

Report of Special Session on 23rd IRDR SC Meeting

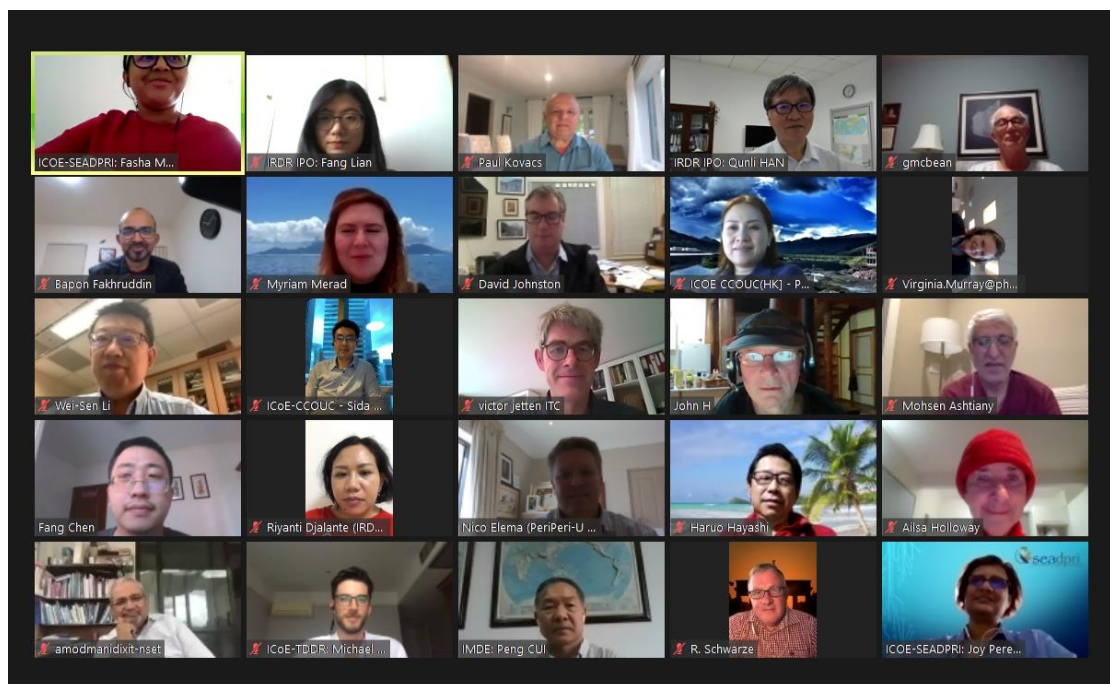
- 1 Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the 23rd Scientific Committee Meeting scheduled for 18-19 March 2020 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, was cancelled. In order to follow up the IRDR work plan 2020, a two-hour special session was held on 16 June 2020 online. Special thanks go to ICoE-SEAPRI-UKM of Malaysia, which kindly provided the online meeting facility.
- 2 The overall objective of this special online meeting was to oversight IRDR's main tasks for 2020, namely: the IRDR Compilation; the IRDR 2021 Conference; and the Global DRR Research Agenda. The meeting was to consider implementation of these tasks taking into account the context of COVID-19 and the new time frame of IRDR, which has been extended to the end of 2021. The full agenda of this meeting is in the Annex 1. The download link for the meeting record and documents is in the Annex 2. The list of participants is in the Annex 3 (five SC members were unable to attend due to prior commitments).
- 3 **Item 1 Opening:** the Executive Director of the IPO, Qunli Han, briefly introduced the background of this meeting and the online meeting procedures. Then Chair of Scientific Committee, John Handmer, welcomed all the participants. Round table introductions were made, and the agenda was adopted.
- 4 **Item 2 Progress report:** the work of Hazard Terminology and Definition and the IRDR Compilation was updated.
 - 4.1 Virginia Murry gave a briefing on the final draft of the **technical report of Sendai Hazard Definition and Classification** with a reference to IRDR SC22 in Xiamen on this subject. The final draft report consists of an introduction to the task, methods and results, discussion and limitations, recommendations and next steps, and a large volume of annexes on hazard terminologies and definitions. There are still several hazard information profiles that require additional reviewers. Experts and practitioners from ISC, UN agencies, IRDR and other relevant DRR stakeholders were engaged in the development and review process. Joern Birkmann suggested that the relevance of human vulnerability and exposure need to be stressed to improve hazard and risk information since the context has changed in recent years especially this year impacted by COVID-19 pandemic. Participants are looking forward to this Technical Report to better support DRR research and practice.

- 4.2 Fang Lian reported on the progress on the **IRDR Compilation**. The compilation has received contributions from NCs, ICoEs, former-SC members and young scientists on their DRR related achievements and activities. The first draft is planned to be ready for the Edit Team (established at SC22) to review in early July. John Handmer suggested that a professional language editor should be involved at a later stage for this publication. Riyanti Djalante suggested that it would be useful to pay more attention to DRR activities since Sendai. Ailsa Holloway suggested the executive summary of this Compilation could be translated into multiple languages for broader distribution, and as part of the IRDR's commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- 4.3 Anne-Sophie Stevance announced the **extension of IRDR to 2021**. The Addendum to the Letter of Cooperation on IRDR and the MOU on IPO will be signed soon. The IRDR Conference will also be postponed to the first half of 2021. A working group to prepare the conference will be established soon. The initial draft concept note for the Conference prepared after IRDR SC22 will be further revised in consultation with the IRDR Community.
- 5 **Item 3 Specific discussion on Research Agenda:** the progress on development of the Research Agenda was updated and recommendations for the detailed content were discussed.
- 5.1 Fang Lian, on behalf of Qunli Han, updated on the **overall progress and the timeline**. A Guidance Document was prepared to frame the development process. A Core Group (drafting group) was established and regular meetings have been held to move this task forward. The establishment of Expert Review Group is ongoing while the ToR and invitation letter are being finalized. The first-order draft of Research Agenda is expected to be available in this early August.
- 5.2 John Handmer introduced the **Guidance Document**. This document sets up the principles, rationale, key questions and other critical elements to guide this process. A draft **outline progress on consultation and review process** was also introduced. Anne-Sophie Stevance emphasized the importance of the involvement of the funding community. Marc Gordon raised the necessity and challenge of linking to other international science missions and the decision makers as well as policy makers. Irina Zodrow pointed out the diversity of actors in DRR research should be well considered and reflected in the preparation of the Research Agenda. Fang Chen underlined that IRDR NCs and ICoEs should be engaged in the early stages of designing the Agenda.
- 5.3 Michael Boyland introduced the concept of the **literature review** including the background and scope, aims and key questions, methodology, criteria for inclusion and the process and timeline. A short survey will be sent as soon as possible after this meeting to gather the inputs from the IRDR community. Nico

Elema provided an online resource centre focusing on DRR literatures in Africa. John Handmer responded to the general issue that it has been discussed in the core group meeting on how to involve the donors and other stakeholders.

6 Additional note:

- 6.1 This is the first time that the IRDR Scientific Committee has convened a meeting online. Given the COVID-19 pandemic, IRDR may make online meetings the norm. To follow up the IRDR main tasks for 2020-2021, additional special online sessions will be organised, in prior consultation with the co-sponsors and the host.
- 6.2 The Chair and the ED expressed sincere gratitude to all SC members, NCs and ICoEs who participated in this meeting, despite the time zone differences.
- 6.3 A brief report will be prepared by the IPO for circulation and record.





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Annex 1

Detailed Agenda

Item 1. Opening

Time: CET10:00-10:10, AM

Chair: John/Qunli

Note:

- Welcome by Chair and ED
- ED announce the meeting rules.
- Adoption of the meeting agenda

Item 2. Progress report

Time: CET 10:10-10:40, AM, 15 June

Chair: John

Note:

- Virginia Murry on Hazard Terminology (10 minutes+10 minutes discussion)
- IPO-SO on Compilation and Conference 2021 (5 minutes+5 minutes discussion)

Item 3. Specific discussion on Research Agenda

Time: CET 10:40-11:40, AM,15 June

Chair: John Handmer/Qunli

Note:

- IPO-ED on overall progress on Research Agenda and timeline (5 minutes)
- Chair to introduce the Guidance Document and Outline of Research Agenda (15 minutes).
- MB to introduce the literature review (10 minutes).
- Discussion and recommendations (30 minutes)

Item 4. General Discussion and Conclusion

Time: CET 11:40-12:00, AM, 15 June

Chair: John Handmer

Annex 2:

Download for meeting record:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/ikxdxlg0uqef31/special%20session%20on%20IRDR%20SC23.mp4?dl=0>

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