including principles, objectives and planned steps. NL from the Societal and Economic Research and Applications working group (SERA WG) provided a brief introduction of WWRP, activities of the SERA WG and highlighted the working agreement between IRDR and WWRP. SC supported the MoU with WWRP and will work closely with the SERA WG.

JL presented the structure, mission statement and research projects of ICoE-Taipei. The future plans with IRDR include sharing integrated disaster risk reduction knowledge, technologies and experiences with others. DB presented ICoE-REaL and emphasised on successful continental strategic engagement at Periperi U. VM delivered a presentation on ICoE-CCOUC and highlighted health emergency and disaster risk management as well as public health humanitarian responses to natural disasters. CL from ICoE-SEADPRI-UKM presented core academic expertise, training

and professional partnerships as well as IRDR ICoE branded activities. FT presented ICoE-TDDR regarding SEI initiative, the emergence of transformation and activities.

MP led the discussion of ICoE collaboration. SC suggested that IPO and ICoE should maintain regular meeting and communication. Also, ICoE should submit brief annual report to IPO. Furthermore, ICoEs and NCs should be fully connected to IRDR's strategic plan, and integrated into the science framework of IRDR. Lastly, ICoE expected more interactive connections with the four working groups.

Action points		Whom	Completed
15	Strengthen the relationship between NC & ICoE	SC	Ongoing
16	Follows up Belmont Forum Call	SL, IPO	Ongoing
17	Collaboration with WMO	IPO	Ongoing
18	WHO Thematic Platform-Group book on Research Methods	SC	Ongoing
19	ICoE regular meeting and communication	IPO	Ongoing
20	ICoE connect to the WG	IPO	Ongoing
21	ICoE Annual Report to IPO (2-page Template)	IPO /ICoE	Ongoing
22	ICoE Certificate/ Endorsement Letter	IPO	Ongoing

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