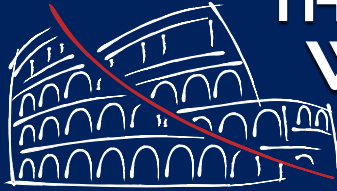


FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



THE SECOND WORLD LANDSLIDE FORUM

"PUTTING SCIENCE INTO PRACTICE"



3-9 OCTOBER 2011
FAO HEADQUARTERS, ROME

BACKGROUND

The World Landslide Forum (WLF) is a triennial mainstream conference aimed at gathering scientists, stakeholders, policy makers and industry dealing with the management of landslide risk. The first edition of WLF was organized in 2008 by the International Consortium of Landslides (ICL), UNESCO, WMO, FAO, UNISDR, UNU, UNEP, IBRD, UNDP, ICSU, WFEO, KU and the Japan Landslide Society at the United Nations University, Tokyo, and ended with the adoption of the 2008 Tokyo Declaration "Strengthening the International Programme on Landslides with UNISDR".

Since then, many recent disasters due to mass movements have shown that there is an urgent need to translate science into practical applications for the benefit of local communities, governments and disaster relief organisations.

OBJECTIVES

The Second World Landslide Forum has the objective to further develop the outcomes of the First Forum in Tokyo 2008 by providing a global cross-cutting information and cooperation platform for all types of organizations representing academia, United Nations organisations, governments, private enterprises and individuals that contribute to landslide research, practice, education and decision making and are willing to strengthen landslide and other related Earth system risk reduction strategies.

The emphasis of this forum will be "Putting science into practice" with special attention given to actual implementation of technology and research in everyday applications and procedures with the direct involvement of researchers, engineers, private enterprises, stakeholders as well as policy and decision makers.

VENUE

The Second World Landslide Forum will be hosted by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in the Headquarters building in Rome. After Tokyo 2008, Rome is an ideal venue for the Forum, due to its millennial tradition of interaction between human development and natural environment at the very centre of a country which is highly affected by landslides.

TECHNOLOGY MARKETPLACE

A technology marketplace will be organised within the Forum in the form of an open and dynamic Technical Exhibition of the most recent technologies, systems and solutions to fight landslide risks at every scale and in every environmental and social context. The Exhibition will be located in a large area at the very centre of the Forum and will be integrated with the Poster and the Coffee Break area so as to maximise attendance and to build up a marketplace space open to every participant.



FORUM FORMAT AND TOPICS

The Forum will host, for five full days, a series of Plenary and Parallel Sessions devoted to high level interaction and discussion among world-wide actors on landslide risk reduction such as stakeholders, end-users together with researchers, engineers and industry.

To stimulate the knowledge sharing, the Forum will also promote a large interactive Exhibition of technologies and services for landslide risk mitigation (Technology marketplace).

Topical and thematic sessions are envisaged on:

- Landslides and global change;
- Emerging technologies in landslide research and practice;
- Advances in landslide mapping and hazard assessment;
- Landslide risk assessment and management;
- Impact of landslides;
- Landslide awareness;
- Other thematic and general topics.

A mid-forum half-day technical visit to the Roman Aqueducts and underground archaeological sites will be held on Wednesday, whilst a two-day post-forum field trip will be organized in central Italy to visit famous landslide landscapes in Civita Bagnoregio, Orvieto and Ancona (Saturday and Sunday).

GENERAL PROGRAMME

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
morning	Open ceremony	Parallel sessions	Marketplace/ Technical visit	Parallel sessions	Parallel sessions	Field trip	Field trip
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afternoon	High level panel discussion	Parallel sessions	Marketplace/ Technical visit	Parallel sessions	Closing ceremony		

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Many relevant stakeholders are expected to attend from a wide range of backgrounds and geographic regions:

- UN institutions and permanent representations
- EU institutions and agencies
- National governments and local administrations
- Civil protection agencies
- Leading industries in new technologies for monitoring, warning, protection, soil/rock stabilisation and restoration
- Research and academic institutions
- Natural disasters and environmental NGOs and consumer groups
- Consultancies and professionals
- Insurance and reinsurance companies for natural hazards

DEADLINES

- Submission of Abstracts: 31 January 2011
- Pre-Registration: 31 January 2011
- Field trip registration: 15 July 2011
- Preliminary registration of Exhibitors: 20 December 2010

ORGANISERS

The 2nd World Landslide Forum is organized by the Global Promotion Committee of the International Programme on Landslides (IPL). IPL is a thematic platform on Landslides with UNISDR, promoting landslide research and capacity building for the benefit of society and the environment and including ICL, UNESCO, FAO, UNISDR, WMO, UNU, ICSU, WFE0, IUGS and many research and land management institutions.

Chairpersons

Claudio Margottini (ISPRA, Dpt. Geological Survey of Italy, Forum Chair)

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