



Combined Dealing with Disasters, UK Alliance for Disaster Research, Disasters Research Group and UK Collaborative for Development Research, 2019

DwD-UKADR-DRG-UKCDR International Conference, 2019

17th, 18th and 19th July, 2019 at Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

New points of departure in transitioning disaster reduction and sustainability challenges

The conference will examine current advances and future research needs. It is aimed at all those engaged in dealing with disasters through research and allied areas of education, policy and practice.

Coming soon after the **United Nations Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction** in May 2019 and ahead of the next Climate Summit in September 2019, this event is to enlighten progressive research driven actions. The underlying area of inquiry will address new points of departure for science and technology, political will and behaviour change initiatives. It asks which systemic changes to the way people live with and take on disaster threats and sustainability challenges build momentum to survive and to thrive?

Linked also to the Resilience portfolio of the UK's **Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF)** the occasion combines the 12th Dealing with Disasters (DwD) and 3rd UK Alliance of Disaster Research (UKADR) Conferences, Disaster Research Group (DRG) and UK Collaborative for Development Research (UKCDR) in examining current advances and future research needs. The Dealing with Disasters series associated with the **Disaster and Development Network (DDN)** at Northumbria began in 2006 and has been hosted by various UK and non-UK partners in the UK, Africa and Asia.

The **UK Alliance for Disaster Research (UKADR)**, chaired during this phase by Northumbria and King's College London, has institutional membership across UK academia emerging as an initiative to; support UK government commitments to the Sendai Framework; enable smart, rapid response to international emergencies; and to inform the wider sustainable development and disaster risk reduction policy process. As an alliance of the UK based research community it facilitates collaboration and partnership, advocates UK science to **UK Government, UKRI and practice partners**, providing a mechanism for the **UK research community**. It is independent, being not owned by a discipline or any existing network, though has recognition and shared objectives with other initiatives such as for example the Global Alliance of Disaster Research (GADRI) currently hosted by Kyoto University, International Science Council (ISC) Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) and the United Nations ISDR Science and Technology Platform. Previous UKADR conferences have been hosted by Kings College London and Bristol Universities.

This year's combined event is also to mark the **10th Anniversary of the Disasters Research Group (DRG)**. The DRG convenes quarterly to bring together UK government agencies including DFID, Cabinet Office, UKRI, GCRF, the Royal Society, humanitarian actors such as ELRHA and international research interests that include ISC-IRDR and IPCC. One of the objectives is therefore to provide a networking opportunity for UK science funding on ODA focused work. The UKADR and DRG are sister organisations for UK interests in both

industrialised and ODA countries. UKADR partnering with DRG and **UK Collaborative for Development Research** has steered new research grant programming. Whilst the focus of the event hosted by Northumbria is both UK and globally orientated, this is an opportunity for bringing together research funders, research users and the UK research community focussed on ODA relevant risk, resilience and sustainability research.

The call:

Multiple examples of practical local level attempts to address disaster risk and sustainability have been well represented to date across the many institutions networked within the organisations of this event. This reflects a wide range of research, policy and practice ideas influential in the UK and globally, with some of the excellent examples being celebrated and learnt. However, an expansive array of challenges demand greater and more urgent transitions into safer, more interconnected and valued relationships if local progress on future global goals are to be achieved and improved upon to the extent required.

We welcome wide ranging inputs that may variously contribute to advancing sciences, arts, policy or practice inside or outside of academia in engaging challenges of disaster risk reduction and sustainability. Contributions will variously bridge research findings, reflection and conjecture on what has and still can be done. Debate and empirically informed guidance will assist in bringing more impactful investment and inform a next generation of disaster management and sustainability research. The event is structured around both panel discussions and presentations.

Potential panel and presentation topics may relate to the following, though those related to other themes can be also considered:

- Influencing future investment and research funding
- Building the funder – researcher dynamic in the context of Global Challenges
- Horizon scanning and living with uncertainty
- Case studies of engagement and impact of DRR for sustainable development
- Framing global risk assessment
- Action data
- Health and well-being at the heart of DRR and sustainable development
- Health emergency and disaster risk management
- Risk communication
- The youth voice for DRR
- Modelling simulated risks and effects
- Measuring community resilience
- Confronting vulnerability and marginalisation
- Disaster proofing future living
- Integrated emergency management
- Climate change and disasters
- Disasters and global justice
- Sociology of disasters and development
- Culture and disasters
- Urban planning and resilience
- Conflict and disaster risk reduction
- Hazard mitigation
- Early warning, early action and precautionary approaches
- Recovery and rehabilitation
- Other areas (please specify)

Abstracts for individual papers will either align to those in the list of suggested themes or newly proposed themes.

Applicants are invited to propose panels through an abstract of 300-500 words and individual papers through an abstract of 200-300 words. Send these to sz.dwdconf@northumbria.ac.uk clearly stating the title.

If selected by the conference committee there will be a chance to further refine abstracts before release into the event.

Key Dates:

Registration open – by 10th April.
Submit panel and paper proposals – by 26th May.
Acceptance of panel and paper proposals – by 31st May.
Early registration rate ends 4th June.
Draft programme – by 15th June.
Final programme – 30th June.
Conference – 17th-19th July.
Conference report – late August / early September.

Conference Web Site: www.northumbria.ac.uk/dwd2019

More information about the UK Alliance for Disaster Research: www.ukadr.org

More information about the UK Collaborative for Development Research: www.ukcdr.org.uk

More information about Northumbria University: www.northumbria.ac.uk/ddn

Fees:

Full (3 days): £70
Full, early registration (3 days): £60 – *closes 4th June*
Daily: £40

Student (3 days): £30
Student, early registration (3 days): £20
Student daily: £15

Conference dinner in the Great Hall (optional): £35

Fees include morning and afternoon refreshments and light lunch each day.

