

# Munich Re Foundation Symposium

## Worldwide Disaster Prevention – Awareness is the Key

**16 – 17 November 2005**

**Participants** 100 experts and representatives from the fields of politics, economics and science

**Location** Akademie Schloss Hohenkammer, Munich, Germany  
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**Hosted by** **Munich Re Foundation**  
Accommodation and full board at Schloss Hohenkammer will be provided free of charge, also transport to and from the airport. Invitees are only responsible for their own travel arrangements.

**Patronage** **Irmgard Schwaetzer, DKKV**

### Goal

The goal is to identify possibilities to improve global disaster assistance: We need to find out how international efforts can be better combined. Further important issue: To what extent are crucial issues such as risk awareness implemented in disaster preparedness strategies? The needs at the very “last mile” will play an important role – here we should find out how disaster assistance can be further optimized finding sustainable and culture adequate solutions.

### Agenda

**Arrival** **15.11.2005**

16:00 – 20:00 **Registration**

19:00 **Dinner**

20:00 – 22:00 **Welcome, get-together – welcome drinks**



## Agenda

**Day 1**      **16.11.2005**

08:30 – 10:00      **Registration**

**10:00 – 11:15**      **Plenary**  
Welcome Address & Keynotes

**Thomas Loster**, Munich Re Foundation  
**Bernd Eisenblätter**, gtz  
**Salvano Briceño**, UN-ISDR  
**Úrsula Oswald Spring**, CRIM-UNAM  
**Johan Schaar**, IFRC

**11:15 – 12:45**      **Plenary Presentations**  
Recent Mega Disasters – Setting the Scene

11:15 – 11:45      **Peter Hoeppe**, Munich Re/Geo Risks Research  
Worldwide Natural Disasters – Effects and Trends  
11:45 – 12:15      **Holger Neuweger**, AgenZ/gtz  
The Millennium Tsunami – Impressions from Banda Aceh  
12:15 – 12:45      **Ernst Rauch**, Munich Re/Geo Risks Research  
Hurricane Katrina – Effects at the Last Mile

12:45 – 14:00      **Lunch Break**

**14:00 – 18:00**      **Thematic Slot 1 – The Needs**  
Tailor-Made Solutions for International Disaster Prevention,  
Awareness and Preparedness in the Developing World

14:00 – 15:30      **Plenary Session – What is needed?**  
Concept paper by international NGO representatives or  
community based personalities (also findings from case studies):  
What are the needs of vulnerable communities/people at risk?  
Where are visible gaps in risk assessment? How can we better  
serve people at risk?  
**Christoph Bals**, Germanwatch, Germany [Chair]  
**Victor Orindi**, African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS),  
Kenya  
**Rosalinda Crescini-Tablang**, Citizens' Disaster Response  
Center (CDRC), Philippines  
**Armie Almero**, Center for Relief and Rehabilitation Education  
and Economic Development (CRREED), Philippines  
**Eunice Mucache**, Red Cross, Mozambique

15:30 – 16:00      **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 17:00      **Discussion Slot 1**

17:00 – 18:30      **Conclusion – the most urgent issues**

19:00 – 23:00      **Dinner and Informal Evening Reception**



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**Day 2**      **17.11.2005**

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**09:00 – 12:00**    **Parallel Sessions - Working Groups**

<b>Parallel Session 1 09:00 – 12:00</b>	<b>Thematic Slot 2 – Strategies</b> <b>Risk Management Solution Concepts and International Strategies</b>
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Disaster prevention initiatives outline risk mitigation strategies focusing on key issues, i.e.:

- the very last mile/people at risk
- risk awareness.

09:00 – 10:30    **David Peppiatt**, ProVention Consortium, Switzerland [Chair]  
**Johan Schaar**, IFRC, Geneva/Switzerland  
Building Safer Communities  
**Maryam Golnaraghi**, WMO, Geneva/Switzerland  
WMO's Global Multi-Hazard Strategy for Reducing the Risk of  
Hydro-Meteorological Hazards  
**Stefanie Dannenmann**, ISDR,  
The Hyogo Framework for Action and the ISDR  
**Maxx Dilley**, UNDP, Geneva/Switzerland  
Strengthening Government Capacity to reduce Risk  
**Hans Pfeifer**, InWent, Germany  
Capacity Building - The InWent Approach  
**Thomas Schaef**, gtz, Germany  
International Cooperation in the Context of Disasters  
**Karl-Otto Zentel**, DKKV, Germany  
Disaster Prevention Networks – a Country Approach

10:30 – 11:00    **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:00    **Conclusion – the most urgent issues**



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Parallel Session 2 09:00 – 12:00	<b>Thematic Slot 3 – Financial solutions</b> Financial Disaster Risk Management Solutions in Force - Lessons Learnt
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09:00 – 12:00 Practitioners, politicians, financial experts and engineers present financial risk management solutions in place (or almost in place) and explain key implementation issues (obstacles, time frames, surprises). What can we learn from these examples?

09:00 – 10:30 **Eugene Gurenko**, World Bank, Washington [Chair]  
**Hüseyin Yunak**, Milli Re, Turkey  
 The Turkish Earthquake Insurance Pool (TCIP) –  
 5 Years of Experience  
**Francis Ghesquiere**, World Bank, Washington  
 Contingent Credit – the Colombia Experience/  
 The Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Initiative  
**Leila Moonda**, SAIA, South Africa  
 The SAIA Mzansi Micro Insurance product and the SA Financial Sector  
 Charter  
**Narender Kande**, DHAN Foundation, India  
 Agro Index Schemes in South India – a Micro Solution  
**Victor Cardenas**, MFPC, Mexico/**Reinhard Mechler**, IIASA,  
 Austria  
 The Mexico Cat Bond – a solution for countries at risk?

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:00 **Concluding Session – the most urgent issues**

Parallel Session 3 09:00 – 12:00	<b>Workshop</b> Disaster Assistance: Challenges, Innovations, Solutions at the Community Level
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09:00 – 12:00 Joint workshop on possible risk management solutions on community level in different scales. What is needed? What can be implemented? How can we fill public-private partnerships with life?

09:00 – 10:30 **Juan Carlos Villagrán**, UN-University, Germany, [Chair]  
**Walter Ammann, Koko Warner**, SLF/DRM, Switzerland [Chair]  
**Robert Muir-Wood**, RMS, United Kingdom  
 Insuring climate change?  
**Henri P. Josserand, René Gommès**, FAO, Italy  
 Building Yield Indices for Crop Insurance – African Solutions  
**Marshall Silver**, UNDP, Vietnam/Laos  
 Disaster Insurance in Vietnam – the Path to Obligatory Solutions  
**Gordon Woo**, RMS, United Kingdom  
 Remittances & Risk Transfer  
**Other Speakers**



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- 10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Concluding Session – the most urgent issues**
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

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**13:15 - 15:30** | **Plenary Conclusion Session**  
**Recommendations regarding the Most Urgent and Cost-Effective Options for Optimizing Disaster Preparedness**

- 13:15 – 14:15 Working Group Reports (Themes 1,2,3 and Workshop):  
Presentation of the most urgent issues
- 14:15 – 15:45 Discussion:  
**Setting of priorities by the plenum**  
**“The ten most urgent issues!”**
- Report of the conference results to the patron Irmgard  
Schwaetzer
- 15:45 - 16:00 **Closing**