

NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

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BACKGROUND:

International Human Rights Observer (IHRO) has announced to arrange a national conference on “National Humanitarian Conference for Flood Victims” on August 20, 2010 at Islamabad.

The aim of this conference is to provide a unique platform for those who are at risk of being flooded to meet, share experience and best practice with professionals from the flood risk management sector. It will also explore how experts, NGOs and politicians will respond to their plans for effective flood management for the future.

It will also be a major event to share experience and best practice for those working with flooded communities and flood risk management professionals and to explore how different stakeholders will respond to their plans for effective flood management for the future.

The objectives of the conference are to:

- Publicize and promote the views of individuals and communities that have been affected by flooding
- To hear the views flood risk management professionals charged with managing flooding and to enable these view to be explored by those who have been affected by flooding

Who should attend?

- Flooded individuals and communities and those at risk from flooding
- Professionals who have to work with flood victims
- Flood risk Management professionals who are involved in developing an implementing policies
- Those concerned with the development of new and more effective policies
- Companies providing flood resilience equipment
- Non Governmental organizations
- Members of parliament

- Flood risk analysis
- Flood risk management
- Urban flood management
- Flood forecasting
- Risk assessment and decision making
- Flood case studies
- Community resilience to flooding

International Conference on Flood Management ([ICFM](#)) is the only recurring international conference wholly focused on flood related issues. It is designed to bring together practitioners and researchers alike, including engineers, planners, health specialists, disaster managers, decision makers, and policy makers engaged in various aspects of floodplain management. It provides a unique opportunity for these various specialists to come together to exchange ideas and experiences.

The 5th International Conference on Flood Management (ICFM5) marks the continued advancement of flood management practices and policies around the world. The name change from "Defence" as used in the previous four events to "Management" is reflective of the more integrative approaches to flood management that nations are increasingly employing. The first International Symposium on Flood Defence, held in Kassel, Germany in 2000, emphasized flood defence measures with each successive event (Beijing 2002, Nijmegen 2005 and [Toronto 2008](#)) evolving towards more integrative approaches, including risk, vulnerability and capacity building.

The ICFM5 theme is "**Floods: From Risk to Opportunity**", reflective of the continued trend towards a broader understanding of how we collectively make use of the opportunities provided by floods and flooding, cope with risks posed by them and plan for and respond to flood events.

Expected Agenda:

ICFM5 will be held in Tsukuba, Japan on 27-29 September 2011. It will consist of 5 plenary sessions, 20 parallel sessions for oral presentations, 4 poster sessions, special events and technical and cultural tours. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in various sessions such as the following:

- Flood risk management policy and strategic planning
- Environmental consideration and climate change impact
- Flood management in context of IWRM
- Infrastructure, investment and maximization of flood benefits
- Land use control measures
- Individual and community based flood insurance
- Assessment and indicators of risk, vulnerability and resiliency
- Observation and monitoring of precipitation and discharge
- Flood forecasting, early warning systems and flood inundation mapping
- Flood hazard mapping, risk communication and damage assessment
- Structural and non-structural flood management measures
- Flood disaster preparedness standards and actions
- Emergency management and recovery
- Social capital and community defence
- Role of training and information networking
- International cooperation and assistance

Attendees at the 4th International Symposium on Flood Defence had the opportunity to participate in sessions:

- Addressing the various approaches and methods used to manage and assess flood risk (safety), reliability and vulnerability;
- Sharing of new, innovative developments in flood risk reduction methodologies;
- International activities in sustainable floodplain management;
- Bridging the gaps that arise between the flood research and development community and those flood professionals responsible for responding to and mitigating against major flood events;
- Exploring means to sustain balance between structural and non-structural approaches to floodplain management;
- Flood risk management in large urban areas; and
- Exchanging recent experiences gained in the areas of integrated flood policy development, implementation and management.

