

#### Links between Land Administration and Risk Management

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- Introduction
- Types, reasons and impacts of disasters
- Strategies and tasks of risk management
- Contributions of the land administration
- Conclusions

#### Disaster

"A disaster is any occurrence that causes damage, ecological disruption, loss of human life, determination of health and health services on a scale sufficient to warrant an extraordinary response from outside the effected areas"

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Disaster is a serious disruption of the functioning of a society, causing widespread human, material or environmental losses, caused by hazards, which exceed the ability of affected society (community) to cope using only its own resources.



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#### Types of natural disasters

- 1. Geophysical origin:
- Earthquake
- Vulcano
- Land Slides







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# Types of natural disasters

#### 2. Climatic origin:

- Flood
- Drought
- Wind Storms
- Fire
- Avalanche





#### Percent Area of the United States in Severe and Extreme Drought January 1895–March 2002



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#### Great natural disasters 1950 – 1999



The chart shows for each year the number of events defined as great natural catastrophes, divided up by type of event.



#### **Reason-Effect-Interrelationship**





### Rapid Urban Growth



- 2025 more than 70 % of the world's population is urban
- 90 % of this growth will take place in developing country cities
- large influx of poor migrants from rural areas
- 1970 2000: urban population of developing countries has tripled to 1.3 billion
- In the 90s, 60 70 % of the urbanisation was illegal
- ecological transformation of the rural surroundings
- in Africa in 1900 less than 5 % were living in cities; in 2025 this will be more than 70 %



#### **Cities Population and Growth**



#### Megacities 2015



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#### Distribution of people affected by natural disasters 1975 – 2000



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#### Natural Disaster Events per Continent



EM-DAT: The OFDA/CRED International Disaster Database (http://www.cred.be)



#### Natural disaster events (1975-2001)



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## **Economical effects of disasters**



#### Millennium Goal

"To intensify our collective efforts to reduce the number and the effects of natural and man-made disasters"

Road map of the UN Millenniums Declaration



Regional and international co-operation in research, data-transfer and datainfrastructure

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**Risk assessment** 



Zoning of disaster prone areas according to the magnitude of risk:

- Simulation of flood scenarios
- 3 dimensional landscape model
- Land use
- Population density
- Infrastructure
- Real estate value

#### Mitigation of the disaster impacts



Spatial planning and land management must declare and realise different types of "prevention areas" :

- Priority areas
- Reservation areas
- Suitability areas

Mitigation plans are needed on all levels of spatial planning

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Preparedness strategy



# Monitoring of disaster prone areas:

- Early warning system
- Forecasting of disasters
- Public participation and information
- Data aquisition by remote sensing
- Capacity building



# **Recovery of disasters and emergency** management



#### **Geoinformation on** demand:

- Information of damages
- Infrastructure
- Evacuation routes
- 3 dimensionel landscape model

• etc.

#### **INSPIRE Information Flow**

**INfrastructure for SPatial InfoRmation in Europe** 



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#### Good risk management



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- Prevention of environmental and natural disasters is a task of all spatial levels.
- Central and efficient organisation of disaster management.

Co-operation between the institutions and administrations of spatial planning and sectional planning.

 Balance of immediate disaster recovery responsibility and available resources of local government

- Requirements on data and data infrastructure
- Cross border availability of actual relevant spatial information
- Accuracy and completeness of geoinformations
- Common and uniform database

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- Interoperability and congruent classification of data sets
- Reliability of data infrastructure
- Appointment of a co-ordinating organisation to serve as primary portal of access to national and international networks

### 5. Conclusions

- Information based decisions are a pre-requisite for the formulation of sucessful assessment, mitigation, preparedness and recovery strategies concerning risk management.
- Setting up successful risk information infrastructure networks is one of the greates challenges
- Risk management is a new purpose of catastral databases and an important application of land administration
- The surveyors of the 21 st century have great responsibilities both socially and professionally to involve themselves in risk management.

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