



Chengdu Forum on UN-GGIM
Global Map for Sustainable Development:
Development and Applications in Urban Hazard Mapping
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Information Note

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Introduction

The National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation of China (NASG) and the Secretariat of the United Nations initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) are jointly organizing the Chengdu Forum on UN-GGIM to be held from 15 to 17 October 2013 in Chengdu, China. The Chengdu Forum will discuss priority issues related to the development and provision of consistent geospatial information and modeling techniques to enable nations to better understand and implement natural hazard impact mapping and analysis in urban environments.

Forum Objective

The forum will consider natural hazard impact analysis data requirements, integration techniques, and analytical modeling applications for a range of natural hazard phenomena. It will also consider the following types of fundamental geo-information as key inputs to the hazard and risk assessment process: framework geospatial datasets; natural hazards phenomena; exposure information; and vulnerability to particular hazards.

The following outcomes are envisaged:

- A recognition that geospatial information has a vital role to play in all phases of hazard and disaster risk management and reduction, and that it extends the ability for nations to not only map their geography and topography, but also those areas that are vulnerable to natural hazards, particular in urban environments;
- An emerging understanding of the key issues and means to develop data requirements (inputs) and modeling capabilities from multiple sources of information to meet end users needs for urban hazard and risk mapping; and
- Agreement on urban hazard and disaster mapping as a key input into the development of a roadmap for a Global Map for Sustainable Development (GM4SD) by UN-GGIM.

Draft Program

October 15 (Tue)	Opening Ceremony	09:00-09:45
	National Address	09:45-10:30
	Keynote Address	11:00-12:30
	Lunch	12:30-14:00
	Session 1 Understanding Urban Hazard and Risk Processes	14:00-15:30
	Session 2 Hazard and Risk Modeling Applications	16:00-17:30
	Reception hosted by National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation	18:30-20:30

October 16 (Wed)	Session 3 Geospatial Challenges in Responding to Urban Disasters	09:00-10:30
	Session 4 Geospatial Challenges in Responding to Urban Disasters	11:00-12:30
	Lunch	12:30-14:00
	Session 5 Hazard and Risk Geospatial Information Requirements	14:00-15:30
	Session 6 Hazard and Risk Geospatial Information Requirements	16:00-17:30
	Reception hosted by Sichuan Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation	18:30-20:30
October 17 (Thu)	Session 7 Developing Geospatial Applications and Methods	09:00-10:30
	Session 8 Summary, Outcomes and Actions	11:00-12:30
	Lunch	12:30-14:00
	Technical Visit: Sichuan Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation	14:00-17:00
October 18 (Fri)	Technical Visit: Wenchuan Earthquake memorial site & Dujiangyan water management project	09:00-18:00

Working Language

The meeting will be conducted in English.

Registration

All participants are kindly required to fill out and return the registration form to the host, NASG of China. The information you provide on the registration form will be used for visa documentation, hotel reservation and meeting preparation.

Visa

Foreigners from most countries are required to apply for a visa to enter China. For detailed visa policies, please consult your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country. When you fill out the registration form, indicate whether you need the official visa documentation. Upon receipt of the registration form, the host will prepare and send the official visa documentation to those who need it.

The Venue

The Forum will be held at Jinjiang Hotel, which is located in the heart of Chengdu city. Having been standing by Jinjiang River for half a century, Jinjiang Hotel is one of the most famous landmarks in the city. The main building of Jinjiang Hotel with its European style is filled with generous charm of history and culture.

Accommodation

Block reservations have been made at preferential rates with the Jinjiang Hotel for different rooms in its five-star and four-star buildings. The host will book your room according to your choice on the registration form. Participants who wish to stay at other hotels are responsible for their own hotel room reservations.

Jinjiang Hotel

Add: No.80 Renmin Road South, Chengdu

Tel: 86-28-85506666, 800-886-9898

Website: www.jjhotel.com

Transportation

The participants will be picked up on arrival at the Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport and transferred to the venue hotel.

Technical Visit

A half day technical visit to Sichuan Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation will be organized on the afternoon of October 17 for the participants to know more about the emergency mapping work in the Sichuan Province. Please indicate on the registration form whether you will take part in the visit.

And a full day technical visit to the Wenchuan Earthquake memorial site in Yingxiu Town and the Dujiangyan Water Management Project will be organized on October 18. Please also indicate on the registration form whether you will take part in the visit.

In memory of the Wenchuan earthquake on May 12, 2008, some badly damaged sites have been kept as they were. Yingxiu Town locates at the epicentre and is one of the worst hit areas of the 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake. 80% of the town was destroyed by the earthquake.

Dujiangyan Water Management Project, 58 km away from Chengdu proper, by far the oldest existing water project in the world as it enjoys a history of over 2,000 years that diverts water without a dam, has been scientifically resolving problems like automatic flow splitting, sand discharging, as well as inflow-quantity control. It eliminates both floods and draughts, making the Plain of Chengdu the most productive land.

About Chengdu

Chengdu is the capital of Sichuan Province, which is known as the "Heavenly State", literally a place richly endowed with natural resources. Being the natural habitat of cute giant pandas, Chengdu is located in the west of Sichuan Basin and in the center of Chengdu Plain. It covers a total area of 12.3 thousand square kilometers with a population of over 11 million. Tasting the famous Sichuan cuisine is a must for a visit in Chengdu. Enjoying the food as well as the culture, shopping and having tea at a teahouse afford a deeper understanding of this unique city.

Weather

It is mild and humid in Chengdu all year round. The average temperature in October is about 14-22 degrees Celsius. Besides T-shirts, a thin overcoat and rain gear are also necessary for an early autumn visit to the city.

Currency

The Chinese currency is RMB. The current exchange rate is about 1 USD: 6.2 RMB. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks, hotels, and airports. Most hotels, restaurants and shops accept major international credit cards including Visa and Master Card.

Time

The standard time used in all regions of China is 8 hours ahead of GMT.

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