

# Update from



# Working Group

PB-25: 7-8 Feb 2023 Geneva, Switzerland Rui Kotani, DRR Coordinator at GEOSEC

With support from Dave Borges, DRR-WG co-chair

- 1. Aim to develop and implement a coherent and crosscutting approach within GEO for DRR
- 2. Serve as Primary GEO liaison to **UNDRR**
- 3. Determine links and actionable opportunities among other priorities





UN World Conference or **Disaster Risk Reduction** 2015 Sendai Japan

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### About us

The Group on Earth Observations (GEO) supports efforts to build disaster resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). The GEO Work Programme (GWP) is currently implementing more than two dozen activities using Earth Observations (EO) for disaster preparedness and prevention, mitigation of potential damage, and better management of and recovery from disasters. Significant reductions in fatalities and property damage can be achieved by strengthening cooperation and data sharing for satellite and surface data to manage risks posed by fires, floods, earthquakes, and other hazards. Better information, made widely accessible, leads to improved understanding of disaster risk.

GEO's DRR Working Group (DRR-WG) was established in June 2020 to develop and implement a coherent and crosscutting approach within GEO to advance the use of EO to support national DRR and resilience efforts. The DRR-WG promotes awareness of relevant global policy frameworks, such as the <u>United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction</u> (UNDRR) Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, while serving as the primary GEO liaison to UNDRR. The DRR-WG also collaborates with other working groups and activities across the GEO engagement priorities relating to three international policy areas, namely climate action, sustainable development and urban resilience.

### Governance

### DRR Working Group Co-chairs and Deputy-chairs

Three co-chairs are selected by and from the DRR-WG members. Each co-chair leads a designated subgroup (SG) and is supported in their role by three deputy chairs.

- GEO DRR WG Co-Chair SG1 Lead: David Borges, NASA, United States
- SG1 Deputy Chairs: Fernando Belda (Spain), Tatiya Chuentragum (Thailand), Godstime James (Nigeria)
- GEO DRR WG Co-Chair SG2 Lead: Nathaniel K. Newlands, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- SG2 Deputy Chairs: Abdullahi Aliyu (Nigeria), Nhilce Esquivel (Sweden), John LaBrecque (IUGG)
- GEO DRR WG Co-Chair SG3 Lead: Kene Onukwube, DEAR Africa, Nigeria
- SG3 Deputy Chairs: Cheila Cullen (United States), Ghulam Rasul (ICIMOD), Ramesh P.

https://earthobservations.org/drr wg.php

# **Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group**



**Coordination across the GEO Work Programme** *led by David Borges (NASA, United States)* 





**UNDRR Coordination** *led by Nathaniel Newlands (Agriculture/Statistics Canada)* 

Subgroup 3:



Climate Change, SDG, Urban activities coordination led by Kene Onukwube (DEAR Africa, Nigeria)



Supported by **GEOSEC**: Steven Ramage (Chief Engagement Officer) & Rui Kotani (DRR Coordinator)

# **10 Tasks**

### through deepening relationship with



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#### SG1: GEO Work Programme Coordination 🗢

SG1 aims to develop and implement a coherent and crosscutting approach within GEO to advance the use of EO to support countries' disaster risk reduction and resilience efforts. SG1 works closely with SG2 and SG3 to understand real requirements at the national level and communicate these requirements to relevant activities within the GWP while:

- Highlighting aspects of the GWP related to DRR, and describe key elements and locations of each
  activity (Task 1.1: Development of Joint Engagement Mapping Exercise and dashboard);
- Promoting sharing of data and knowledge to improve DRR, including through good practices and impact (Task 1.2: Development of EO Risk Toolkit and GAR Contributing Papers); and
- Promoting awareness of relevant global policy frameworks across the GWP, such as UN-GGIM WG-Disasters Strategic Framework on Geospatial Information and Services (Task 1.3: Outreach and engagement events/meetings).

#### SG2: UNDRR Coordination for Sendai Framework Priorities 🗢

SG2 leverages the efforts of SG1 and uses the combined resources of SG2 to promote the dissemination and use of EO to strengthen disaster risk reduction capabilities according to country needs as identified by UNDRR. Serving as primary GEO liaison to UNDRR, SG2 works towards:

- Increasing the use of EO data for local and national DRR strategies (*Task 2.1: Assessment of EO descriptions in DRR strategies of GEO member countries*); (*Task 2.2: Policy briefs and use cases on the use EO to create disaster loss data for DRR strategies and for reporting on the Sendai Monitor Global Indicators [via <u>EO4Sendai-Monitoring]</u>); (<i>Task 2.3: Development and implementation of EO-leveraged data collection tools to visualize vulnerability and exposure to be used in DRR strategies*);
- Increasing the use of GNSS-enhanced EO data through consortia (Task 2.4: GAR Contribution Paper, policy briefs and new partnerships with ITU [via GEODESY4Sendai]); and
- Increasing the use of EO data to show trends over time and hot spots while predicting and analyzing future risks (Task 2.5: Use cases and workshops [via GSNL])).

#### SG3: Climate Change and SDG Coordination 🗢

SG3 leverages SG1 efforts to provide an overview of links, and actionable opportunities, between disaster risk reduction, climate change, SDGs, and urban activities. Serve as primary link to CC-WG, SDG and Urban related activities, SG3 is working on:

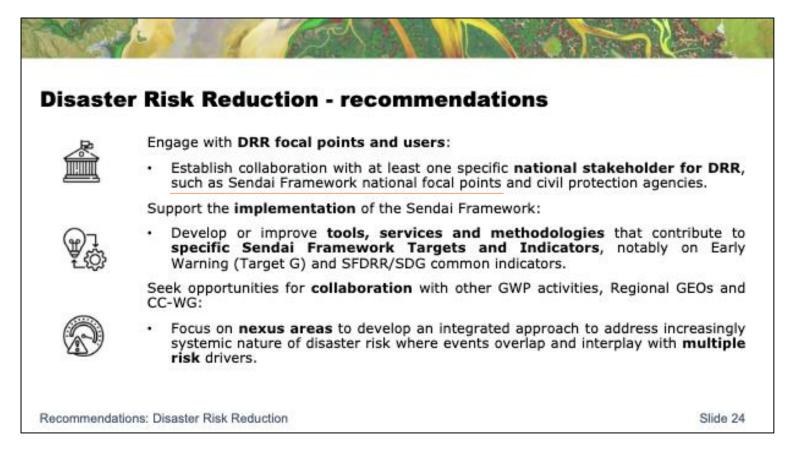
Developing EO-links between DRR, Climate Change and SDGs, notably for adaptation, early warning
and resilience (Task 3.1: Policy briefs on EO use in handling various types of natural hazards, such as
landslides, wildfire and snow melt) (Task 3.2: Compendium with collection of texts and references on EO's
role in SDG targets and indicators in relation to the SFDRR and the Paris Agreement [in collaboration with
<u>HPI, EO4SDG</u> etc.]).



	Status	Task#	Key elements	GWP activities
Focus today	✓ done+followup	1.1	Joint mapping	all
	✓ ongoing	1.2	EO Risk Toolkit + UNGAR paper	<b>all</b> (so far: GEOGLAM, GEOGIoWS, EO4DRM, EO4SendaiMonitoring, GSNL, GFRM, EuroGEO,)
	ongoing	1.3	Communication + Outreach	all
	✓ ongoing	2.1	EO for DRR strategies	all
	✓ Done	2.2	Support for Sendai reporting	EO4Sendai-Monitoring
	? Revival	2.3	Vulnerability & exposure	EO4Sendai-Monitoring
	✓ ongoing	2.4	GNSS-enhanced EO data	GEODESY4Sendai
	△ In Progress	2.5	Geohazard use case	GSNL
	△ In Progress	3.1	Analysis of various hazards	all
	✓ done+followup	3.2	SDG targets and indicators	all (so far: HPI, GEOLDN, GEO MTN)

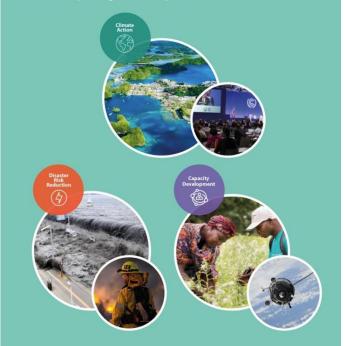
## **Main Achievements**

# 1.1: Joint mapping





Mapping the Engagement of the 2020-2022 GEO Work Programme in Climate Action, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Capacity Development



Published in May 2022

### ✓ Follow-up: compiled a list of about 30 African Sendai National focal points

# **1.2: EO Risk Toolkit**



- 2 early warning tools (flood/drought)
  - Flood: GEOGloWS
  - Drought: GEOGLAM
- 1 post-disaster data & info assessment service
  - EO4DRM
- 1 Sendai reporting method
  - EO4Sendai Monitoring



### Earth Observations Risk Toolkit

PROVIDING OPEN EARTH OBSERVATION TOOLS AND SERVICES FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



Presenting the Earth Observations Risk Toolkit as part of UNDRR on the Ignite Stage (May 25, 2022)



# 1.2: UN Global Assessment Report 2022



publication

# 1.2: 2 key points in the main GAR 2022

### • EO is useful in **all disaster phases**:

- 1. for improving the understanding of long-term changes in climate and impact on people;
- 2. for seasonal weather forecasts as well for early warning of hazardous events;
- 3. to the ongoing international efforts to provide the close to real-time impact assessment on disasters
- Data scarcity, especially open-source data, is a remaining key challenge for the development of quality models to underpin DRR-decision-making in many countries, and <u>GEO has been filling the gap</u>



EO4DRM GWIS HPI EO4Health Geodesy4Sendai

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### 1.3 Outreach & events to communicate the points



### Earth observations for early warning for all

Blog / October 13, 2022

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A GEO blog





GEO WEEK 2022 GLOBAL ACTION FOR LOCAL IMPACT

Side Event: EO Risk Toolkit Information session

GEO GROUP ON

Monday, 31 October 2022 1400h – 1530h GMT / UTC | Meeting Room 1



# **1.3 GEO Week side events in support of GEO solutions uptake in Ghana**





Side Event: EO Risk Toolkit Information session

Monday, 31 October 2022 1400h – 1530h GMT / UTC | Meeting Room 1







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Side Event: Earth Observation and Health: Early Warning Systems and beyond!

Tuesday, 31 October 2022 1100h – 1230h GMT / UTC | Room 117a

### 3 ideas emerged from 2 side events



for disaster attribution



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# **1.3 Past events with UNDRR and UNGGIM:**

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### engaging the Jamaican co-chair team

Addressing Systemic Risk in Jamaica 17h00-18h30 CEST - Liste alteri intersections for the View Recording Download slide deck

#### Description

Jamaica, a Small Island Developing State, accounted for 11% of disasters in the Caribbean region between 1981 and 2018. The country is particularly vulnerable to hurricanes, whose effects are often exacerbated by other hazards, such as floods, landslides, earthquakes and droughts. As disasters pose a significant threat to Jamaica's infrastructure, human life and macroeconomic outlook, the government is actively seeking ways to better utilize Earth observations in addressing integrated risks.

GEO and the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) with their working groups related to Disaster Risk Reductions and America Regions have developed a new partnership called the Aguascalientes Declaration (September 2021) to advance the use of EO/Geospatial, Statistical, Science and other data for addressing disasters.

#### Moderator(s), Speaker(s) and Panelist(s)





EO4DRM

Global Platform for DRR (May 2022) 13

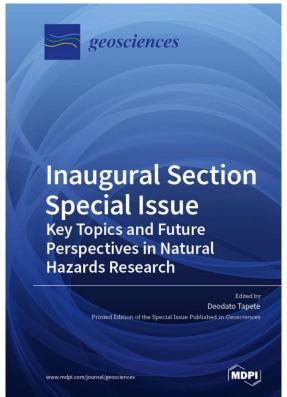
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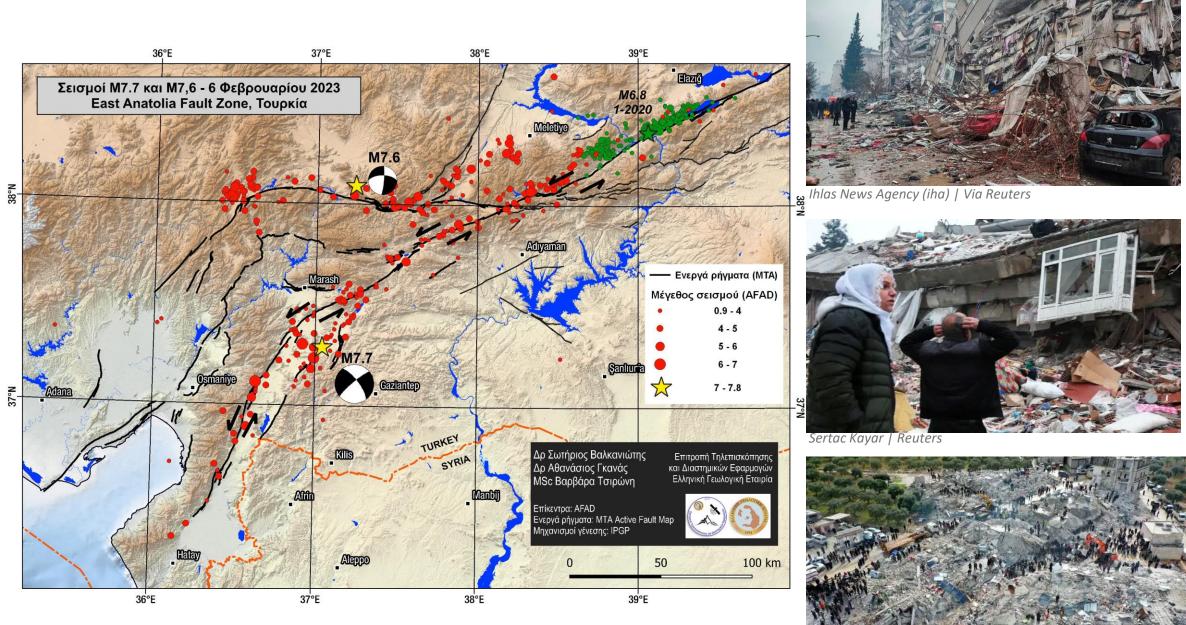
# **3.1: Analysis of various hazards** in support for the uptake of EO for systemic risk

 Scientific review paper (MDPI – Geoscience special issue) Big Data, Small Island: Earth Observations for Improving Flood and Landslide Risk Assessment



- SWOT analysis structure, online stakeholder survey systemic, compounding risk (EO data, models, tools)
- USAID proposal / LACI





Source: : Dr Athanassios Ganas, National Observatory of Athens

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## **The Way Forward**

- Assess the impact and usefulness of the WG
  - An online survey to be rolled out between March and May 2023
  - To be prepared jointly by the four WG coordinators and Co-chairs
  - To be disseminated to key stakeholders, including the GEO WG member, GWP activity leads, PB members, GEO Members, GEO Secretariat, etc.
  - Survey outcomes and recommendations on the future of the WGs to be presented to the PB for decision at the PB-26 meeting in June 2023
- Continue working towards existing deliverables
- Governance decisions and Co-chairs elections put on hold before the GEO-19 Plenary

### **THANK YOU**

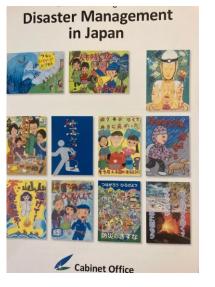
# **BACK-UP Slides**

# Other Achievements and ongoing efforts

# 2.1 Analysis of EO for language in DRR strategies



### DRR Law & Strategy







Jamaica







**Updated Philippine** 

Development Plan



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# 2.2: Support for Sendai reporting: use case in EO Risk Toolkit

Earth Observations Use Cases Tools About Feedback Risk Toolkit

EO4SendaiMonitoring

### Earth observations help Ecuador calculate Sendai Framework indicator values

Methodology using Earth observations and open-source tools enabled Ecuador to calculate values for indicator B-5a on the impact of flooding.

Sendai Reporting method

Back to Use Cases

### Summary

Ecuador's National Service for Risk and Emergency Management (SNGRE) used a set of open-source Earth observation tools and a methodology for flood hazard mapping to calculate values for indicator B-5a of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR), quantifying the number of workers in agriculture whose crops were damaged or destroyed by flooding. The 2017 SFDRR B-5a indicator values for three distinct ecological regions within Ecuador ar ready to be reported to the Sendai Monitor by SNGRE.

# 2.4: GNSS-enhanced EO data for Jamaica





### CONTRIBUTING PAPER

Transdisciplinary application of Global Navigation Satellite System Radio Occultation (GNSS-RO) to characterize atmospheric hazards and model systemic risk\*

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### GEODESY4Sendai

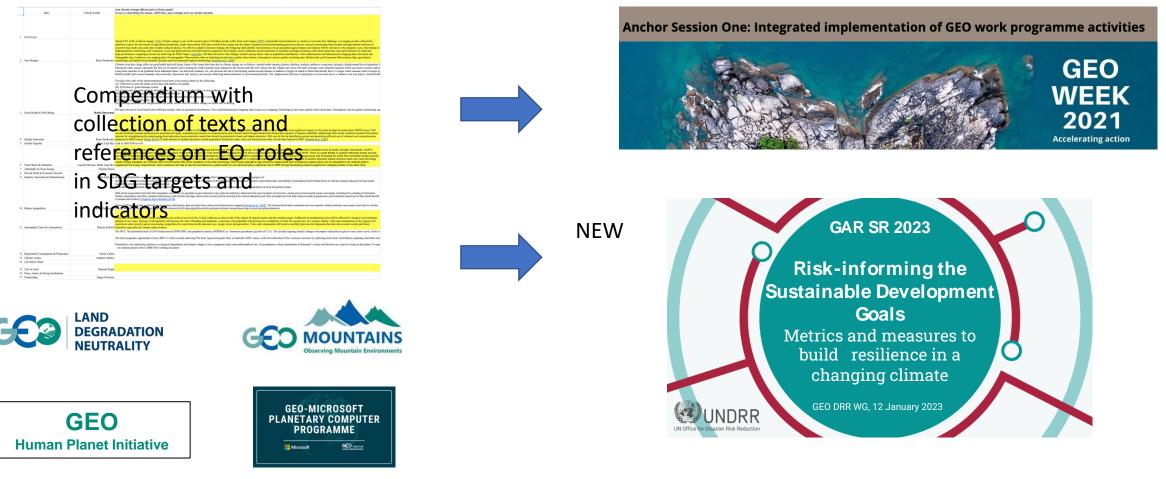






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# **3.2: SDG Targets and indicators**



### In progress

### 2.5: GSNL use case for EO Risk Toolkit in pipeline





Sangay volcano in Ecuador in Sep. 2020



Volcano Nyiragongo's eruption in May 2021

REVIVAL effort

# 2.3: Vulnerability and exposure

Revival effort of a task to contribute to UNDRR tools for risk knowledge



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Welcome to DesInventar Sendai !!!

Disaster loss data for Sustainable Development Goals and Sendai Framework Monitoring System



Available datasets worlwide

Oetailed disaster loss data for more than 89 countries are available → Update on DesInventar Sendai

> + Policy paper





