



## United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER)

### September 2007 Updates

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News included in this **UN-SPIDER Updates**:

1. **UN-SPIDER Bonn Office will be inaugurated on 29 October 2007.** The Bonn Office will be inaugurated on the afternoon of the first day of the planned "**United Nations International UN-SPIDER Workshop: Space-based Information and Solutions for Disaster Management and Emergency Response**".
2. **UN-SPIDER webpage has been updated with information on upcoming Outreach Activities.** Check out: <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/unspider/workshops.html>.
3. The **report of the 50<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)** is available in all official UN languages. Check out: [http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/Reports/gadocs/coprepidx.html#A\\_62\\_20](http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/Reports/gadocs/coprepidx.html#A_62_20).
4. The **4th Sentinel Asia Joint Project Team Meeting (JPTM4)**, Manila, the Philippines, September 5-7, 2007 was attended by more than 80 participants representing 50 organizations from 17 countries and 5 international organizations from Asia and the Pacific. For more details, visit APRSAF HP: [http://www.aprsaf.org/text/wg\\_meeting\\_philippines.html](http://www.aprsaf.org/text/wg_meeting_philippines.html).
5. **Map Africa 2007** – 29-30 October 2007. Cape Town, South Africa. Check out: <http://mapafrica.gisdevelopment.net/2007/index.htm>.
6. **ISDR Hyogo Office Opening Ceremony and Public Forum on "Human Security and International Disaster Cooperation"**. To register for the Public Forum email [kokusaikouryuuka@pref.hyogo.jp](mailto:kokusaikouryuuka@pref.hyogo.jp) by 9 October. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.
7. **CIIFEN – Centro Internacional para la Investigacio del Fenomeno de el Niño- Boletín Octubre del 2007** – [http://www.ciifen-int.org/modules.php?name=News&new\\_topic=15](http://www.ciifen-int.org/modules.php?name=News&new_topic=15).
8. **4th TIEMS Workshop CROATIA 2007 – "Crisis Management – Lessons Learned and New Challenges"** - Dubrovnik - Cavtat, October 29-31 2007. Check out: [www.tiems.org](http://www.tiems.org).
9. The **Commonwealth Telecommunication Organization (CTO)** will be hosting the "**African Using ICT for Effective Disaster Management Forum**" in Tanzania, 12-14 November 2007. Check out: <http://www.events.cto.int/dmafrica07>.
10. A **Regional Centre for Risk Management of Natural Hazards** opened in Mashad, I. R. of Iran, as a specialized agency of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO). For more information, contact: Seyed Mohammad Sadati Nejad ([msadatinejad@tehran.un.org.ir](mailto:msadatinejad@tehran.un.org.ir)) or check out: [www.ecosecretariat.org](http://www.ecosecretariat.org).

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2. **UN-SPIDER webpage has been updated with information on upcoming Outreach Activities.** Check out: <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/unspider/workshops.html>. If you are attending the Bonn workshop check out information on available hotels. Hotels must be booked as soon as possible to take advantage of the special rates. If you are planning to join us for the Khartoum or the Shenzhen workshop please send in your complete application by the deadline (22 October 2007 for the Khartoum workshop and 15 October 2007 for the workshop in Shenzhen). Additionally the "**4th UN-wide Meeting on the Use of Space Technologies for Emergency Response and Humanitarian Assistance**" will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, 27 November 2007 back-to-back with the 8th UNGIWG meeting ([www.ungiwg.org](http://www.ungiwg.org)). Further information can be obtained from Mr. David Stevens ( [david.stevens@unvienna.org](mailto:david.stevens@unvienna.org)).
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5. **Map Africa 2007** – 29-30 October 2007. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual African Conference and Exhibition on Geospatial Information Technology and Applications will be held in Cape Town, South Africa. Check out: <http://mapafrica.gisdevelopment.net/2007/index.htm>. Specifically take advantage of the Education Workshop which will be held by UNIGIS International during the conference. Further information contact: Prof. Dr. Josef Strobl - [Josef.Strobl@sbg.ac.at](mailto:Josef.Strobl@sbg.ac.at)
6. **ISDR Hyogo Office Opening Ceremony and Public Forum on "Human Security and International Disaster Cooperation"**. The UN secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) will inaugurate its Hyogo Office in Kobe on 14 October 2007. The ISDR Hyogo Office will be located in the Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (DRI). Its main task will be to promote and develop collaborative activities with relevant international agencies based in Japan and East Asia, as well as with Japanese academic, scientific, civic, and governmental institutions. It will work to expand support for international disaster risk reduction efforts aimed at the implementation of the "Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015". In conjunction with this opening a public forum will be held on "Human Security and International Disaster Cooperation" in the Hyogo House. To register for the Public Forum email [kokusaikouryuuka@pref.hyogo.jp](mailto:kokusaikouryuuka@pref.hyogo.jp) by 9 October. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.
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planificadores, agricultores, pescadores, otros actores del desarrollo, medios de comunicación, científicos y la población en general, una síntesis útil y oportuna de diversas fuentes relevantes de información, para analizar los efectos climáticos relacionados con El Niño/La Niña, vistos desde una perspectiva regional enfocada en el Pacífico Oriental.

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10. A **Regional Centre for Risk Management of Natural Hazards** opened in Mashad, I. R. of Iran, as a specialized agency of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), an Asian intergovernmental development and trade cooperation body involving 10 countries. The objective of the Centre is to promote cooperation between ECO members for effective risk management, especially in the fields of meteorology, climatology and hydrology. Until the Centre's statute as an ECO specialized agency enters fully into force, the Iranian Meteorological Organization will be in charge of the Centre. For more information, contact: Seyed Mohammad Sadati Nejad ([msadatinejad@tehran.un.org.ir](mailto:msadatinejad@tehran.un.org.ir)) or check out: [www.ecosecretariat.org](http://www.ecosecretariat.org).