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UKCDS & The UK National Platform

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What does UKCDS do?

- Bring people together
- Share information
- Promote opportunities
The work themes

- Global health
- Making science work for development
- Disasters
- Sustainable development
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- **Global health**
- **Making science work for development**
- **Disasters**
  - Disasters Research Group (DRG)
  - Science in Humanitarian Emergencies & Disasters (SHED)
- **Sustainable development**
The Disasters Research Group
What does the DRG do?

- Share’s information on UK funding activities and encourages collaboration between its members and others.
- Provides funders, research providers and users with readily available information on research gaps and foci.
- Develop and recommend processes to facilitate and sustain research uptake.
- Provide funders, research providers and users with readily accessible and relevant knowledge resources and tools.
Examples of DRG activities

- Hyogo Framework for Action
- DRR Research Roadmap
- Disaster Resilience Workshop Series
- Guidelines for integrating science into development and humanitarian practice
Academic Network…

**Disasters Research Group**
Representative of Research providers-Funders-Users

- Academic sub-group (could be linked to IRDR if appropriate)
- Funders sub-group

Secretariat

Annual conference bringing together academics, funders and users
UK National Platform

• Led by the Civil Contingencies Secretariat within the Cabinet Office at the heart of central government.

• Established in July 2001 after serious flooding, the Fuel Crisis in 2000 and the foot and mouth disease outbreak in 2001.

• Aims to improve the UK’s ability to absorb, respond to, and recover from potential disruptive challenges of all types.
UK National Platform – Key Actions

Risk Assessment
• Domestic Horizon Scanning Committee – gives a heads up on approaching potential disruptive challenges up to 6 months ahead.
• National Risk Assessment – considers risks that may impact the UK over the next five years. Involve the Natural Hazards Partnership.
• National Security Risk Assessment – looks ahead 20 years to assess and prioritise all major areas of known national security risk, both domestic and overseas

Preparation and planning

Response and Recovery
• Cabinet Office Briefing Rooms – coordinates the central government response
• Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) – coordinates the provision of S&T advice

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