



Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness

The Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness invites you to support the International Disaster Reduction Conference (IDRC) to be held in Switzerland. See the following invitation to attend:

Dear Colleagues,

As you may already be aware, the first **International Disaster Reduction Conference (IDRC)** will be held between August 27th and September 1st, 2006 in the beautiful mountain surroundings of Davos, Switzerland.

This conference will address a broad range of risks including those relating to pandemics and endemics; terrorism; climate change; and natural hazards. Risks of a technical, biological and chemical nature will also feature at this event. The **IDRC Davos 2006** program has currently over 110 sessions (including Plenary and Panel Discussions) and has accepted over of 514 abstracts from various reputable organizations worldwide.

The organising committee invites you to join this global gathering of leading experts from fields such as the natural and social sciences, government, private enterprise, business, civil society, international organizations, NGOs and other risk management professions. The **IDRC Davos 2006** has already received in excess of 630 registrations thus far. With less than two months remaining until the inauguration of the Conference, you are urged to take the opportunity to register online at www.davos2006.ch as positions are limited.

The **IDRC Davos 2006** is jointly organized by Global Alliance for Disaster Reduction (GADR); Global Disaster Information Network (GDIN); United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and United Nations Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/IDRC).

We look forward to welcoming you to Davos!

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